

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

JUDICIARY MINUTES

Meeting #9

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 / 2:30pm
Location: USU-303
Chair/Office: Chief Justice Jason Jose / USU-311

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chief Justice Jason Jose called the meeting to order at 2:33PM

2. ROLL CALL

Justices Present

Jason Jose (Chief Justice)
Amanda Olivas (Assoc. Justice)
Cristian Cabadas (Assoc. Justice)
Eduardo Vargas (Assoc. Justice)
Justin Adofina (Assoc. Justice)
Maximilian Salceda (Assoc. Justice) (arrived @ 2:53PM)
Yael Jimenez (Assoc. Justice)

Justices Absent

Non-Voting Members Present

Aili Malm (Faculty Advisor)
Leah Sakacs (Court Clerk)
Lindsay San Miguel (Interim Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Leadership)
Thomas Malizia (President Designee)

Non-Voting Members Absent

Guests

Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director)
Claire Erbeznik (Safe Space CSU)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Claire Erbeznik: Safe Space CSU
- 1) See attached statement of purpose
 - 2) Requests
 - Campus wide email explaining students' rights, and an explicit website link explaining these rights
 - Campus police updated on students' rights and how to act accordingly
 - Continued counseling provided by university during Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)
 - Campus wide email regarding info on GAP, location, how to avoid, and info on counseling
 - Restriction on size of GAP signs

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Judiciary Agenda #9, April 05, 2016

(M) Justice Adofina (S) Justice Olivas to Approve Agenda #9, April 05, 2016
Vote on the Motion **Motion Passes 6-0-0**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Judiciary Meeting Minutes #8, March 15, 2016

(M) Justice Adofina (S) Justice Jimenez to Approve Minutes #8, March 15, 2016
Vote on the Motion **Motion Passes 6-0-0**

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Know Your Rights!

1) Renter's Rights: Associate Justice Jimenez

- Invited a housing organization that deals with housing issues, particularly with low income persons
 - Organization will be sending supplies and is looking to be involved with campus
- Will inform organization about the April 19 workshop as it may be cancelled due to the faculty strike
- Public Defender Yasmeeen Gardner is working with Secretary of City Affairs to invite someone from the City of Long Beach to speak about housing

B. Reminder: Attend Senate Meeting @ 3:30pm

- Associate Justice Cabadas: April 06
 - Can no longer attend April 06 meeting
- Associate Justice Salceda: April 13 and May 04
 - Associate Justice Cabadas can attend April 13

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS

A. Senate

1) March 16: Associate Justice Jimenez

- Safe Space CSU discussed concerns about GAP

2) March 23: Associate Justice Olivas

- Discussion about knife incident
- 49er shops are a non-profit organization
 - Portion of the bookstore money goes back to the campus
 - Conducted survey on how often students utilize bookstore
 - 82% of students who completed survey bought at least one course book
 - Book prices have decreased from Fall 2011 → Spring 2015

B. Associate Justices

1) Associate Justice Vargas

- English Department: Grade Appeals: One completed, one pending

2) Associate Justice Adofina

- Nursing Department: Grade Appeals: Three completed
- Linguistics Department: Grade Appeal: One grade appeal required the committee to ask for information from professor for clarification, grading for assignment was not clear
 - There is not set response letter form; discretion of committee chair
 - Remind committee about the grounds of an appeal and that it should be stated in the response letter with clear reasoning

3) Associate Justice Salceda

- Legal Science Department: One appeal completed
- Business Department: Twenty-one appeals completed involving the same professor (19 from same class), same reasoning was provided for all appeals
 - If the professor appeals the decision, another justice will need to sit on committee
- Chief Justice Jose needs to reach out to Kinesiology Department about grade appeals

4) Associate Justice Cabadas

- No grade appeals at this time
- Legal Aid Workshop: Attorney Cacilia Kim: Gave advice about legal concerns on campus and how students can take action

- 5) Associate Justice Olivas
 - College of Liberal Arts: One grade appeal pending determination of committee's meeting availability
- 6) Associate Justice Jimenez
 - Renter's Rights workshop: Powerpoint and handout for event drafted
 - Public Defender Yasmeen Gardner is reaching out to campus housing

10. DOCKET

11. DELIBERATIONS

12. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

- A. Thomas Malizia: Recommends justices to read working rules to avoid procedural errors during appeal hearing tomorrow; the hearing will most likely take more than one hour
- B. Richard Haller: Revision of Board of Elections handbook so that violations should go directly to Judiciary

13. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Without objection Chief Justice Jason Jose adjourned the meeting at 3:12PM

The Campus Ministry USA

Both the GAP and ~~these Hellfire preachers~~ are allowed free reign on campus at the cost of student mental health and education. And why do we exist if not to educate? The most recent time both these groups were on campus was during midterms and how many of you can test well after having been assaulted? Or how about when you can hear the yelling about hellfire and brimstone during your test? What about when you're the one being condemned?

What this all leads up to is the fact that these groups are harassing and intimidating students on campus. I would like to quote from Campus Policy:

"The exercise of free speech and assembly rights must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and may not:.... Harass, intimidate or impede the movement of persons;"

The club which sponsors the GAP, the Catholic Newman Club, does nothing to mitigate the intimidation & harassment that is caused by people who are either a part of the GAP, or come in support of the GAP. If they pursue such a public display of their views, then they should also take responsibility in ensuring that their event does not promote or encourage people to harass and intimidate women on campus. It is simply unacceptable for this kind of action to be allowed. This harassment and intimidation interferes with the education of these women, as well as contributing to a hostile climate that threatens their safety.

In allowing this behavior to continue, CSU Long Beach actually infringes on these women's, these students right to education under the California constitution. The slurs hurled at the women of this campus constitute a hate crime because of the level of harassment and intimidation that is caused by this hate speech. This hate speech infringes on the right to education by causing undue stress, by being acts of intimidation targeted towards women, by threatening their safety, and to draw on Penal Code section 422.6, threatening their "free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him or her by the Constitution or laws of this state." Since the right to education is part of the constitution of California, and since the hate speech threatens the free exercise of this right, the GAP allows for and encourages hate crimes against women, who are being harassed, threatened and have their education put in peril. As an institution of higher learning, and a public university of California, it is part of the responsibilities of this campus to ensure that the right to education is not being infringed.

Up to this point, every step of the way we have been met with sympathy and "sorry, we can't help you". Now you asked us to come here to hear what we are "requesting of this branch" and what we really want is for the GAP, and the ~~Hellfire Brimstone Preachers~~ ^{Campus Ministry USA} to get off of our Campus. However we recognize that the University is unwilling to spend the kind of money it would take to actually stand up for student safety in this way, so the rest of our requests shouldn't be too much trouble:

1. A campus wide email explaining students rights on campus with a link to an easily accessible webpage regarding said rights.
2. Campus police to be up to date on our rights and be able to enforce them. For instance during the two days of the GAP presence campus police were present, ready to defend

Speech at Judiciary Meeting:

I would like to thank you for inviting Safe Space CSU to speak with you here today. In order to provide a “better understanding of this issue and what it is [we] are requesting of this branch” we must first discuss context. To put our organization in context; My colleagues and I started Safe Space CSU because we were tired of seeing the distress that the Genocide Awareness Project and the ~~Damnation Breachers~~ ^{Campus Ministry USA} have caused among our classmates. We were tired of talking about how harmful these intruders were without having any action taken against them and we were particularly tired of having to cope all while our school sent out email after email claiming to care about student safety and yet doing nothing to alleviate our pain.

This of course comes on top of the larger context of violence in our society today which plays into why these groups are particularly harmful to our students. This context includes a world in which leading politicians such as Ted Cruz are proudly advertising endorsements by people like Pastor Kevin Swanson who openly advocates for the state murder of homosexuals. In which Donald Trump has become the GOP front-runner by campaigning on a platform of hate, and advocating for violence. In which physical violence breaks out at a rally against people using their right to silent protest. In which white supremacist organizations can campaign for the front runner without harming his success. In which the simple hashtag “Black Lives Matter” has become a campaign against racial injustice because the world around us is telling us otherwise. In which the genocide against Native Americans still gets skimmed over in public school, the sterilization of Latina women in California is ignored. In which the white supremacist terrorist group, the Klu Klux Klan, holds a rally in Anaheim, attacking protesters with American flags and receiving protection by the police. This very same organization that the GAP feels the right to throw in Black students faces by drawing comparisons to their acts of terrorism to abortion. In which 20 foot signs of lynched bodies, holocaust victims and the violence of police brutality is considered appropriate for a public campus. In which these same signs disrupt many students days and intimidate many others from even coming back to campus. In which inaccurate images and facts on abortion are willfully given out in front of a “Hall of Science”. In which doctors and clinics that perform abortions are actively targeted for bombing and receive death threats daily. In which the “Take Back the Night” event needs to take place late in the day, away from classrooms for fear of disruption but men holding signs and yelling at the top of their lungs about how women are whores and homosexuals are sinners is not disrupting. This context in which members of the LGBTQIA community continue to be murdered, thrown out of home and denied public services such as homeless shelters. In which Colle Carpenter, a transgender student at CSULB, had the word “it” carved into his chest only 5 years ago for simply existing. In which President Jane Close Conoley sends out emails telling us student safety is the number one priority.

By allowing these groups to come on campus without any regulations or restrictions the administration is complicit in each one of these acts of violence against its students, whether on campus off of it. We cannot know what each student goes home to and to claim this campus as a safe space, a haven from other ills, while still allowing groups that call them murderers or sinners is a betrayal to each one of us.

whoever had the biggest wallet, and supporters of the GAP camp onto Safe Space CSU's reserved section to harass protesters. When asked what the police could do about it on Tuesday, they told us nothing and in turn the protest got out of hand. On Wednesday when GAP supporters came into our area again we learned that because we had reserved that space they could have been removed by police. Because of this the protest was much more calm.

3. Continued counseling provided by the University during the days the GAP are present.
4. A campus wide email regarding information on the GAP including where they plan to set up, options on how to avoid them and information on the counseling resources and their locations during and after the GAP presence.
5. We want a restriction on the size of the signs because much of this suffering could be avoided if we could just avoid them.