

# ASCSI Student Senate

Fall 2009

November 23, 2009

Presiding Chair - President Lacey Haggan

Conducting Chair - Vice President Blake Lawson

- Call To Order: **3:16pm**
- **Attendance:** Senator Lopez, Senator Choate, Senator Price, Senator Hiersche, and Advisor Stanley absent and excused.
- Guests: **Equine Club/ Brittany Hennefer and Stephanie Child-** gave a breakdown of the costs and showed pictures. They use the corn maze as a fundraiser.
- Minutes from November 16, 2009- **passed**
- Agenda Approval: **approved**

## Council Reports

- **Advertising-** This past week we were finally able to put up the "Toilet Paper" so that was exciting! The following week, we will be starting the December issue. Please look forward to updating your calendar as soon as we get back from Thanksgiving break, I will have it ready and available at the office before I leave to break. Also, I was able to successfully ship out our shoe gift boxes; however I was a bit disappointed in the amount of items that we donated but other than that it was exciting to send them out! I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving break! **Please send your bios to VP Lawson by tomorrow for the website. We hope to have it finished before the end of Thanksgiving break.** [ascsvpres@csi.edu](mailto:ascsvpres@csi.edu)
- **Ambassadors-** On our November 18th meeting, we opened it with an ice breaker game of ZIP ZAP to get rid of the hum drum of the semester. Becca talked about the St. Lukes Gala there is a need for two more people so the selected alternates are now official and we drew two more ambassadors to attend. The ambassadors are Kelsey and Dylan. Ambassadors need to be dressed in semiformal attire. Beth talked about Eastern Idaho day and Treasure Valley day. She chose 3 ambassadors to attend both events. The chosen Ambassadors will leave on December 1<sup>st</sup> at around 8pm and come back December 2 around 9 am. Patricia reported on the community event from Monday at the soup kitchen. She said that everyone was on time worked hard and had tons of fun, she was excited for round two for which they went for this past Friday! Dave talked about the social event. The next social was on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 at skate land. The attire was 70's. Ambassadors paid for the event. For my senate report I reminded them about helping for the international dinner right after the meeting for the ones who had signed up to help. In addition, I reminded the Ambassadors about advertising for the canned food drive. Erin reported on the inter club meeting. She brought up the lane of trees. It was decided that we are going to participate and that we would like to request a fake tree. The fun fact reporters this meeting were Patricia, Stephen, Caitlinn, Megan H, Laura, and Becca. Great fun facts and the one I was not aware of was that from the Nursing program's graduating students, every year St Lukes Hospital chooses 5 of their best students.
- **Campus Recreation-** Thank you everyone who has taken the survey online. If you have not taken the survey, please do so. It is available online. The Turkey Trot 5K run and walk is going to be held November 26th. Scott and Sarah are working together with the technical guys to revamp the CSI Recreation Center website and the outdoor program website!

- **Community Service**-World AIDS Day is December 1st. Community Service Council will be organizing an event to take place in the SUB from 11:00 - 1:30 on December 1st. They are looking for clubs and organizations that would be willing to set up tables to give students information about AIDS, STD prevention, safe sex, etc. Please let me know if senate or any other organizations that you know of would be willing to do so.

Chai Alpha is heading the Christmas Stockings Project, which is sponsored by Community Service Council. The tentative date for stocking delivery is Wednesday Dec. 16th. There are about 20 parents and 35 children that will be given stockings for the holidays through the aide of this event. The Community Service Council is supplying the stockings for this event along with partnering with Chai Alpha to see it through. If anyone is interested in helping with the project please e-mail Rita Ruhter (rruhter@csi.edu); it is good volunteer service and it gives you the ability to help out during the holidays

- **Diversity Council**- Last week was a great week for the Diversity Council full of activities and fun. The purpose of International Week was to increase awareness of Twin Falls community about the importance of the cultural exchange and celebrate the glory of diversity. International Dinner was a huge success, more than 600 people showed up. Unfortunately, we only budgeted for 400. Food was delicious and from: Asia, North and South America, Africa, and Europe. The students were very happy. Right after the dinner, we went to the international festival, which was a huge success. We opened the festival with our flag parade where more than 50 countries showed their pride. We had more than 12 performances and awesome MC's. We will be conducting a survey among the diversity council members to get feedback on the week. On Thursday, we had international game sessions, which was a lot of fun. Arabian Night was fantastic! The decorations, food, Arabian music, and music were great! It helped people relax, forget about their problems, and just enjoy time with friends. Around 70 people showed up.

International Week was a great success for the CSI family. It took a lot of preparation and time, but we are not going to stop. We will continue with more activities to impress Twin Falls.

Help Crew: Diversity Members, Senate, Program Board, Ambassadors, Athletes, Asian Club, International Business Club, Chi Alpha-Jim. *Thank you guys!*

- **Eagle Hall Council**- On November 19<sup>th</sup>, BYOB Ice Cream flavours were vanilla, chocolate, and birthday cake. It was a great success almost all of the residents showed up. Still in the context of keeping the harmony in Eagle Hall, we had a movie night, The Transformers, and a social gathering conversation about love and study. So this is the new policy of Eagle Hall; every other Thursday, we will have a movie night and social conversation. Everyone is welcome to make suggestions for improvements.

This week is a half-week, so Eagle hall is closed from Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. The week after Thanksgiving we are going to have our Christmas hall decoration. We are also planning a party to cheer on the CSI Volleyball team for winning Nationals!

- **Interclub**- Last week, Interclub met up with Advisors Stanley and Lopez to talk about the Lane of Trees and some changes being made to the clubs in on these topics. The Lane of Trees is going on the first two weeks of December. The trees will be completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a Thursday, and they will be delivered to their families by the clubs the following week, the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. We have also been researching the stipulations for becoming a club at other colleges such as University of Idaho, Boise State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Idaho State University, and Utah State and believe that we need to make CSI's conditions more like theirs. Specifically, in order to become a club at CSI, all that is needed is an approved Constitution or Charter and a faculty advisor on campus. Nothing is mentioned about needing a certain amount of members to be recognized. If somebody wanted to, they could make a club recognized by the ASCSI in which they were the only members. We feel like this could be dangerous, so we are in the process of fixing this.
- **Off Campus**-Last week, I tried to talk to Rigby from Burley about some suggestions for the last couple of weeks we have left on this semester, but he didn't have access to

the Internet because he has been really busy with class and other personal things. The same thing with Kali from Hailey, however, they have asked her for goodies for the week on finals that way they have something good out of the stressful week. They want to have muffins, cookies, and milk in the mornings for the whole week and maybe pizza on the afternoon. We figured out that we only have around 100 dollars for each off campus center for this semester. The good news is that it's almost over so we have things planned out money wise.

- **Program Board-** Last week was good for us. We had over 150 for bowling on Tuesday night and over 200 for Couples Retreat. Pete Mason came on Thursday to Java at 12 and 7. This week we do not have anything planned because we get out of school on Tuesday. On Dec 3 we are having Preston Pugmire come and play.
- **Public Relation-** I talked on the radio last week about all the upcoming events. I also made a comment about the outcome of the international dinner and what a great job they did!
- **Sustainability-** This week in sustainability we finalized the ideas for the HOPE program and we are looking into a kick off week to get it all started and to make students aware that it is going on. We all talked to the IT department to see what we need to do to get our web site up and running, our idea for the web site in the beginning is going to be simple and to the point. We are going to put together a home page that basically says who we are and what we do on campus already because a lot of people are not even aware that there is a sustainability council on campus. Next week we should be meeting with the graphics department to get a design for the HOPE cards. We will also be gathering the materials for the battery recycling program that will be starting after thanksgiving.

▪ **Treasurer's Report-**

	Revenue	Spent
<b>Ambassador Council</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$6</b>
<b>Community Service</b>		<b>\$1,539</b>
<b>Diversity Council</b>		<b>\$728</b>
<b>Interclub Council</b>		<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Outdoor Program</b>		<b>\$3,374</b>
<b>Program Board</b>	<b>\$276</b>	<b>\$6,046</b>
<b>Senate</b>		<b>\$6,803</b>
<b>Student Recreation</b>	<b>\$1,146</b>	<b>\$9,610</b>

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## Special Orders

- **Special Events Funding Request & Equine Club-** They have requested \$2,500. **\$1,000** was allotted to the Equine Club on motion by **Senator A. Jam** and was **passed** by super majority.

## Old Business

- **HOSA Leadership Seminar-** They have requested us to help them run a leadership program for them Thursday, December 3rd. There is a sign-up sheet in hour increments. We are expecting 25 to 30 kids attending. They will have breakfast, play games, and have team building stations and workshops, as well as going over their goals and mission statements. They might come help us with Change for Children. HOSA competes in state and national events. I will be getting a hold of you Tuesday or Wednesday next week.
- **Change for Children-** Advisor Stanley met with the Crumrines and we are hoping to meet them next Friday. For the Organizational Committee, I will be meeting with you guys as soon as possible. We have written out everything for you. We'll need to get things going as soon as possible. We'd like to get letters out to businesses needing to process our applications.
- **International Week Recap-** It was a huge success. For all of you who participated. Thank you so much! I appreciate all your support! People said the decorations were some of the best we've ever had! Thank you to VP Lawson for being our decorations! Thanks you Senator Felix and VP Lawson for being our MC's. Thank you everyone who performed: Senator Reed, Senator Williams, Senator A. Jam, Senator L. Jam, Senator Choate, Senator Essma, Senator Nakaha

From President Haggan: Thank you for stepping up and being such great leaders! I wanted to cry watching you all perform! VP Lawson and Senator Felix, you guys did great! Senator Beye, you were so comfortable telling the story. Senator Essma, that was so great! You have so much umf when you dance. The Arabian Dance. I would rather see 30 people doing their cultural dance than 100 people grinding. We had so much fun!

- **Community Service Recap-** Thanks to Senator Butler for helping me count the cans. . We had \$98 in donations, and over 300 cans! We got an I-pod shuffle and Dave won. He is a non-traditional student so it's really great! Thank you everyone who participated! You are all great!

## New Business

- **Strategic Planning December 3<sup>rd</sup>-** Advisor Stanley asked me to asked me to find students to help plan for the school. It's really important to have Senators to be there. The VP and Presidents to be there. We need 5 students. Thank you Senator Felix, Senator Reed, Senator Abdullaev for volunteering.

- **Premier Agenda's/Survey-** We have an offer from Kristen from Premier. They design college agendas and want to give us discounts. They are sponsored by local businesses which reduces the cost. They have yellow pages in the back with movies, pizza, and various things so that students always have numbers on them. I would imagine that a lot of people would be interested in sponsoring. It would be \$1.80 per agenda. There will be student discounts offered in the back.

From Senator Butler: It's recommended we sell them for \$1.

- **December Community Service Project- postponed to next week.** The plan is to go Christmas Carolling and then coming to VP Lawson's house. It's Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you have that off. Christmas Carolling at 6pm and head to VP Lawson's house shortly after.
- **Lane of Trees-** We need to order a tree by this Thursday. We would get a tree, decorate it and put presents underneath it and deliver it to a family we want to bless.
- **Volleyball-** Our girls lead the country in the most National Championships. We would like to do something to commemorate this. Be thinking of ideas to honour them for this. Maybe we can have the welding class make a statue for them. We could have a huge party! We can plan for it this week, and honour them next week. We need a gift, slideshow, and their pictures. Let's create a committee. They can talk to Advisor Stanley Airmark and set this all up. Senator A. Jam, Senator Chabuka thank you for volunteering. Senator Felix moved to approve a committee for the Volleyball team. Let's get this done as soon as possible.

#### Executive Reports

- **Vice Presidents Report-** I'm glad you all made it here. Keep working hard on grades.
- **Presidents Report-** I have a couple things. Last week I asked all of you to bring your binders. From now on I want all of you to bring your binders to the meetings. We have the new constitution available for you. If you have questions, all of that is in there. You can know how to make motions and all of that. It's important to be organized. Please bring them, they are required.

Last week I realized a lot of people weren't in here for your office hours. I needed help and no one was here. Please call Jasmine, leave a note, text someone. If something comes up, let someone know.

Also, please reply to my text messages. Either a yes or no.

Canned Food. I really appreciate everyone's hard work! When we ran around people did donate. People want to give, they just don't know why.

We have 1 month left of school for the semester. Finals are in 3 weeks. Keep pushing! We've done a lot, let's just keep it up.

**Adjourned** on motion by **Senator Butler** at **4:47pm**

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