

JUDICIARY MINUTES
Meeting #7
December 6, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Justice Eduardo Vargas called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. ROLL CALL

Justices Present

Eduardo J. Vargas (Chief Justice)
Justin Adofina (Assoc. Justice)
Silvia Kirolos (Assoc. Justice)
Max Salceda (Assoc. Justice)
Vyvy Hoang (Assoc. Justice)
Mindy Vo (Assoc. Justice)

Justices Absent

Karly Olivas (Assoc. Justice)

Non-Voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director of Govt. Affairs & Initiatives)
Jeff Klaus (CSULB President's Designee) **(AR@9:04AM)**

Non-Voting Members Absent

VACANT (CSULB Faculty Representative)

3. PUBLIC OPINION

There were no public comments.

4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Kirolos (S) Salceda to approve Judiciary Agenda #7, December 6, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

5. JUDICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. INTERNAL PROCEEDINGS

A. Approval of Minutes From the Last Meeting

1) Judiciary Meeting Minutes #6, November 8, 2016

(M) Adofina (S) Hoang to approve Judiciary Meeting Minutes #6, November 8, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

B. Amendments

1) Working Rules 2016-2017

Chief Justice Vargas reviewed with the Judiciary, the edits to the working rules.

Justice Salceda pointed that under the "Internal Proceedings" section, it expands on what the express duties of Judiciary and Senate members are, like serving on committees, and he believes that the language of these express duties should be cleared up and made more concise.

Another area that Justice Salceda feels should be cleared up is under "Accountability" in Section 30-A, where it states "Where the Chief Justice or a majority of Judiciary feel that a justice has failed to meet their obligations . . ." he believes that the word "feels" should be changed to something more explicit and clear to what would constitute as "failed to meet their obligations" not what Judiciary "feels."

Chief Justice Vargas stated that duties and responsibilities are explicit and across the board for all members of Senate and the Judiciary board. As far as the "Accountability" section, he explained that this was something that has been approved and discussed by Senate and worded in a way that makes it flexible enough to implement on a case-by-case basis.

Justice Salceda pointed out that rules should expressly state what disciplinary actions should be taken and when.

Chief Justice Vargas asked for any suggestions or recommendations to be submitted for further review

Justice Salceda suggested that this section be re-written to exclude the word "feel" and to specify what constitutes as "failed to meet their obligations." He suggested something along the lines of "If a member of the Judiciary branch has failed to meet their obligations/standards set forth in Section X, Subsection x, then he/she is subject to disciplinary action."

Justice Salceda also suggested that the wording be changed in another part of Section 30-A, which states, "Disciplinary action is at the discretion of the Chief Justice." He believes it should not just reset with the Chief Justice.

Ms. San Miguel suggested that it could state, "Disciplinary action is at the discretion of the Chief Justice and/or the ASI President." Justice Salceda agreed that this would be more acceptable.

Chief Justice Vargas stated that he would take these suggestions into consideration and give some more time to the Judiciary to review, but that if he doesn't receive any additional feedback the Judiciary will move forward at the next meeting with only the stated recommendations.

C. Additional Proceedings

1) Approval of Spring Meeting Schedule

Chief Justice Vargas explained that after speaking to the members of the branch, he concluded that the best meeting time would be on Wednesdays, from 11:00am-1:00pm.

A few members stated that this schedule would not work for them.

Chief Justice Vargas stated that he would send out another poll via email to determine a day and time that works best for everyone and suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

(M) Kirollos (S) Salceda to table the approval of the spring meeting schedule till the next meeting
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 6-0-0**

2) Senate Meetings

Per Chief Justice Vargas, there was nothing to discuss

3) Know Your Rights for Spring Semester

Chief Justice Vargas stated that there are other departments on campus that have started using this slogan and that he will reach out to these organizations in an effort to possibly combine their resources for events in the spring semester.

Chief Justice Vargas said that regarding the Know Your Rights webpage, they have a process for drafting it in progress but it is not complete yet.

Dean Klaus discussed the Office of Dean of Students' efforts to spread the information and make the resources more accessible to as many students as possible. He asked that members of the board review their progress so far and provide feedback on how it can be improved or changed.

Ms. San Miguel recommended that students look at the information provided by Dean Klaus regarding the Know Your Rights campaign and come up with suggestions and add this item to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

4) Changes to Reporting Process

Chief Justice Vargas stated that the reporting process would change to a written document that includes work completed, goals for the next two weeks, student concerns, and any other ideas or suggestions.

7. REPORTS

A. Senate

There were no Senate reports.

B. Associate Justices

Justice Salceda received his first grade appeal about two weeks ago from the College of Business Administration and attempted to set up a meeting, but has not heard back from them.

Justice Salceda also stated that he and Justice Adofina held the Grade Appeal workshop and while the attendance was lower than expected, there was a lot of interest and questions from students.

Justice Adofina specified that the grade appeals that he worked on were resolved pretty quickly and without any issues. He confirmed Justice Salceda's point that the attendance was low, but he believes it was because of Thanksgiving break.

Justice Vo participated in the Nursing grade appeals last week and the decisions were rendered for those cases as well. She pointed out that she noticed that a lot of students did not know how to prepare their documents or communicate very effectively, and this in turn was detrimental to their case.

Justice Adofina agreed and explained that this was a big part of the grade appeals workshops and they explained the importance of their writing and effective communication with their professors.

Justice Kirollos attended the CCRT meeting for their marketing campaign and that they are going to change the "Not Alone at the Beach" posters to something that is more appealing to students.

C. Public Defender

- No report.

8. DOCKET

There are no items on the docket.

9. DELIBERATIONS

There were no deliberations.

10. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Dean Klaus informed the members that the University is in the process of hiring a new student conduct person, who will eventually be the new advisor for the board. He invited the members to meet the three potential candidates and give him feedback.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chief Justice Vargas adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.