

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC
CSU NORTHRIDGE
January 19, 2010

I. ROLL CALL

President Abel Pacheco called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. A quorum was present.

Voting members present: Conor Lansdale, Jessica Abarca, Manuel Alonzo, Nicole Evans, Shreenivas Ghorpade, Domingo Gonzalez, Gisselle Jaen, Vahan Khodanian, Tasneem Koleilat, Guyon McCormack, Cynthia Medrano, Mason Mendoza, Tona Oble, Devin O'Neal, Natalie Perez, Alex Samovitz, Christina Turner, Ashley Walker, and Austin Ysais.

Voting members absent: Yasmin Nadershahi, Mariel Reyes.

Cabinet members present: Neil Sanchez, Kathi Perrella, Alejandra Garcia, Dan Monteleone, Sheela Bhongir, and James Pilkington.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - January 18, 2010

MS (Lansdale/Gonzalez) to approve the agenda.

MSC (Lansdale/Jaen) to amend the agenda, to add an action item under Section VII, Unfinished Business: revision on the Elections Code (2 nays).

MSC to approve the agenda as amended.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - January 12, 2010

MSC (Lansdale/Gonzalez) to approve the minutes as presented (one abstention).

IV. OPEN FORUM

- William Lee - asked A.S. to create a fund for donations for Haiti Earthquake Relief.

V. INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Nevin, Exec. Director
California State Student Association

He graduated from CSU Long Beach; he believes strongly in the CSU system and as a student, he sees the needs and concerns of his fellow students. He became more involved on issues pertaining to higher education. He knows

that being involved with CSSA will give him more opportunities to represent the students.

He encouraged the student leaders to be passionate and be aware of the issues that are of importance to the students.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Miles Nevin, Exec. Director California State Student Association

He explained the importance of the CSSA to students statewide. CSSA has 22 campuses paid membership, including CSUN. He briefed the senate on the organizational chart and the responsibilities of each area. CSSA has worked on various grants such as the Cal Grant that extended the age of eligibility from 24 to 26 years old.

CSSA is always working toward the betterment of higher education through lobbying and creating resolutions that are submitted to our government officials for support and approval.

He explained the process of search for Student Board Trustee; 3-5 qualified students are submitted to the Governor and selection of the candidate is up to the Governor.

VII. REPORTS

A. President - Abel Pacheco

- Will be at the CSSA conference in Bakersfield this weekend
- Reminded the senate about the senate inauguration on Tuesday, January 26th.
- Invocation - he encourages all the senate members to invite students in your college department who can be inspirational to others.
- Absences - be mindful of the number of absences; he wants everybody to stay in senate. Three unexcused absences will mean vacating their respective senate seats.

Informational item

Assignment of Chairs and members to the following A.S. committees

- 1) Academic Affairs
Chair - Austin Ysaais
Members: Cynthia Medrano, Shreenivas Ghorpade, Tasneem Koleilat

- 2) External Affairs
Chair - Guyon McCormack

Members: Vahan Khodanian, Yasmin Nadershahi, Gisselle Jaen

3) Internal Affairs

Chair - Ashley Walker

Members: Mariel Reyes, Natalie Perez, Mason Mendoza

4) Policies

Chair - Jessica Abarca

Members: Manuel Alonzo, Christina Turner

5) University Affairs

Chair - Alex Samovitz

Members: Tona Oble, Nicole Evans, Devin O'Neal

B. Vice President - Conor Lansdale

- Asked everyone to attend the year-long celebration of Northridge's 100th anniversary, tonight in the Northridge Park Recreation Center gymnasium, at 5:30 pm to 7:00 p.m.
- Haiti Earthquake - our website at csunas.org has a link that will direct you to donate to the people of Haiti.
- Due to his class schedule, he will vacate his seat at the following committees: Children Advisory Board, Student Health Advisory Committee, and Student Fee Advisory Board.
- WASC (Western Association for Schools and Colleges) - to review the report and submit your feedback online. Check your email messages for the website.
- Crime report for the San Fernando Valley has decreased to 21 %
- L.A. Cyclists has formed an organization where they can voice out their unified concerns.

C. Directors

Dan Monteleone - Elections

- Spring 2010 elections will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 20 and 21st.
- Will meet with USU to coordinate dates and event schedule.

Ali Garcia - SPACE

- SPACE meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- Working on the Spring semester events such as Battle of the Sexes in February; Spirit Week; Mini cultural events; Battle of the bands; and Tickle Me Tuesday.

Sheela Bhongir - Environmental Affairs

- Collaborating with SPACE on various events
- Will show more films about environmental and sustainability

Kathi Perrella - Personnel

- Nominations for AS Member of the Month are due every last Tuesday of each month.
- Open senate positions are: AMC I, Business I, Education I, Engineering I, Health and Human Dev. I, Humanities II

Taylor Trakin - Assistant Director, Finance

- 2010-2011 annual budget hearings were held during the first week of January; deliberations will begin next week.

D. Attorney General - Neil Sanchez

- Congratulated the new and newly elected, as well as the returning senators.
- Asked them to complete all the necessary documents and submit them to the AS Office.
- Observe and follow student conduct in the senate as well as in the AS office.

E. Committee Reports

1) Academic Affairs - Austin Ysais

- Looks forward to working with his members

2) External Affairs - Guyon McCormack

- He introduced himself and mentioned his various experiences in this capacity

3) Internal Affairs - Ashley Walker

- Thanked the senate for her appointment; she looks forward to meeting with her members.

4) Policies - Jessica Abarca

- Thanked the senate for her appointment; she was the Vice Chair of this committee last semester.

5) University Affairs – Alex Samovitz

- Will continue working on the Fallen Matador Memorial, and the ZipCar project.

F. Senator's Report

- 1) Education – no report
- 2) Business and Economics – no report
- 3) Arts, Media, and Communication – Alex Samovitz
 - Sent an email to the Dean to add another section of Gateway class
- 4) Social and Behavioral Science – Tona Oble
- 5) Science and Mathematics – no report
- 6) Health and Human Development

G. General Manager – David Crandall

- Thanked the students and staff who attended the retreat on Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15th.
- Recycling feasibility study will be presented to the senate in February.
- Campus Quality Fee – one of the elements submitted for the Campus Quality Fee to update our technology and one of them is the replacement of info screens
- Urged the student leaders to study hard; we do not want to lose you as student leaders; good academic standing is one of the key requirements to keep your senate seats.

H. University Advisor – Tom Piernik

- As the advisor, he will be tasked to work on many issues; he looks forward to working with the senate.
- Senator's report on the agenda is very helpful; we are able to learn more about the college that a senator represents and be more proud about your academic department

I. Faculty Advisor – Veda Ward

No report

J. Finance – Shawn Hakim

No report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action items

- 1) To approve the following resolution (tabled on 01/12/10)

“SB 2009-10-07: Academic Advising Awareness Poster”

MSC (McCormack/Jaen) to take the action item from the table

MSC (Ysais/Samovitz) to refer the action item back to the Academic Affairs.

- 2) To approve the revision to SPACE code (postponed on 12-8-09)

MSC (Gonzalez/Walker) to approve the revision to SPACE Code (see attached)

- 3) To approve the revisions to the Elections Code

MS (Lansdale/Gonzalez) to approve the revisions to the Elections Code

MS (Ysais/Jaen) to amend the revisions

MSC to take a 5-minute recess at 3:25 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

After a brief discussion between the Attorney General and the General Manager, it was announced by President Pacheco, that the action item (Elections Code) is null and void due to late submission of the documents. It was further explained that according to the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act, that action items should be published on the agenda for public access and information purposes, three working days prior to the next regular senate meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Referrals:

- 1) Support for Haiti Earthquake destruction – referred to External/University Affairs committees
Due date: 02/02/10
- 2) Lighting for G4 Walkway – referred to University Affairs Committee
Due date: 02/02/10
- 3) Changes to the Code on Codes – referred to Policies Committee
Due date: 02/02/10

X. ADJOURNMENT

The following voting members were present at the end of the regular meeting: Conor Lansdale, Jessica Abarca, Manuel Alonzo, Nicole Evans, Shreenivas Ghorpade, Domingo Gonzalez, Gisselle Jaen, Vahan Khodanian, Tasneem Koleilat, Guyon McCormack, Cynthia Medrano, Mason Mendoza, Tona Oble, Devin O'Neal, Natalie Perez, Alex Samovitz, Christina Turner, Ashley Walker, and Austin Ysais.

MSC (Gonzalez/Lansdale) to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Lacy

Government Secretary

Abel Pacheco

President

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