

JUDICIARY MINUTES

Meeting #9

March 9, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Justice Justin Contreras called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

2. RECOGNITION OF JUSTICES, PARTIES AND PERSONS PRESENT

Justices Present

Justin Contreras (Chief Justice)
Robina Henson (Associate Justice)
Carlos Valenzuela (Associate Justice)
Evelyn Ortiz (Associate Justice)

Justices Absent

VACANT (Faculty Rep)
Ryan Phong (Associate Justice)
Rudolph Cheong (Associate Justice)
Marissa Rael (Associate Justice)

Non-Voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director of Govt. Affairs & Initiatives)

Non-Voting Members Absent

Dr. Patience Bryant (CSULB President's Designee)

3. PUBLIC OPINION

There was none.

4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Henson (S) Valenzuela to approve Judiciary Agenda, Meeting #9, March 9, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-0

5. JUDICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Election season – please read the elections handbook
 - Be prepared if there are any elections disputes – we will need to meet immediately
- Workshop coming up – Wednesday
 - 2:30pm

6. INTERNAL PROCEEDINGS

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) Action Item: Approval of Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #7, February 9, 2018

(M) Henson (S) Ortiz to approve Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #7, February 9, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-0

- 2) Action Item: Approval of Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #8, February 23, 2018

(M) Ortiz (S) Valenzuela to approve Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #8, February 23, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-0

B. Additional Proceedings

- 1) Discussion Item: Renters Rights Workshop

Justice Cheong is leading this workshop

- Everything is set for the workshop
- Work in progress for housing speaker

Justice Contreras will be following up to make sure the second part of the workshop is finished on time

2) Discussion Item: First Amendment Brochure

Justices heading this project are absent.

Chief Justice Contreras addressed the following:

- Justice Rael will meeting with Dean Jeff Klaus and Dr. Kevin Johnson, Director for first amendment studies.
- Meeting with other individuals to address campus climate and students.
- Meeting with Dr. Patience Bryant

3) Information Item: Anti-Tuition Increase Efforts – Sen. Danielle Carancho

Last Year's Tuition Increase

- CSU System receives funding from 2 places
 - State Funding
 - Student fees and tuition
- Last year there was a 5% increase for full time undergraduates (\$270)
- Tuition increase last year was the first in six years. The vote was 13-9
- The increases generated \$77.5 million in "crucial" net revenue
- It was said to have passed to fund the Graduation Initiative of 2025
 - This initiative is
- No report has been sent out regarding how the money was exactly allocated

Why another tuition increase?

- "It's important to keep costs as low as possible for our students, while also understanding the reality that a quality education does take resources," White said in his state of the university speech during a Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. But "the simple truth is that *someone* always pays — it's *who* pays that has changed over time." - Chancellor White
 - So, the STUDENTS are now paying for it
- There is a 171 million dollar gap between what's needed to operate the entire CSU System and what the governor actually proposed the system
- This is why the BOT introduced another tuition increase as an information item at their January meeting
- The proposed tuition increases are:
 - \$228 increase for undergraduates
 - \$264 increase for credentials
 - \$432 increase for graduate students
- Because of the gap they will make *potential* cuts to:
 - Graduation Initiative
 - Student Enrollment Growth
 - Infrastructure

Actual numbers

- Board of Trustees requested \$282 Million
- Governor Proposed \$92 million
- There is a budget gap of \$171 million
 - CSU BOT Plan to cut programs due to Budget Gap:
 - 171 million Gap
 - -75 million Graduation Initiative
 - \$96 million gap
 - -20 million student enrollment growth
 - 76 million gap
 - -15 million infrastructure

- = \$61 million gap will still be left....
- Covers the Following
- Compensation
- Graduation Initiative 2025
- Enrolling Rates
- Infrastructure & Facilities
 - Expecting 102 million in augmentation.

Arguments

- “60% of Cal State students whose tuition is fully covered by grants and waivers will not be affected.”
 - What about non tuition costs that come with pursuing a college degree?
 - What about the other 40%?
- “The state continues to underinvest in students and we have nowhere else to get the money from.”
 - So this financial burden should be put on the backs of students?
- 122 million dollars worth of raises were given out this year to administration across the system, why?
 - Chancellor White stated he is unapologetic about doing so and believes he needs to pay them fairly to keep the CSU competitive
 - CSU Presidents make an average of \$300,000 a year
- Chancellor White at the January CSSA Plenary Meeting stated he would not take a pay cut
- He also stated that tuition increases do not affect student drop out rates

Possible Solutions

- Keep lobbying the state legislators to ask for more funding for the CSU System
- Use money from Governor Brown’s rainy day fund that currently has 9 billion dollars in it
- Immediately - OPPOSE this tuition increase

How to Get Involved

- Call your state legislators
- Write letters to your state legislators
- Share your unique student story in the 22 west column
 - Contact Dani at:
- Join us at our #FundtheCSU: Stop the Tuition Increase Event on April 19th from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Speaker’s Platform

7. REPORTS

A. Senate

There was none.

B. Associate Justices

1) Justice Valenzuela

Work completed since last report:

- HDVI Reimagining the First Year meeting: 2/23/18. Next Meeting 3/9/18 at 1:00pm
- Student Council presentations postponed till 03/20/18 awaiting presentation slides from Genesis.
- Presentation slides and templates will be emailed to Associates beginning Sunday 3/11/18.
- Elected Treasure of CSLASC

Goals for next two weeks:

- Assist other Associate Justices in preparing for their future legal workshop clinics.
- Coordinate classroom presentations for the “Combat the Tuition Increase” campaign.

2) Justice Henson

Work completed since last report:

- AIC case meeting
- Department follow-up's
- Legal Clinic planning proposal outline (working with Proposal Writing professor)
- Submitted tuition increase statement for Daily 49er (for Dani)

Goals for next two weeks:

- Progress on proposal
- Anything that comes up

3) Justice Cheong

Justice Cheong was absent, however their report was presented to the board.

Work completed since last report:

- Rescheduled workshop for Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:00PM - 5:30PM
- Room 204 - Laguna Beach Reserved: 4:00PM - 5:45PM
- Norberto Lopez coming in as a speaker from Housing Long Beach
- Submitted work order to ASI Communication for advertising

Goals for next two weeks:

- Make sure our speakers receive parking passes
- Complete office hours

4) Justice Ortiz

Work completed since last report:

- I had one on one time with Justin.
- Attended all my office hours.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Touch bases with Justin about the Women's Conference.
- Attend my office hours.

5) Justice Rael

Justice Rael was absent, however their report was presented to the board.

Work completed since last report:

- I have completed the entire outline for the brochure with all of the information I hope to put on it.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Have my first draft get looked over by Professor Johnson and Dr. Klaus.
- Get everything finalized and finished.

6) Justice Phong

Justice Phong was absent, however their report was presented to the board.

Work completed since last report:

- I contacted James Saucedo, the Director of the Multicultural Center about the First Amendment panel, but he hasn't responded.
 - I contacted the chair of the Committee of Athletics and she replied saying that the next meeting will be on March 21st.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Help out with the workshops
- Attend the first Committee of Athletics meeting

8. DOCKET

A. Select Case Hearings

There was none.

B. General Case Hearings

There was none.

C. Appeal Case Hearings

There was none.

9. DELIBERATION

There was none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chief Justice Contreras adjourned the meeting at 12:36pm.

RECORDED BY:

Anna Yeng, ASI Government Recording Secretary

Date

APPROVED BY:

Justin Contreras, Chief Justice

Date