

CABINET MINUTES
Meeting #10
November 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Argame called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Matthew Argame (Chair/Chief of Staff)
Author Yao (Secretary for Academic Affairs)
Alex Bellenger (Secretary for City Affairs)
Victoria Villa (Secretary for Cultural Diversity)
Courtney Yamagiwa (Secretary for Internal Affairs)(**AR@10:16AM**)
Marc Guest (Secretary for Veterans Affairs)
Simran Nath (Secretary for Disability Affairs)
Paul Fernandez (Secretary for LGBTIQ+ Affairs)
Justin Bradley (Public Defender)
Dale Lendrum (Secretary for System-Wide Affairs)
Kenia Duarte (Secretary for AB540 & Undocumented Students)
LaKeisha Jeanmarie (Secretary Govt. Recruitment)(**AR@10:46AM**)

Voting Members Absent

VACANT (Attorney General)
Emily Ayers (Press Secretary)
Marvin Flores (ASI President)
Darshan Patel (Secretary, Intl' Student Affairs)
Amanda Martinez (Secretary for Sustainability)
Jacee Cantler (Secretary for Women's & Gender Equity Affairs)

Non-voting Members Present

Ms. Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director of Govt. Affairs & Initiatives)

Non-voting Members Absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Lendrum (S) Villa to approve the Cabinet Agenda for Meeting #10, November 14, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chief of Staff Matthew Argame reported the following:

- Reminded Cabinet about the email he sent out with important information needed from Cabinet members, and he said to make sure to respond to them.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chief of Staff Argame spoke on President Flores' behalf and encouraged anyone who is available to attend the CSU Board of Trustees meeting.

Sec. Lendrum said SQE will be there from 6 a.m. Tuesday, November 15th until 3p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action item: Cabinet Meeting #9 Minutes, October 31, 2016

(M) Villa (S) Lendrum to approve Cabinet Meeting #9 Minutes, October 31, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Cabinet Support for Project Rebound

Sec. Lendrum said that a lot of progress has been made with the project. Project Rebound in terms of CSULB would be a special admissions program to help formerly incarcerated individuals to attend CSULB. The program will offer special admissions to those who might not otherwise have been able to get into college due to minor academic discrepancies. Sec. Lendrum said they eventually want to offer AA, Bachelor's and Master's degrees inside. Additionally, Sec. Lendrum said it is looking at educating at the Terminal Jail in the Port of Long Beach. The program will stay in place where incarcerated individuals receive Pell grants.

Sec. Lendrum stated that the program requires a leader who has been formerly incarcerated. The ad hoc committee ranges from criminal justice, history, and sociology academic professionals who are part of Dr. Shafer's team on the project. He requested from Dean Wallace office space, and that request has been granted. Sec. Lendrum said that President Conoley has given her support to the program. He said the project has tremendous amounts of support, and spoke with Mr. Haller about funding from ASI, and he hopes for the support from this Cabinet.

Sec. Lendrum is also working with a group of senators to formulate a resolution in support of Project Rebound.

Chief of Staff Argame stated that there is a lot of intersectionality in the program and supports it. Sec. Lendrum said that intersectionality overlaps with many other groups of people who are represented within ASI and within their constituency groups, and people from all backgrounds that have been in prison.

Sec. Guest asked if there will be requirements set into place to make sure that the formerly incarcerated students who come onto campus are not overwhelmed with the workload and rigor. Sec. Lendrum stated that the last thing they want to do is set anyone up for failure. He said essentially 99% of academic requirements to enter are the same as other students, it would mostly be lessening certain application deadlines. They will have to have a GED or high school equivalent, some of these people have already been educated at a community college. Sec. Lendrum said it won't be making it easy, and they will make sure that the voice of all students heard in regards to safety concerns and educate them as well as have safety mechanisms in place.

(M) Duarte (S) Lendrum to support Project Rebound

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 10-0-0

B. Action Item: Creation of Ad Hoc Committee for Project Rebound

Sec. Lendrum stated the purpose of the ad hoc committee would be to oversee the organization and implementation of the project, and it would be made up of various campus members, and President Flores has the last say. They were thinking of having a combination of ASI members; Executives, Cabinet, and Senators. He said they will not be restricting the amount of students in the program because they are essential.

There will be Students-at-Large who are doing research in these areas of social sciences, etc. Various faculty members who have already been working on their end of the project will be on the committee. They are also looking to have Dr. Jeff Klaus the Dean of Students to bring in his expertise.

(M) Bellenger (S) Guest to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Project Rebound

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 10-0-0

10. REPORTS

A. Secretary for System-Wide Affairs

Secretary Lendrum reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- One-on-One with Chief of Staff Argame.

- Prepared for the proposed tuition increase forum.
- Assisted in bringing the forum to the on campus election protest.
- Lobby Corps members at the CSU BOT this week.
- Sec. Lendrum was approved to publicly address the CSU BOT Finance Committee on Tuesday (90 secs maximum).
- CHESS publicity is up campus wide. As of last week had received 14 applications, and need help promoting.
- Lobby Corps was unable to make quorum last week so there is no new news to report relative to them.

Goals for the next week:

- Review Trello daily. Update and add suggestions, ideas, comments when appropriate.
- Complete Senate Resolution to Support Project Rebound.
- Draft letter to CSSA outlining our grievances and how CSSA execs can move forward in addressing and appropriately resolving them.
- Meet with President Flores to outline Vision 2020.
- Hold 1st Project Rebound Ad Hoc Committee meeting.
- Close CHESS applications and prepare for interviews.
- Confirm district visits of elected officials.

Student Concerns:

- Students are concerned that the ideologies of our president-elect threaten their inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- Students are concerned about those whom chose to label rather than take the time to understand them.
- Students are concerned about the America they are inheriting.
- Students are concerned about the national move to privatize education.
- Students are concerned about yet another proposed tuition increase.
- Students are concerned with business as usual.

B. Secretary for Veterans Affairs

Secretary Guest reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Successful veteran's week celebrations.
- Updates to the SVA conference, CSULB will not be able to host an event here.

Goals for the next week:

- VetNet will table for Disability week.
- Gather list of CSULB attendees to SVA conference and register.

Student Concerns:

- No student concerns.

C. Press Secretary

Secretary Ayers reported the following:

- No Report.

D. Secretary for Disability Affairs

Secretary Nath reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- DEAM: Inclusion in the Workplace Event.
- Rescheduling of Disability Awareness Week.
 - Resource Fair: Wednesday 11am-1pm SRWC.
 - Discussion Panel: Thursday 9am-11am Beach Auditorium.

Goals for the next week:

- Senate presentation.
- Look further into policies that need to be changed & focus more attention on that.

Student Concerns:

- No Student Concerns.

E. AB540 & Undocumented Students

Secretary Duarte reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Attended weekly meetings with DSC and OMA.
- Have a speaker for “A Day in the Life of Undocumented Student.”
- Finalized the date, time, and location for all events happening Spring semester.
- Moving Ally Training to February.

Goals for next week:

- Weekly meetings.
- Undocu5k November 19th 8am-2pm at the Pyramid.
- Keep advocating for the rights of all people especially my undocumented community.

Student Concerns:

- Undocumented students do not feel safe on campus.

Anything Else:

- Sec. Duarte said that as ASI leaders they are the voices for the students. She asked that no matter what their political stance, that they stand behind students who are extremely afraid now. They are afraid of being targeted for being undocumented, for practicing a certain religion, for liking someone of the same sex, the fear is very real.

F. Secretary for Academic Affairs

Secretary Yao reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Reviewed submitted reports by student representatives attending the various Academic Senate and University-level meetings at CSULB.
- Improvement of roughly 4% from last week: Report rate is now at 75.93%.
- Working on resolving outstanding issues in reporting system, Privileged information — student IDs.
- Created, revised, and discussed survey to garner feedback on committee/council/board meetings from student representatives with Lindsay San Miguel.
- “What is in your way?” (to graduation) — brief discussion with President Flores; more to follow in the future...to work in coordination with Academic Senate Chair Nobert Schurer & Provost Brian Jersky (pending follow-up) *may be deferred to next semester unless time-sensitive.

Goals for next week:

- Will continue working on reporting system
- Hopefully disseminate the survey for feedback on meetings from student representatives.
- Will continue reviewing reports.
- Planning goals for the next & final semester.

Student Concerns:

- Student Fee Advisory Committee: During the Annual Student Fee Report, it was brought to our attention that students pay \$5 every semester for ID card services, apart from the replacement fee. It was justified as a fund for the ID services system and maintenance. This amount seems very expensive and excessive. A breakdown of the cost and revenue of the ID services system should be requested to ensure that students are not being overcharged. In addition, all of the student fees reported should be reviewed again to ensure that they are reasonable and necessary.
- Academic Senate: Academic Senate Retreat had an unequitable distribution of “talk time” — faculty/admins spoke most of the time, leaving student voices unheard. Also, just having one student in each table (which was approximately, 20 tables) is unreasonable and unfair. The Academic Senate and Retreat needs to be an open, inviting environment for students to participate. For the retreat, it should be a campus-wide announcement. This event should be accessible to all students.
- President's Commission on the Status of Women: The Genocide Awareness Project that comes on campus every spring can be very troubling for people who must experience it. Share testimonies about experiences viewing the Genocide Project and support the initiative to get the project moved from central campus.
- University Clean Energy Working Group: Mainly this group needs help with funding their project and in reaching their goal of getting campus to have a net zero energy use. The plan that has been set forth is rigorous and in order for us to reach our goal by 2020, there needs to be things happening now, and finding innovative ways to reduce our energy usage or offset it elsewhere. It would be great if ASI could help with funding, or make recommendations as to potential ways the working group can receive funding. Also coming up with ideas of how to upgrade infrastructure on campus and while doing so making the buildings have a net zero energy standard whether they are new or existing buildings. Another way to decrease fossil fuels is to have more on campus housing for students (less commuting) which would need support behind it.
- Curriculum and Educational Policies Council: "Parenting students need accommodations and support. " Provide facilities that these students can express milk. The attendance policy should be revised to accommodate the needs of parenting students.

G. Attorney General

- No Report.

H. Secretary for City Affairs

Secretary Bellenger reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- City Council Meeting: Next meeting is no November 1th. Planning on speaking during public comments on tuition increase
- PCSW meeting: WGEC menstrual products drive, lactation rooms on campus need work and publicity, and changing stations in men’s rooms.
- Lobby Corps (Nov. 10th) cancelled.

Goals for the next week:

- Connect with Liz Waite from LBCC regarding the Homelessness Task Force.
- Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Smart Start.

Student Concerns:

- Violent acts as a result of the election, Is there anything we can do to ensure students won’t be deported?

Anything Else:

- Be mindful of other’s personal touching, no nonconsensual touching, and to give credit where it’s due.

I. Secretary for Cultural Diversity

Secretary Villa reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- The Queer Arts and Crafts Fair will be Wednesday, November 30th from 12-3pm, and vendors should be signing up through Orgsync, but that isn't linked up. For now reach out to Sec. Villa and Sec. Fernandez if they have any vendors in mind.
- Everyone spread the word about the event and recognize it's important in bringing visibility and awareness to a marginalized community.
- Still working on the Multicultural Festival.
- Attended the PCSW Meeting.
- Helped put together the resource tents last week for two days and helped hundreds of students, one tent with services and another for students to express themselves.

Goals for the next week:

- Going to start pushing hard for more mental health resources, and to help them extend their reach.

Student Concerns:

- Tension is building every semester, and she stated it is because nothing is happening on the university side to provide belief and the administration needs to do something to help. She said it is important to push administration to do whatever they can, and she encourages everyone to step up and bring resources to students. She said that most of the larger issues on campus went unresolved and not talked about, and students feel like the university doesn't always care about them and that there is a major disconnect between the students and the administration, and that they don't trust the university.

Anything Else:

- ASI aligning with SQE has helped to add a level of trust.

Chief of Staff Argame said that one thing he wants to bring up to Carmen Taylor is to have counselors within each of the different Colleges that way they are more accessible to students. He thanked Sec. Villa for her hard work in setting up the resource tents for students after the election, and he said it is important to acknowledge the different ways that people grieve.

J. Secretary for International Students

Secretary Patel reported the following:

- No Report.

K. Secretary for Internal Affairs

Secretary Yamagiwa reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Attended PARC.
- Addressed CSSA.
- Met with Transportation to review survey.
- Set up meeting with Don Penrod about healthy, affordable food on campus.
- Possible location for a Mensa? Carls Jr. contract ending soon.
- Began planning Night Safety Walk, Dec. 6th 6-8pm.

Goals for the next week:

- Meet with Don Penrod.
- Attend CSU BOT.
- Meetings with campus police possibly.

Student concerns:

- Safety, assault during peaceful protest.

L. Secretary for LGBTQI+ Affairs

Secretary Fernandez reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Met with Johnny Bishop, a member of Q&A to create a committee for next semester's ReachOUT event.
- Met with Dr. Higgins, Madonna Hanna of OMA and several students to discuss the new direction of the LGBTQI+ resource center on campus. We also cleaned it too.
- Continued meetings with Kaila from Beach Pride (Queer Arts and Crafts).
- Continued meetings Christian Lozano from OMA (Multicultural Festival).
- Contacted Robert Aiello-Hauser, the Director for Student Engagement and Inclusion from CSU San Marcos.
- Assisted with Sec. Villa and the Office of Multicultural Affairs' expression boards.
- Updated Trello.

Goals for the next week:

- Meet with Christian Lozano and Pamela Jesse about Multicultural Festival.
- Meet with Kaila from Beach Pride about Queer Arts and Crafts Fair.
- Discuss and map a possible long term 'Queer Success Initiative' program with VP Vournas.
- Collect results from OUTober assessment.
- Continue engaging with Robert Aiello-Hauser from CSU San Marcos.

Student Concerns:

- Lack of CAPS availability.
- Being LGBTQI+ and living in an unpredictable future under current federal administration.

M. Public Defender

Public Defender Bradley reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Know Your Rights campaign.

Goals for the next week:

- Know Your Rights campaign.

Student Concerns:

- Thanked Sec. Villa for her work with the resource tents. He stated that coming out of the knife incident that it was a draining experience and showed that administration is willing to say anything to shift blame so he said it becomes hard to instill change. He also said that he has been fighting for years to get more black students on campus, and what they can do to make their experience on campus worthwhile.
- The struggles with administration have been going on for a while. He stated that with the Know Your Rights Campaign they want to shift their attention and he said he thinks the necessary thing to do will be giving them an outlet to speak and providing mental and spiritual health safe spaces.
- It would be great to partner with cultural organizations to have a series of open safe spaces throughout the semester to see if ASI can provide places for people outside, that way when students walk by they can participate and would like to coordinate this with Sec. Villa.

N. Secretary for Sustainability:

- No Report.

O. Secretary for Women's Gender Equity:

Secretary Cantler reported the following:

- No Report.

P. Secretary for Government Recruitment

Secretary Jeanmarie reported the following:

Work completed since last report:

- Beach Team meeting.
- Senate report.
- 100 classes in 100 days: HSC 435 & HSC 402.
- ASI testimonial sent to Beach Team.
- Mixer - December 5th, USU 1st floor.
- Distributed more mentors to mentees.
- Created expectations for next Beach Team Mixer Committees meeting.
- More sign-ups for Mixer Committees.

Goals for the next week:

- Beach Team progress with mentor updates.
- Mixer committee tasks.
- Theme for Mixer- by Monday.

Student Concerns:

- Secretary for Mental Health Awareness- Michelle Kim (Beach Teamer).
- Parking: Can we have available spaces sign?- Maame (Beach Teamer).
- CBA concrete slippery when wet- Eric (Beach Teamer).
- More quiet study spaces- Aaron (Beach Teamer).
- More parking security- Beach Teamer.

Anything Else:

- Next Beach Team meeting- November 17th at 12PM in USU205.
- Please be nice to mentees.
- Not all Beach Teamers have signed up for the Mentor-Mentee program.
- Please RSVP for Mixer once Beach Teamers send out invitation.

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Sec. Lendrum wanted to bring Cabinet up to date with CSULB's participation with CSSA. He said that two weeks ago CSSA was at Channel Islands and a big topic was the proposed tuition increase. He submitted two agenda item requests, one recommending that the Executives and Finance Committees use some of the money through SIRF funding to help smaller universities to fund campaigns to combat the tuition increase. He was assured that it would be provided.

Sec. Lendrum found out at the meeting that it wasn't happening, and learned nothing was placed on the agenda to address this, and they invited the Chancellor to speak on Sunday, but that he encouraged students to go to the State Legislator. Sec. Lendrum said that isn't the job of the students to reach out to the State Legislator.

Sec. Lendrum stated that CSULB asked what they have been doing for the past four years since it seems to have not been working. The Executives in CSSA sent an email to all of the universities telling them which ones would be allowed to speak to the Chancellor, and which questions they could ask, Sec. Lendrum said it was censorship. He expressed frustration that individuals had driven hours to speak to the Chancellor, and that the CSSA also placed a time limit on the public comments which he found disrespectful.

Sec. Lendrum reported that the Executives of CSSA lied to him and his constituents and to those he serves at CSULB and they tried to censor them. He felt like CSSA sounded like an extension of the Chancellor's Office versus the voice of students. Because of this Sec. Lendrum said that until CSSA serves students, then CSULB is removing

themselves from the table, and if need be President Flores supports a campaign for students to opt out of the SIRF funding if it is no longer serving students as it should be.

Ms. San Miguel reminded Cabinet to send over any retreat ideas whether it be topics, additional trainings, resources, team builders, and they can respond by November 23rd or if they prefer to be anonymous drop a note in her mailbox. She also asked that Cabinet help to recruit someone for the position of Attorney General since that position will be important with the upcoming election season.

Ms. San Miguel said she is proud of each and every one of the Cabinet members and that she is impressed with their hearts, minds, and willingness to be courageous and stand up against adversity. She said that she is always there for them and is a source of support. She said her office is always open if anyone ever needs a safe space or a moment to breathe. She said despite being in the grind of things she does see everyone and is impressed by every single person.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Argame adjourned the meeting at 10:58am.