

Minutes of the Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. Board Meeting March 12, 2009

The Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands, Inc. met on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 8am in the California State University, Bell Tower West room 1188.

Members Present: Eva Klein, Chelsea Bente, Miguella Benoit, Michelle Black, Jeremy Booker, Edwin Lebioda, Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Missy Jarnagin (conference phone), Jonathon Neira, Alexandra Mitchell; Richard Wagner

Members Absent: Lauren Pollack

Members of the Public Present: Christine Thompson, Stephanie Bracamontes, Joshua Bauer, Timothy Allen

1. Budget Requests-

Eva Klein presents the CI View Student Newspaper budget:

The purpose of the CI Newspaper is to represent the voice of the students and deliver relevant information. Future objectives include: a larger staff, provide more content, provide an online format, a committed distribution team, and become self sufficient. Ms. Klein states that the View is requesting less with the hopes of getting everything accomplished, most of the budget goes to the salaries of: the Editor and Chief, Graphics and Layout, Director of Finance, Office Manager and printing costs (Ventura county prints at costs but may go up next year due to the economy).

Ms Jarnagin asks how much the CI View obtains from advertising revenue, Ms. Klein says approximately \$2,876.

Alexandra Mitchell presents the Student Government Budget:

Major portion of the budget goes to programs and events such as: Dolphin Discount Program, Readership Program, Clubs and Orgs, Maximus Award Ceremony, and conference and seminars (CSSA an organization to foster and coordinate communication among campus student associations to bring about unity in addressing campus and statewide issues.) Budget at a Glance: Last year Student Government received \$95,000 which included IRA paying for half (\$3,000) of the readership program, if they receive the funds this year then they will give ASI back whatever IRA awards. Budget Proposal highlights: conference and seminars are increasing because they are taking more people to CHESS (four more interns), added a director of statewide affairs (this person goes to CSSA 10 hour a week paid position). Student Government hasn't purchased promotional items for awhile and feel that because the campus is going through hard economic times its important for ASI to provide such items for students. The budget request has reduced the clubs and orgs budget (trying to encourage clubs to fundraise and request their budgets early), events (plan to collaborate more with the local community to cut costs), Meet ASI, and Dolphin Discount Programs

Mr. Booker commented that the difference for the Clubs and Orgs is greater than specified in the presentation.

Dr. Sawyer asked if the Statewide Affairs position that Student Government is requesting is typically paid for in other organizations? Ms. Mitchell stated that it depends on the campus and how their AS is set up, some are paid in stipends. Ms. Mitchell would like to see the position paid for because it requires a lot of time.

Mr. Lebioda asks what the current process is for the clubs and orgs to request funds. Ms. Mitchell states that once they are an approved club they receive \$200 seed money then they can request funds for particular events or products.

Mr. Wagner asks what does Student Government spend on the DDP. Ms. Mitchell states that most of the funds are spent on postage and advertising. Mr. Wagner suggests that Student Government improve the program and doesn't know the costs.

Miguela Benoit Presents the Nautical Yearbook budget:

Ms. Benoit states that the purpose of the organization is to provide each interested student with an annual yearbook at the highest quality and lowest price, provide students with identity and legacy, tools and opportunities to experience necessary skills to succeed outside of courses and classrooms, uphold quality, content, distribution, scope and integrity of the services and products, improve upon our environmentally conservative practices, spread awareness of the yearbook. Staff has double this year and is very committed, purchases have grown at certain events such as grad fest. Ms. Benoit states that the yearbook brought in revenue of \$2,575 which didn't cover the printing of the book. The budget will be re-classed for administrative fees of \$350 in order to purchase software for computers. Working with shipping and receiving on campus to reduce the cost of shipping out the yearbook. Cut the cost of the book by \$10,000. Ms. Benoit states that she is trying to spend on the bare necessities for this year. The yearbook has reduced the advertising rates and will be in color and will receive \$10 from the photography company for each graduation photo they receive.

Ms. Jarnagin asks how many books has the yearbook sold over the last couple of years. Ms. Benoit doesn't know but will get that numbers for the Board.

Ms. Jarnagin asks if The Nautical has already committed to the costs for next year. Ms. Benoit stated that they have not because they wanted to make sure they were going to get funded by ASI.

Timothy Allen presents the Student Programming Board budget:

The actual budget for last year was \$90,000 it was a mistake on the excel spreadsheet that makes it look like SPB was over budget. Budget at a glance: most of the budget goes towards events \$52,669, professional fees and hospitality, decorations, and salaries of \$23,407.75. SPB is requesting more money to do events at the Union. SPB could service off of \$86,000 which would cut \$5,000 for the Union programming and cutting \$3,000 for Director of Operations position; every other cut would be from events. Mr. Allen states that SPB is looking to bring in more revenue events.

Dr. Sawyer asks if SPB has given thought about smaller activities to do in the Union or at the Tree House. Mr. Allen states that they have thought about doing more sustainable events that wouldn't cost us much but bring in revenue.

Dr. Sawyer mentioned how proud he is of the ASI groups and the how they have taken responsibility of their budgets.

2. Adjournment- 8:58am

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Bell Tower West room 1188.

APPROVED: Associated Students of California State University, Channel Islands

Chelsee Bente, ASI Board Chairperson

Date

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Thompson, ASI Board Secretary