

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY  
Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2008**

- I. Call to Order: President **Dokun** calls the meeting to order at **5:18 pm**.  
\* indicates member present at start of meeting roll call.

II. Roll Call

Members Present

Absent

Guests

\* Ola Dokun

Nora Daners

Isioma Emordi

\* Udepto Maheshwari

Henry Reichman (ex-officio)

\* Miriam Dorsett

Noel Perez-Sanchez (5:47 pm)

\*Robert Toland

\* Chathura Mudalige

\* Matthew Ecclesiastre

\* Regina Akhmadullina

\* Shiva Premmanisakul

\* Dr. Mary Fortune (ex-officio)

\* Stan Hebert (ex-officio)

\* Bob Williams (ex-officio)

\* Robert Lara (ex-officio)

- III. Approval of the Agenda: President **Dokun** asks to entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion: (Mudalige) To approve the agenda.**

**Amendment: (Mudalige) to add to VII. Action Calendar, under New Business as agenda item 1. ASI Elections, Informational; and change as 2. "ASI Travel Insurance Policy", an informational agenda item.**

**Amendment Carries.**

**Main Motion Carries as Amended**

IV. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Motion: (Dorsett)** To approve the Minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Correction: (Dorsett)** corrects her vote under Appointment on page 2; as Abstain.

**(Maheshwari)** questions "inaudible" page 5, VII. B.2, bullet 3.

**Motion Carries as amended.**

B. Appointments: None.

- V. Special Presentation/Speakers: Bob Burt, VP of University Advancement, states that he brings words of a major fund raising initiative known in higher education fundraising circles as a "Comprehensive Fundraising Campaign". Following are highlights:

- A campaign to be distinguished from a single purpose campaign such as the first and successful capital campaign raised the private portion of the funding required for the Business and Technology Center.
- The Gladys Foundation provided a \$5 million gift which would ultimately be \$10.5 million in support for that building.
- Since the end of that campaign in the Fall of 2004, a preparation of a comprehensive campaign has begun, which has a variety of "featured objectives"; such as specific large projects for areas of support the University seek specific dollar goals that add up to the total campaign

- The goal will be in multiple notes; somewhere between \$25 and \$1500.
- The campaign is at the point where input is sort from all aspect of the University community, including students as to what our priorities would be. See handout on “Priorities for a Comprehensive Campaign”.
- Calls for proposals have gone out (a package hand-out: “Call for Proposals for Campaign Fundraising Priorities”). The packet includes:
  - 1) Comprehensive Campaign Priority Setting Process;
  - 2) University Mission and Mandates
  - 3) Examples of Significant Gifts to CSU Campuses
  - 4) Ideas for Campaign Priorities
  - 5) Priority Proposal Form and Instructions
- Deans and VP’s have been asked to list out and submit suggested campaign priorities.
- All priorities from the campus community must be submitted to a Dean or a VP electronically, who will then submit priorities via email to Bob Burt at [bob.burt@csueastbay.edu](mailto:bob.burt@csueastbay.edu).
- In order to be considered, there’s a deadline of Thursday, May 8, 2008, by 3 pm.
- VP Burt emphasized that although a hard copy of the submission form is attached to the packet and one is given to President **Dokun**, additional submission forms and instructions is available electronically from Paris Winter.
- VP Burt entertained a brief Q & A session.
- President **Dokun** thanks him for his presentation.

VI. Public Discussion: None.

President **Dokun** opens the floor to any members of the public who would like to address the BOD on issues affecting CSUEB.

VII. Action Calendar

A. New Business:

1. ASI Elections: President **Dokun** yields the floor to Isioma Emordi; as chair of the Election Committee Isioma Emordi distributed a projected calendar noting two scenarios. The main objective is to meet the 500 signatures deadline by Friday, May 2, 2008, with signature verifications on Monday, May 05, 2008. Scenario one is to have a bylaw referendum first, followed by the general elections. Scenario two is to have a combined election of the bylaw referendum and the general elections. In consideration of the two scenarios voting could begin at the earliest 5/26<sup>th</sup> or at the latest 5/31<sup>st</sup>. VPF **Maheshwari** requests clarification of the election timeline, as ED Williams interjects that following the outcome of this meeting a summary will be done and emailed to all in order that everyone would be fully informed. Chair Emordi states that to date there are only three Elections Committee members and ask that it would be helpful to have a full committee. President **Dokun** referenced all to the Election Codes and emphasized that when the Election Codes were amended and approved at the January 23, 2008 meeting she responded to an inquiry about the inclusion of the campaign guidelines rules and regulations which was excluded only due to her computer crash. The Election Codes will return at another meeting for the approval of the Student Government General Elections (ASI) Campaigning and Publicity Guidelines.
2. ASI Travel Insurance: President **Dokun** yields the floor to VPF **Maheshwari** who distributes a print out of an informational sheet/Memorandum obtained from the Auxiliary’s insurance CSURMA. It is not a policy but is a document that applies to coverage to all board members as independent contractors when traveling on behalf of the auxiliary. VPF **Maheshwari** states that this inquiry started as a result of President **Dokun**’s injury sustained while traveling on business representing student government at a CSSA meeting. The coverage

limit is \$10 million for ASI as a whole. All claims must be filed within sixty days of any injury. No questions were directed to VPF **Maheshwari**.

B. Old Business

1. ASI Spending Policy: **President Dokun** remarks on the minor changes made in Ex-Comm regarding the spending limits for the ASI President, Executive Director, Associate Director, and the Program Coordinator. The only changes made were to the spending limit of the Executive Director and the Program Coordinator; changed from a minimum of the \$1000 to a minimum of \$1500 to 3000. The concern was with regards to the time(s) of an emergency to be able to make such decision and just return to inform the board rather than having to wait to come before the board for their approval during the time of an emergency. The addition of the following clause: *“In the event of an emergency, financial approval can be given by the President, the Executive Vice President of Finance, given that the Board of Directors will be informed accordingly”*. **President Dokun** ends the discussion following an extensive speakers list. Emphasis was placed on the ASI Spending Policy to return for board approval.

2. ASI Proposed Bylaws: **President Dokun** distributes a “Response to a Letter of April 25, 2008 from President Mo with regards to the approval of the refined ASI Bylaws after the removal of the incumbency requirement. Therefore, **President Dokun** asks to entertain a discussion and a motion to vote for the approval or disapproval of ASI Proposed Bylaws with the removal of the incumbency requirement.

**Motion: (Dorsett)** to approve the ASI Proposed Bylaws with the removal of the incumbency requirement per the CSUEB President’s request.

*Speaker/Discussion List:*

- **EVP Perez:** remarks on the efforts of **President Dokun**, ED Williams, and others but expresses his desire to have further discussions via a committee setting.
- **President Dokun** reiterates that it has been discussed at the Executive Committee level and there’s urgency for a decision to be made at this board meeting; keeping in mind the election timeline.
- **Director Ecclesiastre:** states his approval of the removal of the incumbency requirement and thinks that it’s too bad it has taken over three weeks to come to this agreement, for he has always been in favor of the removal of the incumbency requirement.
- **ED Williams** remarks that this has indeed been a long process (well over three weeks); while not advocating one way or the other, he does happen to agree to the solution that has come forth, which allows us to move forward. In fact, a lack of a decision to move forward tonight, keeping in mind the tight timeline, could possibly resort to have new Bylaws not effective until July of 2009 rather than July of 2008. ED Williams assures the board that the 500 signature timeline can be reached with their help and that of the staff.
- **Director Dorsett** remarks on the refined status of the proposed bylaws.
- **EVP Perez:** remarks on the timeline and expresses his displeasure with the administration on delayed approval process.
- **Director Ecclesiastre:** states that it is time to vote yes or no, move on for now and possibly have these discussions next year.
- **Director Premmanisakul:** states that looking out for the betterment of the organization, we don’t have a choice; let’s do the right thing!
- **Director Dorsett:** states that she welcomes a “friendly amendment”
- **President Dokun** asks for any further discussions on the motion on the table to remove the incumbency requirement.

**Motion (Toland) to move the question.**

- **President Dokun** asks are there objections to move the question. Seeing none, all in favor for the approval of the Bylaws with the removal of the incumbency requirement.

Motion Carries with one opposition (Perez).

**President Dokun states that with the board's approval the response letter will be sent to President Mo. President Dokun confirms consent.**

**Dr. Fortune requests assistance for providing copies of the Bylaws with strike through and underlines for the general voting population. Dr. Fortune asks for help throughout the entire voting process.**

**ED Williams assures Dr. Fortune that documents and staff will be provided as needed.**

VIII. Officer Reports:

1. President: President **Dokun** – highlights the following:

- CSU Alliance: President **Dokun** met with the Alliance for the CSU group on Thursday which has been productive.
- CHESS approximately two week ago: extends thanks to all those who attended and participated in March on Monday, 2/21<sup>st</sup>; which was a very productive event.
- **President Dokun** requests all attendees to please turn in all receipts for reimbursement; the deadline will be Friday.
- Legislative Reports need to be turned in as soon as possible so that they can be turned into the Governmental Affairs Department of CSSA soon.
- Alliance for CSU met on Thursday; the official day of faxing letters to the Governor for CSUEB will be on May 6, 2008 from 10am-2pm – “Governor Can You Hear Us Now” campaign. **President Dokun** asks for volunteers from the BOD.
- Foundation Board Meeting occurred last week; the motion was made to move into a feasibility study in regards to outsourcing external vendors for the bookstore. **President Dokun** shares concerns about inflation of book prices due to the external vendors.
- CSSA at CSU Fullerton: **President Dokun** will be attending to retrieve the stolen CSUEB Teddy Bear that was kidnapped from the campus PRIDE table display at CHESS.

2. Executive Vice President **Perez** highlights the following:

- Personnel Committee will be working on a personnel document that will be presented at the next BOD meeting which will be in Concord; also noting that they will be going under close session for the document.

3. Vice President of Finance: **Maheshwari**, present, highlights the following:

- Budget Review Meeting: cancelled at the request of **ED Bob Williams**. The meeting will try to be rescheduled for Friday sometime; noting that the SAL's are included in the meeting so they will not have to do it separately.

4. Directors

- **Akhmadullina**: Director **Akhmadullina**, present, no report.
- **Mudalige**: Director **Mudalige**, present, no report.
- **Toland**: Director **Toland**, present, no report.
- **Premmanisakul**: Director **Premmanisakul**, present, remarks that the University Affairs committee has moved on with the Scholarships therefore the applications are in the office and should be available on the website. The deadline is May 19, 2008 at 9pm. He informs the BOD that the University Affairs committee will tentatively accept unofficial transcripts with the application but it will not go through the reviewing process until official transcripts turned are in; this decision is due to the matter of students being able to meet the deadline due to the length of time that it takes for official transcripts to come in. Director **Premmanisakul** remarks that CHESS was a very different experience. **President Dokun** requests that the University Affairs committee get the ball rolling regarding the Mr. and Mrs. CSUEB applications. **ED**

**Bob Williams** asks for University Affairs committee help with the Bylaw Referendum Forum that will happen on May 7.

- **Ecclesiastre:** Director **Ecclesiastre**, present, reports on the following:
  - Slick Rick Concert: good concert and he filmed; thanked Director Mudalige for MC'ing the event.
  - Scholarship Flyer: will remind Margaret Daniel to put out the flyers for the scholarship
  - CHESS: reminds **EVP Perez** to email all students that attended to get all their receipts in for reimbursement by the deadline. Remarked that CHESS was very interesting.
- **Dorsett:** Director **Dorsett**, present, remarks on the following:
  - CSSA: was interesting and informative; she learned so much especially about the pride campaign
  - Multicultural Week: PC Jonathan Stoll headed it; will have henna tattooing (Mon), CDC Speaker and national food festival (Tues), Live at Noon Jazz and free BBQ (Wed), World Music Concert, QSA Mock Marriage (Thurs), Theta Lambda Psi Talent Show (Fri).
  - Spring Festival: Goapele will be headlining the concert with other artists that she lists. The concert will most likely be from 2-8pm.

**EVP Perez/President Dokun** asks Lil Parker to add a Program's Report following Director Reports on the agenda from now on.

- **Daners:** Director **Daners**, absent.

5. Executive Director: E.D. **Bob Williams** present, with highlights of the following:
  - ◆ Thanks Programming staff and the Operations staff for the successful events last week especially for Slick Rick.
  - ◆ CHESS: comments that it was a wonderful experience for himself and that the Directors that attended the meetings carried themselves very well; he was very impressed.
  - ◆ Concord Campus Visit: **AED Robert Lara**, **Director Daners** and **ED Bob Williams** visited the Concord campus to review the campus union building in great detail. **ED Bob Williams** notes that AVP Stan Hebert might have more current information regarding the Concord campus issues because of a meeting that occurred this morning. **ED Bob Williams** recalls the various issues that are being raised regarding the Concord Campus and its relation to ASI and CSUEB.
6. Associate Executive Director: A.E.D. **Robert Lara**: present, reports the following:
  - Congratulates the BOD for the leadership that was demonstrated at CHESS; he feels that it was a successful effort
  - UU Budget: spent a lot of time to prepare the budget and hopes that the BOD finds it feasible
  - Remarks on broken glass repairs done on the second floor of the New UU in the art gallery; it will be tended to quickly.
7. Academic Senate Chair: Professor Reichman: absent
8. CSUEB President or Designee: Associate VP of Student Affairs, **Stan Hebert** highlights the following:
  - Congratulates the BOD for the successful leadership and efforts done at CHESS.
  - The University President was in Sacramento on Monday with a small group of alumni, etc., that were echoing some of the same sentiments of CSSA.
  - Hopes that ASI BOD successfully retrieves the ASI Teddy Bear back from CSU Fullerton.
  - California Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference: he attended last Thursday and Friday; the conference examines the prevention and education activity for alcohol and other drugs prevention. Next year, CSUEB will host the conference so it was a good experience to examine the in's and out's of it.

- Student Affairs Leadership Team is planning a retreat for next Tuesday, May 6, 2008; he extends the invite to BOD.
9. SLLP/Advisor: **Dr. Mary Fortune:** verbal report of the following
- Life Fest: happened today; a joint effort of ASI Presents (Jon Stoll) and the Hospitality and Management Department. They worked together to create a health fair that may turn into a spring fling.
  - Student Club/Org and Student Athlete Appreciation BBQ that is sponsored by SLLP on May 14<sup>th</sup>; she invites all to come out. It will be located in front of the Agora Stage.
  - Transfer Evening Orientation on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Fortune notes that 45+ students have enrolled from the orientations.
  - Thanks the BOD for all of their help
  - Will ask for help with the ASI Elections and notes that those who are running for office and those who are assisting the delegate have to stay away from the Elections process.
  - Urges the BOD to participate in the Bylaws forum and getting the Bylaws out to the students.

**President Dokun** clarifies that whether one is running for office or not, any BOD has to stay away from the Election process.

IX. Closing Remarks:

**President Dokun** with a reminder to the board members to please turn in the “Fax” sheet(s) in support of the “Alliance For The CSU”...IT’S IMPORTANT!

**EVP Perez** with thanks to all for being part of the success experienced at CHESS; all of the planning paid. Thanks and congrats to President **Dokun** on the campus PRIDE table display at CHESS. Expresses his disappointment on what he sees as a lack of professionalism on the part of the administration in handling the Bylaws situation!

**Director Premmanisakul** with a reminder that even though he and Director **Akhmadullina** joined the board later in term would still like to have an ASI BOD sweatshirt for sentiments.

**Director Mudalige** remarks on the need for an ASI Board member to join the judging panel for the next Friday Theta Lambda Psi Talent Show per their request. Thanks and congrats to all who worked to a successful win on the CHESS campus PRIDE table display.

**EVP Perez** announces the success of Greek Week with thanks to “Judge” Maheshwari with expressions of his “Go Green” fraternity he’s part of for their winning record for three consecutive years.

**Director Premmanisakul** with a reminder that the CSUEB “Tax” group will host an accounting/professional night Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in the UU Multicultural room, 4-7pm, free for students; many firms will be present and giving out certificates from the IRS to students who helped with the tax prep season; which he is one of the recipients.

**Director Akhmadullina** with a reminder that Friday, May 9, 2008 is Awards Business Banquet.

**President Dokun** informs the BOD that we are winding down, all agenda items are requested in advance to avoid last minute crunch. Next week ASI BOD meeting is in Concord.

- X. Adjournment: President **Dokun** adjourns the meeting at **7:06 pm.**

Minutes Reviewed by:

ASI BOD President  
Name: Ola Dokun

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