

SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting Minutes #1
June 17, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Mr. Carlos Vergara, College of Engineering
Kelsey Kimmes, College of Arts
Ms. Rainbow Sun, College of Business Administration
Mr. Vanessa Coover, College of Education
Mr. Kenia Garcia, College of Engineering
Ms. Devin Ablard, College of Liberal Arts
Mr. Fatima Hasan, College of Health & Human Services
Mr. Lisa Nguyen, College of Health & Human Services
Ms. Yasmin Elsamar, College of Natural Science & Math
Mr. Miguel Garcia, College of Natural Science & Math
Ms. Nikki Estanol, At-Large
Mr. Marvin Flores, At-Large
Senator Logan Vournas, At-Large
Mr. David Kling, At-Large
Ms. Perla Montes, At-Large
Mr. Richard Borjas, At-Large
Ms. Miriam Hernandez, Vice President
Dr. Jeane Caveness, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

Ms. Kimberly Kreszyn, College of Education
Mr. Marcus Harwell, College of the Arts
Mr. Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Rep
Ms. Leslie Garcia, College of Business Administration
Mr. Milton Duena, College of Liberal Arts

Non-voting Members Present

Mr. Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director)
Dr. Kim Tabari (Asst. Director, Student Involvement & Leadership)

Non-voting Members Absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Lisa Nguyen (S) Marvin Flores to approve the Agenda.
VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

5. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORT

A. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Board
1) USUBOT Meeting #12 dated May 1, 2015

(M) Marvin Flores (S) Fatima Hasan to approve the Consent Calendar/Report.
VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business
There was none.

B. Non-Legislative

There was none.

C. Executive Business

1. PA #2015-01: Confirmation of ASI Chief of Staff – Scott Schultz

Mr. Schultz introduced himself to the Board. He shared that there was a lot of false allegations made about him at the prior meeting. He shared that he interviewed with the ASI President and it simply feels like this delay in his confirmation is political. He added that others that did not get the Chief of Staff position should get over. He has had his character assassinated and he is very disappointed in some of the members of the board. However, he wants to do the job of Chief of Staff. His concern is getting to work and the ASI President appointed him as stated in the Bylaws. He concluded that he would be an asset to the corporation.

The meeting reopened for discussion and voting on the confirmation

(M) Sen. Devin **(S)** Sen. Carlos to confirm ASI Chief of Staff (COS)– Scott Schultz.

Sen. Vanessa shared that Mr. Schultz would be a good confirmation and would make ASI look more inclusive regardless of his experience. The organization wants to be perceived as a place where all are welcome.

Sen. Devin agreed that there should be diversity within candidates for the corporation, however, his concern is that there is too much negative controversy around Mr. Schultz and it would be a distraction.

Sen. David shared that Sen. Vanessa comments are contradictory because the ASI President chose someone from his inner circle, not from the general student population.

Sen. Vanessa responded that Sen. David cannot know that because he is not the ASI President. No one knows what the President thought or felt during interviews because the Board members were not present.

Sen. David shared that a lot cannot be said in the public meeting to remain professional, and that is the reason it is so difficult. There is more to the story but the Board is maintaining professionalism as students, candidates, etc., are in the gallery.

Sen. Logan shared that the COS should be very qualified, and as a prior cabinet member its important to have a leader that would best serve the students. The previous COS was amazing and personally she would not have wanted Mr. Schultz to be her COS. Therefore, if the secretaries are not comfortable then it hurts ASI.

Sen. Lisa shared thoughts on the responsibilities of the COS. She added that although she admires Mr. Schultz, he is becoming a bit messy and his platform goals as a candidate for AS Vice President are the same as his Chief of Staff goals which seems like a replacement of one job for another. She read his goals aloud. Sen. Lisa compared the prior COS (Jay Jenkins) goals which were all specific to cabinet secretary positions. Her concern is that the current COS applicant Mr. Schultz, does not have such goals and these are her critical analysis of the applicant, nothing personal.

Sen. Vanessa shared that the confirmation is controversial and a lot of the information is random and biased, and based on who you are siding with therefore, she is not sure what information is accurate.

Vice President Hernandez reminded the board to focus the discussion on the candidate's qualifications for the position.

Sen. Fatima shared her experience with Mr. Schultz as a guest to Lobby Corps, where he was not cooperating with the chair regarding seating arrangements. She surmised that this showed that Mr. Schultz is not willing to work with people as a team.

Sen. Devin expressed that Mr. Schultz’s earlier public comments to the Board today and the last Senate meeting, was indicative of poor communication and will not foster open environment with students in ASI. The speech today was very hostile.

Sen. Yasmin stated that being personable is very important for this position. She added that in her experience Mr. Schultz was attacked by the board and therefore, he is responded to that.

Sen. Devin shared that the COS will be dealing with controversial issues such as the Dream Resource Center and the person cannot react in a hostile manner.

Sen. Lisa asked for clarification on how Mr. Schultz performed with other members of the board to a trip to Sacramento with Lobby Corp. Sen. Devin shared that the group of 23 students travelled together to meet with CA representatives. They were all asked to dress in a CSULB shirt that was purchased for that reason to show school pride and unity. Mr. Schultz refused to wear the LB gear, he had his feet on the table during the staffer meeting. Mr. Schultz appeared to have his own agenda during the meeting with the legislator. He did not want to talk about things that were specific to Lobby Corp initiatives.

Sen. David shared that the board appears to be engaged and he admires that they are being very thoughtful and intentional.

Sen. Lisa shared that as a prior Cabinet member she had a good relationship with her COS who was open minded and feels that the person in this role should have the characteristics of being a team player and welcoming of all students.

The Chair requested a Roll Call vote:

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| Board | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| Senator Marcus Harwell | ABSENT | | |
| Senator Kelsey Kimmes | 1 | | |
| Senator Leslie Garcia | ABSENT | | |
| Senator Rainbow Sun | | 1 | |
| Senator Vanessa Coover | 1 | | |
| Senator Kimberly Kresyn | ABSENT | | |
| Senator Kenia Garcia | | 1 | |
| Senator Carlos Vergara | 1 | | |
| Senator Fatima Hasan | | 1 | |
| Senator Lisa Nguyen | | 1 | |
| Senator Devin Ablard | | 1 | |
| Senator Milton Duena | ABSENT | | |
| Senator Miguel Garcia | | 1 | |
| Senator Yasmin Elasmr | 1 | | |
| Senator Logan Vournas | | 1 | |
| Senator Nikki Estanol | | 1 | |
| Senator Perla Montes | | 1 | |
| Senator Richard Borjas | | 1 | |
| Senator Marvin Flores | | 1 | |
| Senator David Kling | | 1 | |
| VP Hernandez | | | 1 |
| Dr. Caveness | 1 | | |
| Mr. Jarvis | ABSENT | | |
| TOTAL | 5 | 12 | 1 |

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

There was none.

B. Non Legislative Business

Action Item: Review of Chief of Staff Candidates score sheet

(Closed Session pursuant to California Education Code Section 89307(c)(1): The Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act.)

Without objection Vice President Hernandez requested Mr. Haller remain during closed session as he chaired the committee in question. She asked that all those that are not members of the board to leave the chambers.

The board moved into closed session for discussion.

C. Executive Business

1. Action Item: PA#2016-03: Confirmation of Chief Justice: Jason Jose

Mr. Jose introduced himself as a 3rd year Political Science major with an emphasis on Law, Politics & Policy, and minor in Comparative Literature and Business Administration, specifically Entrepreneurship. He expressed that his goal is to become a lawyer and eventually a Justice for Supreme Court. He served as an Associate Justice in the prior year and shared things he worked on last year's such as student representative on grade appeals committees. They also had an attorney come in and answered student legal questions. Outside of ASI he is a member and President of the Vietnamese Student Association; he is a member of the Political Student Association and serving as a member of Circle K, a community service organization. He enumerated his goals for Chief Justice are to continue serving on grade appeal committees, offering pro bono services to students with attorneys coming in to help students, and helping students fill out grade appeal forms.

Senator Marvin Flores asked how will he get more awareness about grade appeals process and Mr. Jose shared that more marketing and judiciary members making classroom announcements.

Senator Lisa Nguyen asked what he could improve for the upcoming year. Mr. Jose shared that last year the meeting time was at 8am, and this was difficult for many students. He hopes that in the upcoming year to make the time in the middle of the day which would be more appropriate for students.

Dr. Kim Tabari asked what he would improve upon as a former Justice. Mr. Jose expressed that he worked, carried 18 units, pledged a fraternity, etc, and time management was a challenge, but will be practiced this year.

Mr. Richard Haller asked Mr. Jose about his date of graduation and he responded that it is in two years, 2017.

Senator Kenia Garcia asked if the Judiciary would bring lawyers to assist the undocumented students and Mr. Jose said yes. Attorneys would be available for all students.

Senator David Kling expressed that he admired Mr. Jose's composure and was very impressed.

(M) Sen. Devin Ablard (S) Sen. Marvin Flores to confirm Jason Jose as their ASI Chief Justice for 2015-2016.

Senator Devin Ablard shared that Mr. Jose has passion and composure as he will be a great asset to the student body.

Senator Lisa Nguyen agreed.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senator Vanessa Coover asked about the next step regarding the Chief of Staff position. Mr. Richard Haller explained that the ASI President can do a Request for Reconsideration and ask the Board to vote again.

Senator Hernandez shared that it is important to be on time so please do so. She reminded the board that the next meeting is Wednesday July 8.

The board sang happy birthday to Senators Carlos, Kenia and Kelsey.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Vice President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at pm.

RECORDED BY:

Dr. Kim Tabari, ASI Staff

Date

APPROVED BY:

Miriam Hernandez, ASI Vice-President

Date

VETO OR WAIVE VETOES BY:

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Veto

Items: _____

Jose Salazar, ASI President

Date

Dr. Jeffrey Klaus, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Date