Minutes of the Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc.  
Board Meeting September 4, 2008

The Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. met on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 8am in the California State University, Channel Islands University Hall Training Room.

Members Present: Dr. Gregory Sawyer, Ed Lebioda, Richard Wagner, Chelsee Bente, Alexandra Mitchell, Missy Jarnagin, Dr. Donald Rodriguez, Jeremy Booker, Eva Klein, Lauren Pollack, Miguela Benoit, Melody Mattingly Yadira Melgoza.

Members Absent: 

Members of the Public Present: Stephanie Bracamontes, Christine Thompson, Michelle Black, Wendy Morrison.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Ms. Chelsee Bente.

2. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the meeting were approved with Mr. Richard Wagner making the motion and Mr. Ed Lebioda seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Forum – Upon calling for open forum discussion, and there being none, the meeting continued.

4. Financial Reports- Ms. Bracamontes presented the financial statements. She stated that the month of July, on page three, did not have much activity. Salary has unrelated expenses, the salaries are high because the yearbook rolled out in August, and however the revenue and expenses were recognized.

5. Subcommittee Updates-  
   A. Student Union Update- It was reported that the wing was demolished September 3rd. A subcommittee was developed and they will be looking at sustainability and functionality; they have seven students looking at the rooms and the students are being represented. Ms. Jarnagin stated that the decision for the revenue has been made. In the past years they have always held the revenue, yet since the student union is a campus building, the campus has to record it on its books. Ms. Jarnagin and Mr. Lebioda will look at the budget and request an amount to Joanne Coville. The money can no longer be lumped into one pool, they have to separate the budget for ASI and the campus.

6. Outstanding Business-  
   A. ASI Strategic Plan- The plan is currently being worked on. Now that the new school year is here they are developing a meeting time when they can all get together. The goal is to show everyone what ASI is doing and also looking forward to working with the students.

7. New Business: To consider and act upon such others matters as properly come before the meeting.

   A. Secretary Appointment- The responsibility of the secretary includes taking minutes at all meetings, distributing minutes, and reserving the rooms. Have daily contact with Ms. Bente and Ms. Thompson. Ms. Michelle Black was nominated for the secretary position and she accepted. There was a question regarding Ms. Thompson’s position description specifies that she holds the position. The bylaws are going to be considered and be changed to reflect the permanent of the position. The Board agrees to table this discussion in order to review this position.

   B. ASI Student At Large Position- Ms. Wendy Morrison was asked to give a two minute overview of why she feels she would be a good candidate. Ms. Morrison is the director of operations for student programming board. This
year is her senior year and she really wants to be involved with the board on a more broad level. Ms Morrison has one and a half years of experience. Ms. Morrison sees the ASI Board role as overseeing all four entities. Ms. Morrison stated that her role on the board is to be observant so she can be the voice of the students. The kind of involvement she can put towards ASI is her involvement within subcommittees, she would love to chair committees. Ms. Morrison is currently taking on 17 units with one class and 14 if without the class. Ms. Michelle Black was also asked to give a two minute overview of why she would be a good candidate. Ms. Black stated that this year is her second year as an RA, she is a math major, she is in her third year, and her goals are to teach math and earn her masters degree. Ms. Black believes she can bring her perspectives from housing and have a specific constituency to bring back to and from the board. Ms. Black is currently taking 16 units and three desk hours a week along with 20 hours of week of commitment as an RA. Ms. Black is interested in broadening her perspectives, involvement, and information for the students. Ms. Black feels that the ASI role is being informative to the board with different areas within the campus. Ms. Black stated that her strengths and values consist of organization, an appreciation of her education with the willingness to utilize it accordingly. The board had a discussion on the two candidates. One concern was the meeting time, time for the board, and the candidates’ workload. Dr. Sawyer stated a matter of record for the board, stating that the board would not vote for the candidates that submitted an application. The board voted Ms Michelle Black by unanimous approval.

C. AGSA- Dr. Sawyer stated that we have participated in AGSA since 2003. We were one of the first ones so we received a lifetime rate. ASGA is a nationwide association. It has an ask the expert section that can benefit both advisors and campus groups. The access and information would be provided once we get paid. The entities would also benefit from this association because of the way ASI is set up. There is a variety of resources that are available to all entities, some more than others. Dr. Sawyer suggested that we may want to revisit this when the board receives more information. Ms. Jarnagin will research where the funding came from in the past. Dr. Sawyer also suggested that we bring this back to the board and assess how we can use it. The Boards’ biggest issue is connectivity, how do we utilize the resources that they have to offer and how can we disseminate the information.

D. Panetta Funding- Panetta does fund travel for funding from Monterey Bay to Washington DC but the student doesn’t have access to Monterey Bay. This is our first request but our fourth candidate. His role is to work as a congressional aid. Dr. Rodriguez specified that this may be an IRA request. The concern is setting the president for funding years to come, so we are not making a decision for simply this request but for every year henceforth. Setting the presidents for all entertaining all individual requests. Going into a vote, the motion was that the board considers policy issues regarding financial requests and not individual requests. Mr. Lebioda seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

E. Student Union Groundbreaking Budget Request- An overview of the budget is an estimate of the costs that may be associated. The requested budget is for $5,000, which may come from the administrative budget. Mr. Wagner moves to approve the budget and Dr. Sawyer seconds the motion. The motion is passed with a unanimous approval.

F. Funding Task Force- Regarding the survey, the task force will get back to the board.

G. Emergency Meeting Dates- Considering the audit report open dates the options are September 11th, 16th, or 17th at 8:30 AM and the meeting would last a maximum of 30 minutes. It was requested to get back to the Board, the 11th is a Thursday. Send an outlook request to the board members.

H. Athletics- Dr. Sawyer mentioned that the President has specified athletics as a priority. Mr. Bob Goings, a former director of athletics at other institutes who is also a full time and tenured faculty, will help assist in developing a plan for athletics and campus wellness. The plan would consist of campus nutrition, individual programs geared to students, faculty, and staff specifically. The search for an athletic director is in the process. There will be plan for a plan put together on how SA will put together.

9. Entity Reports
   A. Student Government- Ms. Mitchell reported that Student Government appointed Lauren Pollack as an ASI Board member. Ms. Pollack is very involved on campus and we are excited to have her serve. Student Government has been working on the parking issues with looking for alternative
transportation, the aim is to get 200-300 people to surrender their parking permits. Ms. Mitchell stated that Student Government is also currently working on resolving the students concern with smoking sections on campus.

B. CI View- Ms. Klein hired an entire editor staff, changing structures of issues and the paper. Ms. Klein stated that she is very excited and will get more information after she meets with Ventura County Star. Mr. Wagner stated his concern with how community is supporting advertising of the paper, he considered putting out a section in the paper that would advertise to the community so they can support it. Ms. Mitchell stated to Ms. Klein to please inform the Board when the deadlines of the paper occur.

C. The Nautical- Ms. Benoit reported that she is asking students to put their finger print that will be used as decoration on the inside of the yearbook, it is used as a fun way to promote and involve the students. Ms. Benoit reported that she did meet with Tania Garcia. Ms. Benoit also spoke with the printing agent to research other venues of production. Ms. Benoit also met with Dr. Sawyer and discussed with him about getting the book out for family and doing package deals. Ms. Benoit also stated that she is having an orientation on getting students involved within the yearbook.

D. SPB- Ms. Mattingly stated that the Luau last week had an estimated attendance of 300 students and SPB did receive positive feedback and will follow up on the assessment. Ms. Mattingly also announced that SPB will be hosting an event at Golf’n Stuff tomorrow. The Programmers are being trained by an internship to create better programmers. SPB is doing training and also giving out fliers at the pit stop event to disseminate information. Also SPB is encouraging sustainability, by having students bring water bottles to events and they will fill their bottles, spend a lot on hospitality and it will be more cost effective in the future.

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business for the ASI Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the University Training Room.

APPROVED: Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands

Chelsee Bente, ASI Board Chairperson  __________________________

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Respectfully Submitted, Deanne Ellison, ASI Board Secretary