

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CSU NORTHRIDGE
March 11, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Voting members present: Josh Hansen, Lyla Askejian, Byron Baba, Ali Bamdad, Alma de Jesus, Mack Evans, Michael Fruchtman, Carlos Flores, Conor Lansdale, Amanda Lynch, Lizbeth Mateo, Vianney Moran, Ashley Reese, Javier Roman, Aron Schlabra, Nancy Trieu, Nicole Umali, Abel Pacheco, and Ricardo Valdez.

Voting member absent: none

Cabinet members present: Andrew Collard, Merriliz Monzon, Mazen Hafez, Audey Younna, and Zachary Mendelsohn.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - March 11, 2008

MS (Schlabra/Roman) to approve the agenda.

MSC (Trieu/Schlabra) to strike the approval of the minutes (Section III).

MSC to approve the agenda as amended (one abstention)

(Point of personal privilege from Hansen recognized at 2:10 p.m.)

III. OPEN FORUM

- Gershon Feit, Beatriz Trejo, Nia Taylor, Ari Mahpour - spoke in support of a budget request from CSUN Hillel for Alternative Spring Break. Asked to increase the budget allocations.
- Aron Schlabra, Michael Fruchtman, Ryan Mallick, Eric Michie- asked the senate to increase the budget allocation of Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- Simone Loker, CSUN Swim Team - thanked Associated Students for its support; gave an update of the various sporting events schedules.
- Pedro Trujillo - thanked Associated Students for its financial support for the 10th Annual Raza Youth Conference.

IV. REPORTS

A. President - Adam Haverstock

- California State Student Association (CSSA) – attended a meeting last weekend at CSU Channel Islands, with Senators Valdez, Pacheco, and Evans.
- CSSA will increase membership dues by 70 cents; will also increase conference fees for non members.
- Regional CSSA group members were established.
- The following were discussed at the CSSA meeting:
 - Fair parking for students; CSU San Marcos has the most expensive parking rates.
 - Student Health Insurance Bill – student should be able to be covered by their parents as long as they remain students, and should be able to cover the students for at least one year after he/she graduates.
 - Shared governance policy
- April 18-21st, CHESS (California Higher Education Student Summit) will be held in Sacramento. He will register 10 students from CSUN. Let him know if you are interested to attend the summit.
- April 21st – March for Higher Education in Sacramento; transportation to Sacramento is provided. Sign up for free transportation at the AS office.
- Review of the 2008-2009 A.S. Annual Budget is completed; will meet with the Finance committee tomorrow.
- Asked the senate members to be at every senate meeting before 2:00 p.m.

B. Vice President - Josh Hansen

- Council of Chairs will meet today.
- Working on free membership to members of the Super committees.

C. S.P.A.C.E. - Audrey Younna

- Traveling to Speed Zone on Thursday, March 13th.
- Proposal for entertainers for Rock the Vote on April 8 and 9th was approved.
- Hollywood One Night – proposal for comedian is approved.
- April 22nd – Earth Fair
- Will meet with Cecilia Ortiz, Meeting Services, to discuss room reservations for future events.
- Saturday, October 11th – The Big Show

D. Elections - Mazen Hafez

(Point of personal privilege from Reese granted at 2:49 p.m.)

- Eighteen (18) students are running for elections
- Gathering all the candidates' pictures for Sundial advertisement
- Warned the candidates that campaigning in the office is prohibited.
- Elections committee needs a senate representative.

E. Legislative Affairs - Dina Cervantes

None

F. **Visibility** – Zachary Mendelsohn

- Held three meetings with the new writer, photographer and possible designer for “No Bull” magazine.

G. **Personnel** – Merriliz Monzon

- She is working on awareness about AS elections; and promoting A.S. to students.
- Interviewing applicants for Homecoming committee.

H. **Attorney General** – Hal Ellison

Action item

- 1) MSC (Umali/Lansdale) to approve the following constitutions:
 - a) Tau Sigma National Honor Society
 - b) Save the Planet

I. **Finance** – Andrew Collard

Action items:

1) Support Services - Children’s Center Quarterly Newsletter

MSC (Flores/Moran) to allocate \$2,168 to Support Services from Unallocated Reserves for the purpose of Children Center Quarterly Newsletter.

2) CSUN Hillel - Alternative Spring Break

MS (Baba/Askejian) to allocate \$1,950 with \$600 for Travel, \$600 towards Documentary and \$750 for Tool and Building Material Allotment to CSUN Hillel from Unallocated Reserves for the purpose of Alternative Spring Break on March 16th-21st 2008.

MS (Lynch/Mateo) to amend the allocation to \$4,000 from Unallocated Reserves for Fundable Requests for the purpose of Alternative Spring Breach on March 16-21, 2008.

MSC (Hansen/Roman) to amend the amendment to allocate \$2,450 with \$600 for Travel, \$600 for Documentary, \$750 for Tool and Building Material Allotment, and \$500 for other Fundable Request.

MS (Pacheco/Lynch) to allocate \$2,900 from Unallocated Reserves for other Fundable Request.

(Point of personal privilege from Roman granted at 3:23 p.m.)

(Point of personal privilege from Roman acknowledged; and Hansen granted at 3:26 p.m.)

(Point of personal privilege from Bamdad acknowledged at 3:27 p.m.)

MSF (2-17-0) to allocate \$2,900.

(Point of personal privilege from Hansen recognized at 3:30 p.m.)

MSC (15-3-2-) to approve the amendment to amendment to allocate \$2,450 with \$600 for Travel, \$600 for Documentary, \$750 for Tool and Building Material Allotment, and \$500 for other Fundable Request.

MSC (16-4-0) to approve the motion as amended (\$2,450).

3) Sigma Phi Epsilon - Balanced Man Scholarship

MS (Askejian/Moran) to allocate \$1,827 to Sigma Phi Epsilon from Unallocated Reserves for the purpose of Balanced Man Scholarship.

MSC (Baba/Mateo) (15-1-4) to amend the motion to \$1,927, with the intention of \$100 allocation to gas expenses.

MSC (15-1-4) to approve the motion as amended.

J. Committee Reports

- 1) **Academic Affairs** – Amanda Lynch
 - Started a survey on minor on diplomas. Will attend the Faculty Senate meeting to discuss this issue.
 - Survey on Science Lab fee increase was distributed.
- 2) **External Affairs** – Vianney Moran
 - Teaming up with the Advocacy committee and work on the Tuition Relief Now (TRN) campaign.
 - Will attend meetings of various clubs and organizations to promote TRN. Asked to submit all the petitions to her; she needs to send these to the CSSA headquarters. Last day to send petitions is April 18th.

(Point of personal privilege from Baba granted at 3:41 p.m.)

- 3) **Internal Affairs** – Nicole Umali
 - Met with Student Development to discuss commencement
 - Working on the following legislative referrals:
 - A.S. Marketing
 - Student Leader Retreat
 - Personnel
 - A.S. restructuring policy
- 4) **Policies** – Lyla Askejian
 - Working on the following:
 - Code on Retreat

- Finance Code
- Major and Minor Directors
- Visibility Committee Code
- Vision Statement

- Distributed the initial draft of the Vision Statement for senate's review. Please be ready next week to discuss and approve this Statement.

5) **University Affairs** – Ali Bamdad

- Comparing prices of various companies who make student's "one card" (a multi purpose card).
- The Vice Chair is gathering information from CSUN Information Technology Dept., for the purpose of "one card".
- Working on the following:
 - Metered parking for handicapped
 - MBA fee increase
 - Football (will meet with Mr. Mazzuto)

K. General Manager – David Crandall

- 2008-2009 Annual Budget - the Finance Committee will meet tomorrow to hear the recommendations from the AS President. The draft will be presented to the senate one week after the Spring break.
- Updating the staff urgency/emergency plan records and instructions to follow in case of emergency such as child care to students' children.

L. University Advisor – Tom Piernik

- Announced all the events that will be happening this week.
- Encouraged the students/staff to attend the all-campus budget summit on Thursday, March 13th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. to know about the Governor's budget proposal and how it affects CSUN.
- Wednesday, March 20th – Volunteer Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Plaza del Sol complex.
- Wednesday, March 20th – Gradfest from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Matador Bookstore. This event is very helpful to all graduating students to answer all their questions pertaining graduation.

M. Faculty Advisor – Veda Ward

No report

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action item

- 1) To approve the nomination of the Senate representative to Elections Committee.

(Point of personal privilege from Baba recognized at 4:02 p.m.)

Without objections from the senate, President Haverstock opened the floor for nominations:

Senator Guzman - accepted

Senator Evans - declined

Senator Pacheco - declined

MSC (Baba/Moran) to move the nomination by acclamation

MSC (Baba/Trieu) to approve Senator Guzman by acclamation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Referrals

#27 To: Academic Affairs

From: Senator Mack Evans, Lower Division II

Re: Uniform brand on clickers

Due date: April 15, 2008.

#28 To: Policies Committee

From: Senator Valdez

Re: To update the Judicial Court Code

Due date: April 8, 2008.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The following voting members were present at the close of the regular meeting: Josh Hansen, Lyla Askejian, Byron Baba, Ali Bamdad, Alma de Jesus, Mack Evans, Michael Fruchtmann, Carlos Flores, Conor Lansdale, Amanda Lynch, Lizbeth Mateo, Vianney Moran, Ashley Reese, Javier Roman, Aron Schlabra, Nancy Trieu, Nicole Umali, Abel Pacheco, and Ricardo Valdez.

The regular meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Lacy

Government Secretary

Adam Haverstock

President

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