

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
Meeting # 21
February 17, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Miriam Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Sen. Marcus Harwell, College of the Arts
Sen. Kelsey Kimmes, College of Arts (dp @ 5:00pm)
Sen. Rainbow Sun, College of Business Administration (ar @ 3:49pm)
Sen. Leslie Garcia, College of Business Administration
Sen. Vanessa Coover, College of Education
Sen. Kenia Garcia, College of Engineering (ar @ 3:40pm) (dp @ 4:50pm)
Sen. Fatima Hasan, College of Health & Human Services
Sen. Kyle Martinez, College of Health & Human Services
Sen. Milton Duena, College of Liberal Arts
Sen. Cristian Salazar, College of Liberal Arts
Sen. Yasmin Elasmr, College of Natural Science & Math
Sen. Miguel Garcia, College of Natural Science & Math
Sen. David Kling, At-Large
Sen. Richard Borjas, At-Large (dp @ 5:00pm)
Sen. Perla Montes, At-Large
Sen. Nikki Estanol, At-Large
Sen. Marvin Flores, At-Large
Vice President Miriam Hernandez (dp. @ 5pm)
Mr. Brett Waterfield (CSULB President's Designee)
Mr. Jeff Jarvis (CSULB Faculty Rep)

Voting Members Absent

Sen. Logan Vournas, At-Large

Non-voting Members Present

Sen. Luis Gonzalez, College of Engineering) (confirmed today)

Non-voting Members Absent

Staff Present

Mr. Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director)

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was presented by Dr. Jonathan Higgins, Asst. Director of Multicultural Affairs. He shared that one of his passions is to speak about people's rights and duties. To illustrate this, he shared a quote by one of his favorite authors, Audre Lorde that spoke to 3 duties that the senate has as students; to fight and to remain tough. He also challenged the senate to walk in their truth and that life is about survival.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Judy (ASI Street Team): February is Black History Month. MLK Celebration is Feb. 23rd, 12-1pm, in the USU Ballrooms. Movies on the House will be showing Creed on Feb. 24th-25th, at 3:30pm, 6pm, and 8:30pm in the Beach Auditorium. Poet's Lounge is on Feb. 18th, 8-10pm at the Sunset Lounge.

5. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Hasan (S) Coover to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #21, February 17, 2016, as amended.

Sen. Borjas requested the following correction:

- Agenda Item #10-B-3: change (2) to (1) CENG Senator confirmation

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Since Sen. Ablard graduated last semester, senate doesn't have a Sargent of Arms and she would like to nominate someone for this position. This position helps VP Hernandez stay on track during the meetings and would also assists with students who may be causing a distraction and escort them out of the meeting

VP Hernandez nominated Sen. Hasan who accepted

- She received a letter from a prison inmate about the 3 strikes policy and tells the senate that they can read the letter in full any time
- The food pantry is moving forward
- She is going to attend the MLK Day Celebration along with other senators

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Senate Minutes, Meeting #20, February 10, 2016

(M) Hasan (S) Martinez to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #20, February 10, 2016, as amended.

Sen. Salazar requested the following correction:

- Item #2: be moved from non-voting member to voting member
- Item #6: add "answer" to The Breathe Campaign sentence.

Sen. Elasmara requested the following correction:

- Item #9-A-5: Sen. Vournas' last name is misspelled

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

A. Approval of Reports from Subsidiary Boards

1) Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #20, February 2, 2016

Sen. M. Garcia reported that available funding is running low. A trending topic at the meeting was squats because Ms. Flores is requesting money to research which squat position is the most/least effective.

B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) Board of Elections Meeting #6, February 5, 2016

Mr. Haller reported that the board reviewed the positions elected and their marketing efforts. No action was taken during this meeting.

2) Lobby Corps, Meeting #11, January 28, 2016

Sen. Estanol reported that Student-at-Large Dale Lendrum gave an update with meeting with the chancellor. It is time to contact the different voter groups on campus to get work together and get other groups on campus to rally voter information.

- C. Receipt of Minutes by the Senate
There were none.

(M) Kling (S) Salazar to approve the Consent Calendar/Reports.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) BA #2016-02: Bylaw Amendment of Presidential Duties (3rd Reading)

Sen. Flores says that the only change to this resolution will be to add Sen. Vournas' name to the resolution.

(M) Hasan (S) Coover to approve BA #2016-11: Bylaw Amendment of Presidential Duties (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

2) SR #2016-09: Feras Morad Initiative (2nd Reading)

Sen. Kling made a wording adjustment to the resolution based on the suggestions made by the senate. He also hopes that he can get Feras' sister to attend the meeting when the senate approves the resolution, but it is difficult to get in touch with her due to her being a student.

(M) Kimmes (S) Martinez to approve SR #2016-09: Feras Morad Initiative (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

3) SR #2016-10: Urging the University to Assist Student Life and Development Towards Finding a Greek Advisor (3rd Reading)

There was no further discussion on this resolution.

(M) Coover (S) Hasan to approve SR #2016-10: Urging the University to Assist Student Life and Development Towards Finding a Greek Advisor (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

B. Non Legislative Business

There were none.

C. Executive Business

There were none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) SR #2016-11: Resolution in Support of the 49er Foundation Adopting a Socially Responsibility Investing Policy (1st Reading)

Sen. Elasmr reported that this resolution is to give the 49er Foundation guidance because they are going to be adopting a socially responsible investing policy; it is important because it says something about who we are and what the university and ASI values. Sen. Harwell said he and Sen. M. Garcia have been privileged to be sitting on the ad-hoc committee where they have been meeting with investment firms in an attempt to see if they want to move firms, (the school has been with City National for a while). Because the company was bought out by another, they wanted to take this as an opportunity to reconsider where the school wants to be. The school also wants to start being more socially responsible and they were told in the meeting that City National has never seen a fossil fuel investiture by an educational institution and they were surprised and impressed by that. Discussion ensued.

(M) Hasan (S) Estanol to approve SR #2016-11: Resolution in Support of the 49er Foundation Adopting a Socially Responsibility Investing Policy (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

2) Policy on Student Organization Grants (proposed revisions)

Mr. Haller clarified that, “shall” means that someone has the duty to do something. He also shows the room the ‘shall’ and ‘will’ changes he made to the policy as well as the other grammatical changes that were made to the resolution. He also clarifies that this has been through 3 readings already and will go into effect next year.

(M) Kling (S) Hasan to approve Policy on Student Organization Grants (proposed revisions)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

B. Non-Legislative Business

1) PA #2016-25: Confirmation of (1) ASI Media Board Trustee At-Large — Ashutosh Pandey

Mr. Pandey was not present.

(M) L. Garcia (S) Coover to postpone PA #2016-25: Confirmation of (1) ASI Media Board Trustee At-Large — Ashutosh Pandey until the next meeting when he is present.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

2) PA #2016-26: Confirmation of (1) Programming Board Member — Latifah Edobor

Ms. Edobor wants this position because since she got to CSULB, she wanted to be involved on campus and starting volunteering immediately. She would also love to be an ambassador of CSULB. She will also be using the gaps that she has in-between her classes to be active on campus.

(M) Hasan (S) Borjas to approve PA #2016-26: Confirmation of (1) Programming Board Member — Latifah Edobor

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

3) BOD #2016-25: Confirmation of (1) College of Engineering (CENG) Senator — Luis Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez is involved in ASB currently and they are concerned with budgeting and he wants to get more involved with this.

(M) Coover (S) L. Garcia to approve BOD #2016-25: Confirmation of (1) College of Engineering (CENG) Senator — Luis Gonzalez

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Gonzalez was sworn in by Mr. Waterfield. Sen. Gonzalez was welcomed to the board by VP Hernandez and members, and was invited to join the meeting.

4) PA #2016-27: Confirmation of (1) Associate Justice — Amanda Olivas

Ms. Olivas is currently a graduate student at CSULB; she has also been the Associate Justice for the past 2 semesters and she would love to continue. She would like to continue to help and serve students on campus with events such as the Know Your Rights Campaign.

(M) Salazar (S) Estanol to approve PA #2016-27: Confirmation of (1) Associate Justice — Amanda Olivas

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

- 5) PA #2016-28: Confirmation of Secretary for Internal Affairs — Grishma Patel
Ms. Patel is well versed in student government and she considers it a hobby of hers. She found it difficult to be a student on campus without being a leader or involved in student government. She is excited to pursue this position because she wants to start projects on campus.

(M) Martinez (S) Hasan to approve PA #2016-28: Confirmation of Secretary for Internal Affairs — Grishma Patel

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

C. Executive Business

There were none.

11. REPORTS

A. Dr. James Saucedo, Director of the Multicultural Center

Dr. Saucedo shared a story from Buddha that spoke about how dealing with different complex cultural issues is nothing new, but there are strategies to face these issues. He gave the senate positive practices to use while respecting and honoring different viewpoints.

- Move from communication of debate to communication of dialogue
- Shared suffering is a commitment that shows that there is a mutual connection between people sharing suffering through pain, trauma, and losses of life
- Shared sacredness is a mutual and deep connection between people from religion and secular ethics

He concluded by reading a quote from John Keats

B. Haidy Juarez, Secretary for Government Recruitment

- Accomplishments to date:
 - ✓Mentoring sign up (S2016)
 - ✓12 ASI leaders have volunteered to be mentors
 - ✓Guest speaker sign up (S2016)
- Current and upcoming projects/events
 - ✓Scavenger Hunt (2/15)
 - ✓Get to know your campus
 - ✓Kbeach popup event (2/15 @9am)
 - ✓Recruitment opportunity (Brotman Hall)
 - ✓A Day at the Gym (ASI style)
 - ✓BT Social Event (TBD)
 - ✓Redesign Beach Team Info flyer (handbill)
 - ✓Guide / folder for next GR secretary

C. Jose Salazar, ASI President

*President Salazar was not present. VP Hernandez reported on his behalf.

- Was invited to Senator's Ricardo Lara's Staff retreat last week at the Bicycle Casino, where I talked about the impact that AB 844 has had on me and how we are heading in the right direction at CSULB to change our policies to abide the law
- Ran the LA Marathon on Sunday to help fundraise for low income students
- Have been busy Monday and Tuesday being at the CIO interviews which take 8 hours per day
- will start Chief of Staff interviews this week

D. College Senators

1) College of the Arts: Senators Harrell & Kimmes

Work completed since last report

- FACT meeting
- Contacted chair and dean for meeting
- Talked to classes

Goals for next two weeks

- Much more of the same
- Investment group interviews
- Meet with one or more chairs and dean. Hopefully.

Student concerns

- There were none.

Anything else

- This might be an actual affliction...you know it when senioritis kicks in.

2) College of Business Administration: Senators Sun & L. Garcia

Work completed since last report

- We introduced ourselves to our college clubs at our Spring Retreat
- We continued to spread the word about ASI applications
- We contacted Dean Solt about ASI comment boxes
- Senator Garcia attended CBA Strategic Planning Committee
- Senator Sun contacted Treasurer Lewis about spring allocations

Goals for next two weeks

- Continue to introduce ourselves to CBA orgs
- Continue working with Margaret Williams and facilities about CBA building
- Meet with college senators to discuss faculty concern
- Continue working on transition binder

Student concerns

- Space in the computer lab
- Elevators in parking structure
- TV screens in classes are not being utilized at maximum potential
- Faculty concerns: Relationship between college programs and CCPE

Anything else

- The leadership academy offers professional development through:
- Workshops
- Volunteer opportunities
- And more! For more information visit USU 314
- OPEN M-F 10am to 5pm

3) College of Education: Senator Coover

Work completed since last report

- Met with the Dean
- Met with the Associate Dean regarding Ed. Week
- Resolution

- Met with Dr. Klaus and students regarding GAP
- Comment box is being put in advising

Goals for next two weeks

- Start a transition binder
- Resolution
- Meet with NSU discussing Japanese Gardens
- Meet with President Evelyn of COESA to find a Co-Senator
- Work on Ed. Week with the Dean and Associate Dean
- Safe Space CSU

Student concerns

- There were none.

Anything else

- Erin Gruwell, the teacher in Freedom Writers, used to be a part time faculty member in the College of Education.

4) College of Engineering: Senator K. Garcia

Work completed since last report

- Hosted February's Coffee with Dean
- Student's had some concern immediately addressed
- Comment box was approved
- Attended AESB weekly meeting
- Senator nomination
- Attended USU BOT
- Started drafting resolution to commemorate DSC Anniversary
- Finalized student questionnaire to assess student's laboratory experience

Goals for the next two weeks

- Surveying labs with the help of Senator Borjas
- Draft lab resolution
- Finalize DSC resolution on March 9 (grand opening anniversary)
- Make appearances to orgs and classes!

Student concerns

- There were none.

Anything Else

- Chasing the Harvest: Migrant workers follow the harvest to find jobs. One student is also hoping her studies will yield a bright future. This is her story.

5) College of Health & Human Services: Senators Hasan & Martinez

Work completed since last report

- Presented on Think About It Campaign
- Met with Dean to talk about CSULB Policy 99-24
- Dean Search Committee
- Compost Update
- Attended AVP Search Committee
- Worked with the College of Health and Human Services Student Council on Spring Mixer

- Met Dr. James Saucedo to discuss mentoring program for international students
- Attended IRA meeting
- Met ASI Productions
- Talked about ASI in classes

Goals for next two weeks

- Email Rachel about Academic Advising
- Move forward with compost
- Resolution with Sen. Vournas
- Continue working on CHHSSC mixer
- Write resolution for licensure of registered dietitians
- Go to more clubs and talk about ASI
- Talk to students about running for elections
- Met with VP Hernandez for one on one meeting
- Table!

Student concerns

- There were none.

Anything else

- Students' Place of Origin
- 53 Counties in California: 35,157
- 46 Other states/territories: 354
- 100 Foreign countries: 1,958

6) College of Liberal Arts: Senator Salazar

Work completed since last report

- Contacted the Dean of Liberal Arts regarding the ASI suggestion boxes
- Met with Wendy Casillas, the USUBOT Chair, regarding the urinal partition project
- Went on a mission and went to the male restrooms to find information

Goals for next two weeks

- Look into the policy of why there is a limit of having one online class a semester
- Gather information about the costs and benefits of having urinal partitions in the USU bathrooms
- Meet with the Chair of the Psychology Department to work on a survey to find out issues impacting the CLA students.
- Meet with the Dean of College of Liberal Arts Department
- Work with Senator Kling on the blanket/teddy bear project

Student concerns

- Lack of water refill stations around the psychology building
- A lack of compost bins around other food sites on campus

Anything else

- "Protection and power are overrated. I think you are very wise to choose happiness and love. There are reasons each of us are born. We have to find those reasons." - Uncle Iroh

7) College of Natural Science & Math: Senators Elasmr & M. Garcia

Work completed since last report

- Contacted Biology Department regarding comment boxes
- Met with Dean Kingsford

- Resolution (yay)
- Approved changes to the ASI Grant Application and rules.
- Contacted ASI Media BOT about the new student media copyright agreement.

Goals for next two weeks

- Continue helping with dining hall food project
- Continue planning Humanitarian Week
- Attend SAACS coffee hour
- Meet with 5 firms about ASI investment account proposals
- Move along with the changes to the Executive Scholarships
- Learn about the new ASI government structure

Student concerns

- There were none.

Anything else

- The movie "Creed" will be playing on February 24th at the Beach Auditorium.
- April 13th-15th and April 18th-19th are possible dates for 26,000 University employees to participate in a CSU system-wide strike.

E. Mayra Catalan, Secretary of Systemwide Affairs

- Accomplishments to date
 - ✓ CHESSE Applicants have been selected and training in preparation for CHESSE has begun
 - ✓ Assembly member O'Donnell attended a Lobby Corps meeting
 - ✓ We have an appointment scheduled with Assembly member Hadley during CHESSE
- Current and upcoming projects/events
 - ✓ Working on new Lobby Corps branding
 - ✓ Working on resolution bylaw amendment to increase number of student-at-large positions for Lobby Corps
 - ✓ CHESSE in March
 - ✓ Voter Registration Training by League of Women Voters
 - ✓ We are all very excited about CHESSE and our team is the best! None of this could have been possible without them.
 - ✓ Special shout out to Lindsay and Laura for all that they do!
 - ✓ Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.
 - ✓ Thank you!

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sen. Hasan apologized for not attending the past couple of ASI meetings, but things have been busy for her

Sen. Coover brought up the mandatory \$50 campaign fee and that she would like to revisit the idea of the amount due to factors such as financial aid and scholarships. She also revisited the sexual assault issue that was brought up earlier in the meeting and wants to reach out to local high schools to educate students about consent.

Sen. Elasmir said that tomorrow at 5pm in USU-305 there will be an event where they will be writing cards to Syrian refugees as well as a bake sale to raise money for them

Secretary for Government Recruitment Haidy Juarez said that she noticed a group of high school students on campus who said that they were visiting our campus but they didn't have a tour even though that service is

available. She also reported that cars drive really fast in lots 11 A & B where she parks. She proposed putting lights near the cross walk so cars can see students passing.

Sen. Kling said that former Senator Alex Mohtashem's mother passed away, so please send him condolences. He also congratulated Sen. Hasan on her recent marriage.

Sen. Estanol welcomes Mr. Jeff Jarvis back.

Senator of the Week: Sen. Hasan spoke on behalf of Sen. K. Garcia who said that this senator is always willing to help out, has attended all of the coffee with the deans, and brings happiness to the office. The senator of the week is Sen. Borjas.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Pro Tempore Nikki Estanol adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.