

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CSU NORTHRIDGE
July 21, 2009

I. ROLL CALL

Vice President Conor Lansdale called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. A quorum was present.

Voting members present: Jessica Abarca, Sam Amirshahi, Eboni Blanche, Erin Garrovillas, Stephen Li, Dan Monteleone, Yasmin Nadershahi, John Barry Neilan III, Julio Palacol, Mariel Reyes, and Neil Sanchez.

Voting members absent: Domingo Gonzalez, Emily Gross, Tonantzin Oble, Devin O'Neal, Paul Pugh, and Austin Ysais.

Cabinet members present: Luis Carbajo, Shawn Hakim, Kathi Perrella, Audrey Younna, and Kavitha Thyagarajan.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - July 21, 2009

MS (Sanchez/Monteleone) to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

(Sanchez/Li) to strike action items 1, 3, and 5, under Section VI, Old Business; and action item no. 3 and 4, under Section VII, New Business.

MSC to approve the agenda as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - July 7, 2009

MS (Monteleone/Amirshahi) to approve the minutes, with the following amendment: (Blanche), page 7, 9, 11 and 18, under voting members present, delete the names of *Devin O'Neal and Paul Pugh*".

MSC to approve the minutes as amended.

(Point of personal privilege from Abarca, acknowledged at 2:14 p.m.)

IV. OPEN FORUM

- Rick Evans, Director, The University Corporation - introduced himself to the senate. He indicated his support to A.S. events and programs. He met with Leanne Vincent and Audrey Younna regarding the sale of Big Show tickets at the five convenient stores on campus and at the Student Satellite Union. He approved the idea of posting Big Show flyers on the designated convenient

stores' locations. He looks forward to working with A.S. and the Big Show staff.

- Dinia Sepulveda – to approve a budget request from Business Latino Assoc.
- Karen Sabbah – informed the senate of the campus movie festival on campus in 2009.
- Jerry Verdin, Student Outreach and Recruitment Services – in support of the Spirit funding proposal.
- Erin Kaiser, Athletics – promoting campus spirit, and supporting the Spirit funding proposal.
- Brittany Swinson – in support of the Spirit funding proposal.
- Gisselle Jaen – to approve her appointment as senator for Social and Behavioral Science.
- Kristen Gonzalez – to approve her appointment as member of the Environmental Affairs committee.
- Audel Contreras – to approve his appointment as member of the Environmental Affairs committee.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Leanne Vincent, A.S. Director Student Leadership

She spoke about the process of how the Spirit funding was appropriated or distributed (see attached). After a series of discussions with the past A.S. president, and AS General Manager, she made an effort to research and met with the deans of various college departments, and ask them what makes students, staff, and faculty, and our neighboring community talk about our institution in a good and positive way. Every one is aware of the economy and budget cuts that will impact all the CSU campuses. With this in mind, she and the committee came up with six criteria in creating the Spirit proposal that is on the agenda for today's approval. The Spirit fund will create a sense of pride and celebrate its achievements; and create good programming on campus, they also plan to bring local community to collaborate with CSUN in our programs.

She said that after some research, they realized that a portion of the fund is not needed for the Big Show.

VI. REPORTS

A. President – Abel Pacheco

Vice President Lansdale reported on his behalf.

- He is attending the USSA (United States Student Association) conference in Denver, Colorado this week.
- He attended the CSSA (California State Student Association) conference last weekend, with 5 other delegates from our office. At

the conference, they discussed budget cuts, and the proposed tuition fee increase.

- He hopes that the Big Show proposal, on the agenda for today, will be discussed collectively. He received positive responses from other CSU campuses on the Big Show.
- Senate retreat on August 4, and 14-15th.

The regular meeting was temporarily adjourned at 2:30 p.m. for a Special Meeting.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
SPECIAL MEETING
July 21, 2009

I. ROLL CALL

Vice President Lansdale called the Special Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. A quorum was present.

The following voting members were present: Jessica Abarca, Sam Amirshahi, Eboni Blanche, Erin Garrovillas, Stephen Li, Dan Monteleone, Yasmin Nadershahi, John Barry Neilan III, Julio Palacol, Mariel Reyes, and Neil Sanchez.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - July 21, 2009

MSC (Palacol/Blanche) to approve the agenda as presented.

III. OPEN FORUM

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action item

- 1) To approve the revised Spirit Fund Proposal

MSC (Amirshahi/Li) (10-1-0) to approve the Spirit Fund Proposal as presented, unanimously (see attached)

The Special meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

B. Vice President – Conor Lansdale

- Asked each committee to set up a regular schedule for meetings.
- Nomination of senate representatives will be on the agenda for next senate meeting (SPACE, Elections, Children’s Center, Finance, and Judicial Court).

C. Directors

Audrey Younna – SPACE

- Thanked the senate for approving the Spirit funding
- Proposals to entertainers for the Big Show were mailed.
- Working on the details for the Big Show, such as clubs and organizations’ participation; sale locations of tickets, marketing)
- SPACE retreat this weekend to discuss transitioning of directors, programs/events for Fall semester; events that need collaboration with USU and Athletics.
- First event is “Pajama Jam” in August.

Kavitha Thyagarajan – Environmental Affairs

- Working on “Let’s Go Green” Campaign; a committee is being formed.
- She signed up for “America’s Greenest” contest on behalf of CSUN.
- Thanked the Personnel Director for selecting the committee’s members.

Kathi Perrella – Personnel

- Mentioned the open positions at A.S.
- A.S. Member of the Month will be announced next month.

D. Attorney General – Luis Carbajo

- Continuing work on revisions of A.S. codes
- Informed that senators who have not submitted an acknowledgement receipt of the “Conflict of Interest” documents would not be able to vote.
- Reminded about the short senate retreat on August 4th and the two-day retreat on August 14-15th; attendance is mandatory.

E. Finance – Shawn Hakim

- Explained the action item under Finance, Business Latino Association. In the past, this organization did not use the whole total funds allocated to them. This year, they submitted the proposed programs where funds would be utilized.

F. Committee Reports

- 1) Academic Affairs - Mariel Reyes
- 2) External Affairs - John Barry Neilan III
 - Meetings is tentatively sent on Wednesdays or Thursdays afternoon.
- 3) Internal Affairs - Eboni Blance
 - Senators who are interested to join the committee, please send her email, indicating your availability.
 - Tentative schedule of meeting is Tuesday before senate
- 4) Policies - Neil Sanchez
 - Ideal time for committee to meeting is Thursday (negotiable)
- 5) University Affairs - Devin O'Neal
No report

G. General Manager - David Crandall

- Commended Senator Monteleone for asking important questions on Spirit funding.
- Since Intercollegiate Athletics are now getting funds from Campus Quality Fee, A.S. allocations for Athletics scholarships will be redirected to other accounts such as transportation subsidy; campus sustainability study; Spirits Week; and clubs and organizations. This reallocation will be reflected in the 2009-2010 annual budget.
- He reminded the senate to make sure that a fair number of senators should be assigned to each committee.
- Encouraged the senators to work on legislative referrals and use these to utilize the work of the committees.
- CSU Board of Trustees met and approved the student tuition fee increase and the possible of management employees furlough; there will be some layoffs and change in work force. As an auxiliary, it's our responsibility to respond to the university, to insist and do our operations well. We will be prepared to use the resources that are entrusted to us in good use.

H. University Advisor - Tom Piernik

Vicki Allen, Associated Director for Student Development, in charge of the Matador Involvement Center, reported on Mr. Piernik's behalf.

- Student Orientation will begin on Tuesday, August 11th.
- The university is giving us a daily update regarding the budget on CSU and other California institutions; go the CSUN website for updates and for scheduled meetings.

I. **Faculty Advisor** - Veda Ward
No report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Action item

a) To move into Committee of the Whole, and approve the amendments to the following A.S. codes (postponed on 7-7-09 senate meeting):

- 1) ~~Advocacy Team (no attachment)~~
- 2) **Attorney General (attachment #1)**
- 3) ~~Director of Clubs and Organizations (no attachment)~~
- 4) **Council of Chairs (attachment #2)**
- 5) ~~S.P.A.C.E. (no attachment)~~
- 6) **Vice President (attachment #3)**

MSC (Neilan III/Amirshahi) to move into Committee of the Whole

MSC (Sanchez/Monteleone) (unanimous) to approve action item nos. 2, 4 and 6.

MSC (Amirshahi/Sanchez) (unanimous) to move out of Committee of the Whole.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action items

1) *To suspend section IV, sub section A, of the 2009-2010 Standing Rules, to allow Senator Austin Ysais to work in the A.S. Recreation Sports.*

MSC (Neilan III/Nadershahi) (unanimous) to approve action item no. 1

2) To move into Committee of the Whole, and approve the amendments to *A.S. President's Cabinet Code (attachment no.4)*

MSC (Neilan III/Sanchez) (unanimous with one nay) to move into Committee of the Whole

MSC (Neilan III/Sanchez) (unanimous) to approve action item no. 2

MSC (Sanchez/Neilan III) (unanimous) to move out of Committee of the Whole.

3) ——— To approve the proposal for 2009-2010 Spirit funding (attachment 6a and 6b).

4) *To approve the Big Show 9 proposal (attachment #5)*

MSC (Amirshahi/Neilan III) to reconsider action item no. 4 (unanimous)

MSC (Amirshahi/Neilan III) to approve action item no. 4 (unanimous)

5) To allocate \$3,000 to the Latino Business Association from Clubs and Organizations Assign Contingency: \$500 to the Corporate Luncheon; \$500 to Family Night; \$1,000 to Speaker Meetings; \$500 to Noche Latina; \$500 to other funds.

MS (Monteleone/Neilan III) to approve action item no. 5 as recommended by Finance.

MSC (Nadershahi/Neilan III) (10-1-1) to amend the allocation to \$2,000, distributed as follows: \$500 to Corporate Luncheon, \$500 to Family Night, \$500 to Speaker meetings; and \$500 to Other Funds.

6) *To approve the following appointments:*

- a) *Gisselle Jaen - Senate, Social & Behavioral Sc. II*
- b) *Yukiko Sonoyoma - Finance, Arts, Media, & Communication*
- c) *Ammari Rakann - Finance, Business & Economics*
- d) *Audel Contreras - Environmental Affairs Comm.*
- e) *Josh Kaiser - Environmental Affairs Comm.*
- f) *Arsen Dervishian - Environmental Affairs Comm.*
- g) *Kristen Gonzalez - Environmental Affairs Comm.*
- h) *Alostaz Wedad - Elections Committee*
- i) *Yesenia Zubia - Elections Committee*
- j) *Peter Dahabreh - Elections Committee*
- k) *John Takashima - Elections Committee*
- l) *Vance Constance - Advocacy Team member*
- m) *Timothy Chan - Advocacy Team member*

B. Legislative Referrals - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The following voting members were present at the end of the regular session: Conor Lansdale, Jessica Abarca, Sam Amirshahi, Eboni Blanche, Erin Garrovillas, Stephen Li, Dan Monteleone, Yasmin Nadershahi, John Barry Neilan III, Julio Palacol, Mariel Reyes, and Neil Sanchez.

MSC to adjourn the regular meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:
Brenda Lacy
Government Secretary

Conor Lansdale
Vice President
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