

Minutes of the Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. Board Meeting February 5, 2009

The Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. met on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 8am in the California State University, John Spoor Broome Library Room 1730.

Members Present: Ed Lebioda, Miguela Benoit, Lauren Pollack, Richard Wagner, Missy Jarnagin, Eva Klein, Alexandra Mitchell, Jeremy Booker, Michelle Black, Chelsee Bente, Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer

Members Absent: Dr. Donald Rodriguez

Members of the Public Present: Christine Thompson, Korri Faria, Gisselle Gutierrez, Christine Wamba, Matt Hostetter, Jonathan Neira

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Madam Chair, Ms. Chelsee Bente.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Pollack made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22nd board meeting and Ms. Mitchell seconds 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-** No financial reports for the month.

5. Subcommittee Updates-

A. Student Union Update- Mr. Lebioda stated that the Union is progressing steadily and hopes to have a draft of furniture plans. Mr. Lebioda brought to the Board the issue of food services; he stated that he doesn't have enough expertise to tackle everything involved with obtaining food services for the building. Deborah Wylie contacted a representative who opened and started a union and has expertise regarding food vendors and contract agreements.

Ms. Bente stated that she has a construction update meeting Friday February 6th.

6. Outstanding Business-

A. At Large Student Position Interviews- Dr. Sawyer addresses the Board with a concern that the candidates should be screened first through judicial. Through FERPA he cannot disclose student behavioral issues to the Board.

To hedge against any disciplinary cases, the board members will vote on their top three choices, choice one being worth three points, choice two being worth two points, and choice three being worth one point. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Bente will total the scores and present the top score to the Dr. Sawyer in the event the student is under judicial review. If that student is cleared from Dr. Sawyer they will be notified of their new position.

The First candidate called was Ms. Korri Faria.

Ms. Faria stated that she is a political science major, has experience in various leadership roles on campus, and believes it would be a really good experience for her to undergo. Dr. Sawyer asked what the most difficult decision Ms. Faria has made? Ms. Faria stated the difficulty of determining right from wrong within a situation is always a struggle. Dr. Sawyer asked what the difference was of doing something right and doing the right thing. Ms. Faria stated that doing something right isn't necessary right for everyone. If you do choose a path then you have to look at what's in the best interest of everyone. Ms. Mitchell asked Ms. Faria what strengths

she thought she could bring to ASI. Ms. Faria stated that she is a good listener, is understanding, and will speak on behalf of students.

The next candidate interviewed was Gisselle Gutierrez. Ms. Gutierrez stated that she would like to get more involved on campus, be politically active, bring community together, really wants to promote "greenability" on campus, really enjoys talking to people, and wants to get people excited about the University they attend. She stated that one of her strongest qualities was being outgoing. Mr. Booker asked Ms. Gutierrez to speak to her volunteer experience. Ms. Gutierrez ran a preschool out of her house for other moms where she helped children to read. She stated one of her passions is helping mothers with their children, she also stated that she works within the community. Dr. Sawyer asked what the difference was of doing something right and doing the right thing. Ms. Gutierrez stated that doing something right is clear cut, you can help someone or choose not to. She stated that doing the right thing is living that virtue, one generally doesn't have to think about helping, it's a life style. Ms. Jarnagin asked what the most difficult decision Ms. Gutierrez has made in a leadership role. Ms. Gutierrez stated that her decision to leave the ocean was a difficult decision for her because she did it in the best interest of her child. Ms. Mitchell asks what qualities Ms. Gutierrez bring to ASI. Ms. Gutierrez stated that she loves talking to strangers and is ready to do something different in her life, wants to get involved.

The next candidate interviewed was Christine Wamba. Ms. Wamba likes knowing what's happening around campus, she stated she tries to help out as much as she can, will bring new ideas, and is a freshman so she will be around the campus for awhile. Ms. Wamba stated that she is an intern in Student Government. Dr. Sawyer asked what Ms. Wamba felt the difference was between doing something right and doing the right thing. Ms. Wamba stated that when doing the right thing people will admire you, rather, doing something right is doing it for yourself and everyone around you. Mr. Booker asked Ms. Wamba to explain her volunteer experience. Ms. Wamba stated that she helped with the PTA and in her aunt's classroom. Ms. Jarnagin asked Ms. Wamba what was her most difficult decision made in a leadership role. Ms. Wamba stated that when she was on the golf team she had to help the team unite when it fell apart, the difficult aspect was making that decision to become a leader within the team. Ms. Mitchell asked Ms. Wamba what strengths she brought to ASI. Ms. Wamba feels that she is organized and will bring new ideas.

The next candidate interviewed was Matt Hostetter. Mr. Hostetter stated that he is a business major with an emphasis in finance. He stated he is very focused on school and enjoys Channel Islands. Mr. Hostetter wishes to get more involved, got involved with Alumni and Friends and was inspired to get more involved. Mr. Hostetter also sits on the Ventura United Way. He stated that he has some ideas of improvement for the University, especially when it comes to student involvement, he hopes to come up with some ideas to improve program. Dr. Sawyer asked Mr. Hostetter what he felt the difference was between doing something right and doing the right thing. Mr. Hostetter stated that sometimes one is told to do something and when that person does it they are doing the right thing. Then there is the statement of doing the right thing which comes from you. Ms. Jarnagin asked Mr. Hostetter what the most difficult decision he's made in a leadership role. Mr. Hostetter stated that during his work experience, he was helping his company figure out if they should move when the dilemma was business cost vs. employee jobs. Ms. Mitchell asked what strengths Mr. Hostetter would bring to ASI. Mr. Hostetter stated that he is opinionated, will speak up when the time comes, and has a little more experience on the way things work so he can be valuable. He stated that he has many ideas that he would like to share. Mr. Booker asked Mr. Hostetter to share some of those ideas. Mr. Hostetter stated he felt student involvement was an issue and he hopes to somehow improve the system making it more technologically driven to match with the current times. Ms. Pollack asked what Mr. Hostetter believed the function of the ASI board to be. Mr. Hostetter stated that he has more of a general understanding, ASI is encompassed by the four main entities and is a governing board of those entities. Ms. Mitchell asked Mr. Hostetter what he felt his greatest weakness was. Mr. Hostetter stated that at times he would take the easy route, not necessarily being lazy but the route that would not be as difficult.

The next candidate interviewed was Jonathon Neira. Mr. Neira grew up in Camarillo and lives up in Newbury park. He went to college in a different city and came back home because he loves the University and wants to be a part of Student Government. Dr. Sawyer asked Mr. Neira what the difference is between doing something right and doing the right thing. Mr. Neira stated that doing the right thing would stand on morals and principles as oppose to the other. Mr. Booker asked Mr. Neira to elaborate on his involvement in ASI. Mr. Neira stated that he went to a small high school and felt he had many opportunities because of the enrollment that he otherwise would have. He feels these same opportunities are available at the University. Ms. Jarnagin asked what the most difficult decision Mr. Neira has made in leadership role. Mr. Neira stated that he didn't have dances at his Christian school so they all went out to eat and he had to pull the activity together in order for the

event to occur. Ms. Mitchell asked Mr. Neira what strengths he brings to ASI. Mr. Neira stated that he is an outgoing person and loves to be a part of the campus community. His biggest weakness is that he can be pretty hard on himself

The interviews are concluded and Mr. Wagner asks the Board if they are looking for experience. Ms. Bente states that it doesn't really matter, but hopes the candidate can potentially stay next year if they get elected. Dr. Sawyer asked the Board if they wanted someone that will grow into the role or are they simply looking for the immediate fill of the position. Mr. Wagner would like to see the someone in the position that can stay for awhile. Ms. Mitchell thinks that philosophically we would like to see people that will last and be consistent but doesn't want to put the youngest on the board; some candidates have little to no experience, but as the ASI board we can't take experience lightly.

Board decides to use the ballot system of voting and will give their top three candidates.

B. ASI Strategic Plan- Ms. Bente suggests moving the approval of the mission statement to next meeting.

C. Funding Task Force- Ms. Benoit received a quote from survey monkey.com for \$19.95. She stated that she met with Peter Mosinskis in IT in which, he stated that they can do the survey on the CSUCI website and sent to students through Dolphin e-mail. The cost quoted to be \$30 an hour which equals \$105. Ms. Benoit asked the board what method of survey they preferred. Mr. Booker asked if the surveys can be saved and possibly reused in the future. Ms. Benoit stated that through IT they may be able to hold on to it. Ms. Bente asked which method will could have the survey up the fastest. Ms. Benoit stated that IT said they can get it by next Friday and Survey Monkey is as soon as we get it to them. Mr. Wagner requests using Zoomerang as an option, the chamber uses as a survey option. Ms. Klein stated that she feels it is safer to go with our IT department. Mr. Wagner moves that we use IT, Mr. Booker seconds, the motion to use the CSUCI IT service is approved by the board.

D. ASI Logo policy- Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Bente have been working on the policy and took into consideration all the feedback the board gave; they are currently compiling all the information. Ms. Mitchell stated that she hopes to have a draft by next full board meeting.

E. Sustainability Task Force- Ms. Mattingly stated that she met with the UPACC committee to make sure they aren't doubling up on forms as well as how they can collaborate. She hopes that the entity leaders will send out a SWOT analysis in order for ASI to take an audit of their own practices so they can get an honest stock of where they are and where they want to be. Dr. Sawyer suggested using the news stands for people to drop off their own SWOT analysis that they can find in the a CI View newspaper edition.

F. Update of ASI Executive Director- Dr. Sawyer stated that they have received nine applications that are qualified. He googled a few candidates and found they had some negative records. He stated that they have four good candidates and feels comfortable with moving forward. He stated that all Vice Presidents will get together and make recommendations to the President of who they need to hire. On Monday they were able to hire a few police officers, an MFT counselor and a few staff members. ASI does not need to comply with the hiring freeze because it is an auxiliary and receives revenues through fees.

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

- A. Budget Request Form:** Ms. Mattingly stated that she requested to add a sustainability question to the ASI Budget Request Form; she asks the board to review her suggestion.
- B. FaceBook:** Ms. Bente states that within this social network she would like to have a forum of communication that goes directly to students that ASI would service. She feels it would make it easier to communicate, that it is sustainable, and informal. She asks if there are any objections of the board. Dr. Sawyer cautions the board not to get engaged in FaceBook negativity and keep close regulation on the network.

- C. **Elections:** Ms. Bente states that applications are out, and asks the Board to get the word out to students. Students can pick up the applications at the SEAL Center and elections will be held on March 17th & 18th.
- D. **SPB Kings Tickets:** Wendy Moorison addresses the Board. Ms. Moorison states that SPB has purchased LA kings tickets and will be hosting its third annual Kings Game event. She would like to sell the tickets at \$10 to students and to guests for \$20. SPB will not be making money from the sale of the tickets but hopes to limit how many student take the tickets. Students must sign a waiver of release. She asks for a motion to allow to sell Kings tickets at \$10 to students and \$20 to guests. Dr. Sawyer moves to approve the motion, Mr. Wagner seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- E. Ms. Jarnagin brought to the board news from the copy committee. She said they are trying to cut costs that the library is going through which is 10,000 paper per day. A lot of electronic books are hurting the University in the long run. She would like to get the ASI Board's thoughts.

9. Entity Reports

- A. **SPB** – Ms. Mattingly stated that she submitted an advertisement to the student body to get new volunteers. She also stated that the picnic status is to be determined
- B. **CI View** - Ms. Klein stated that the CI View has submitted their issues and their major goal is to update the ASI website, complete their budget, and focus on the distribution teams.
- C. **The Nautical**- Ms. Benoit stated that the Nautical has their first meeting on Friday.
- D. **Student Government** – Ms. Mitchell has nothing to report

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business for the ASI Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library Room 1710.

APPROVED: Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands

Chelsee Bente, ASI Board Chairperson

Date

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Thompson, ASI Board Secretary