



# ASI Senate Meeting

## Minutes

2016- 2017:15 Thursday, February 23, 2017, 3:00PM –5:00 PM, BSC, 2nd Floor, England Evans

### I. PRELIMINARIES

#### A. Call to Order

1. Chair Gabriel Smith called Senate 2016-2017:15 to order at 3:02pm

#### B. Quorum Check

##### 1. Voting Members:

Gabriel Smith, Vice President, Chair  
Uriah Sanders, President – **Unexcused Tardy**  
Joshua Klockmann, Agriculture Senator  
Danielle Camarella, Business Senator  
Gabi Sedano, CEIS Senator – **Unexcused Absent**  
Steven Zhang, CLASS Senator – **Excused Absent**  
Leslie Simoni, CCHM Senator  
Shree Ravichandran, ENV Senator – **Excused Absent**  
Haik Gharapeti, Engineering Senator  
Carlos Gomez, Science Senator  
Karen Romero, Senator-At-Large (MCC) – **Unexcused Absent**  
Kayla Barbosa, Senator-At-Large (SIC)  
Nick Woo, Senator-At-Large (Greek) – **Unexcused Absent**  
Michael Burckhardt, Senator-At-Large (IHC) – **Unexcused Absent**

##### 2. Advisors:

Dr. Byron Howlett Jr., Advisor  
Cora M. Culla, Executive Director – **Sub: Powell Velasco**

##### 3. Non-voting Liaisons:

Brandon Whalen, Attorney General Appointee  
Karen Tu, Treasurer  
Jonathan Puthoff, Academic Senate Rep.  
Monika Salazar, Staff Council Rep.  
Andrea DeCoudres, Alumni Association Rep. – **Excused Absent**  
Jenny Heimstead, Bronco Athletics Association Rep. – **Excused Absent**

#### C. Approval of Minutes

1. There were no minutes for approval

#### D. Agenda Changes

1. There were no changes to the agenda, it was approved by the chair as written

#### E. Financial Status – Given by Karen Tu

1. ASI Total Revenue \$ 14,439,887.00
2. ASI Total Expenses \$ 7,340,577.00

3. Total Investments		\$ 18,052,243.00
ASI-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 4,253,123.00	
BSC-Local Agency Investment Fund	\$13,799,120.00	
4. ASI – NP & A Account Balance		\$ 329,010.00
5. The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)		\$ 138,774.00
6. ASI Prior Year’s I Reserves		\$ 279,752.00
7. ASI Prior Year’s II Reserves		\$ 265,168.00
8. ASI Prior Year’s III Reserves		\$ 462,117.00
9. BSC On-Campus Reserves		\$ 4,319,052.00

F. Introduction of Guests

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| 1. Marco Martinez   | 5. Carol Lee    |
| 2. Tatiana Saykah   | 6. Krista Smith |
| 3. Sydney Fergeson  | 7. Ayham Dahlan |
| 4. Danisha Lawrence |                 |

G. Reports

1. ASI Executive Director – Cora M. Culla (attachment)
  - a. ASI Open Searches
  - b. Updates from Student Activities and Programs
  - c. Updates from Campus Recreation
2. ASI Advisor –Dr. Byron Howlett Jr.
  - a. He reminded everyone that the Unity Luncheon was one week from today at 11:00am in Ursa Major and was sold out
3. Academic Senate Rep. – Jonathan Puthoff
  - a. He asked about the involvement of the ASI Senate with semester conversion and student leaders who served on the Semester Conversion Steering Committee responded to his question with updates
4. Staff Council Rep. – Monika Salazar – no report
5. Alumni Rep. – Andrea DeCoudres – no report
6. Athletics Rep. – no report
7. Senator Pro Tempore – Carlos Gomez
  - a. He reminded everyone of the email that went out from Alumni Affairs that gave the details of the CPP Night at Angel Stadium on April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - b. He stated that the Facilities & Operations Committee had a demo with Visix which does the graphics for the digital needs of the BSC in order to provide a BSC or campus map in a digital setting
  - c. He also gave an update that one of the senators on F & O may have a conflict with meeting attendance and they may have to elect a replacement
8. Attorney General Appointee – Brandon Whalen (attachment)
  - a. Transition & Orientation
  - b. Elections Code
9. Treasurer – Karen Tu (attachment)
  - a. Release of the Remaining 30% of the 2016-17 ASI Annual Budget Funds
  - b. Budget Retreat
10. President – Uriah Sanders – no report

11. Vice President – Gabriel Smith

- a. He stated that he had been receiving a lot of feedback from students on the university email regarding the process for the campus to access the police department in matters regarding undocumented students and immigration officials coming onto the campus. He noted that he and President Coley were coordinating an event to discuss this topic and provide an opportunity for undocumented students to sit down and share their concerns regarding the email and their options.
- b. He explained that there would be an advocacy day in Sacramento and Uriah asked him to extend an invitation to the senate to see if anyone was interested in attending to advocate against the tuition increase. He added that the date had to be confirmed with CSSA and they would email it out, but tentatively it would be May 2<sup>nd</sup> or May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. He stated that the Lobby Corp was working on a social media survey and he asked that all of the senators reach out to their constituency to ask how they feel about issues and concerns with the CSU system and then share them with Lobby Corp

12. Senate Reports

- a. Joshua Klockmann, ASI Agriculture Senator (attachment)
  - i. Ag Council General Meeting Schedule Winter Quarter
  - ii. Ag Council Club Presidents Meeting
- b. Shree Ravichandran, ASI ENV Senator (attachment)
  - i. ENV Open House, March 4, 2017
  - ii. T-shirt Charrette
  - iii. Space Activators
  - iv. Fundraising
- c. Nicholas Woo, ASI Senator-at-Large, Greek (attachment)
  - i. Meeting
  - ii. Greek Council Homecoming Participation

H. Open Forum

1. There were no speakers

**II. ACTION ITEM**

A. Confirmation of Appointed Position

1. Brandon Whalen, Attorney General Appointee
  - a. Uriah spoke on Brandon's behalf
  - b. A brief question and answer session took place
  - c. Leslie made a motion to confirm Brandon Whalen as the Attorney General, seconded by Carlos
  - d. There was no discussion, Gabriel called the vote: 6/0/2, motion carried

**III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Civic Engagement Opportunities

1. Gabriel explained that he attended a meeting of the Cal Poly Pomona Promise, which was a volunteer aspect of the university, and they had stated that they had not seen

a lot of ASI involvement in local community initiatives and civic engagement volunteer work, and as these were important initiatives to Uriah and himself as well as the university, they felt it was important to support these initiatives

2. He asked for feedback on how everyone felt about Student Government becoming more involved in civic engagement and volunteer opportunities that the university was requesting students to engage in, as well as possibly assisting the university in asking students to be involved in these areas
3. Discussion took place that included that many other CSU campuses do participate and Gabriel had heard through CSSA meetings that campuses such as San Francisco, SLO and San Jose were involved in their communities, the Center for Community Engagement with the Bronco Volunteer program could partner with Student Government so that we could help with directing student volunteers their way, this would be in alignment with President Coley's model of being community-minded, the idea that student leaders could role model and host an event once a quarter to encourage this type of involvement, co-sponsorship with BEAT and that Science Council already models this, as a "commuter" campus how do we bring these commuter students in when they are not from the local community, some examples of local events were noted, there could be liability issues that have come up in some council settings that should be considered and forms that sometimes need to be completed

#### B. Tuition Increase Legislation

##### 1. AB 393 Student Protection Act

- a. Gabriel explained that several meetings ago he referenced that a tuition increase was possibly coming to the CSU system and there were already advocacy initiatives against it that were forming. He added that members of ASI Student Government had already been meeting with local stakeholders to discuss this important issue.
- b. He noted that an assemblywoman had begun legislation that would freeze any increase for four years, however when he reviewed it there could be consequences that could lead to a larger hike when the freeze was over
- c. He explained that some students were meeting with the legislator to suggest options that might create a permanent freeze and he opened the floor for discussion
- d. Discussion took place regarding the concept of inflationary increase, how to seek a sustainable model for the future, they were looking for students to serve on the legislator's task force and he would email out an application if anyone was interested, the amount of the proposed increase would be \$273.00 per year for undergraduate students and there was a link from CSSA with more details

Gabriel adjourned regular open session at 3:43pm to move to Executive Session

Gabriel resumed regular open session at 3:55pm and a report of Executive Session was given

#### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### A. Discussion Items

1. The progress report on the search for the ASI Director was discussed
2. The application for Section 218 Agreement (Social Security Participation) was discussed

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Next Senate meeting will take place on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00pm, in the England Evans room
- B. Carlos stated that senate meeting 2016-17:15 was adjourned at 3:55pm

**MINUTES SUBMITTED TO:**

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Gabriel Smith, Chair of the Senate

Date

MINUTES APPROVED AT SENATE 2016-2017: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vicki Jackson, Student Government Coordinator

Date