



## Associated Students of Concordia University Irvine

### Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**Senators Present:** Amanda Alvarez, Celina Stratton, Claire Brainard, Damiana Gumiran, Jessica James, Lauren Youngsma, Nikki Ancona, Reanna Benton, Chloe Heiser, Sarkhan Nabiye, Christian Woodfin

**Senators Absent:** Erika Boychenko, Evette Jahangiri, Hayden Kirkman

**Executive Board Present:** Emily Dailey, Catherine Foster, Ariana Sadeghipour, Ryan Van Dusen, and Rose Jones

**Faculty and Staff Present:** Gilbert Fugitt

- I. **Call to Order**— 10:31 am - Catherine Foster
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Celina Stratton
- III. **Attendance:**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sarkhan Nabiye 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica James
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Alvarez 2<sup>nd</sup> Reanna Benton
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. One on Ones are going on currently
    - i. Please make sure to show up:
      1. This week and next week
  - b. Skateboard Policy Discussion
    - i. Skateboards in gym breezeway and Grimm
      1. Concern on speed and injuries as a result
    - ii. All points made will be brought to Student policy commitment
    - iii. Not banning skateboarding, but banning in certain areas
    - iv. Discussion:
      1. Is it okay to ban skateboarding during peek times of class?
        - a. People skateboard to class because they are late
      2. Student: How many injuries have there been?
        - a. Catherine: I do not recall, but all injuries go through the dean of students. This will be the preventative.
      3. Student: Who is usually hurt (skateboarder or person walking)
        - a. Catherine: Once again, I am not sure of direct injuries.
      4. Catherine: Who is in favor of changing policy, in regards to hours?
        - a. 6 students

5. Catherine: Who is in favor of not changing the policy at all?
  - a. 11 students
6. Student: Breezeway is the most convenient way to get to areas on campus. There are other “wheeled” vehicles on campus that go much faster in that area.
  - a. Catherine: Good point! This has been discussed before; if we remove skateboarding discussion to remove golf carts would occur.
7. Catherine: Would you be open to an alternate route that goes behind the bookstore?
  - a. Student: If there is a path, but there is not currently enough room to turn on a long board.
8. Catherine: For those of you in favor of limiting hours, why?
  - a. Amanda: More of an inconvenience to those walking because skateboarders are going much faster than everyone else. Especially during peak hours, this is an inconvenience.
9. Claire: If they were to change the hours, how would that be enforced?
  - a. Catherine: Same as on the hill: sign, campus safety patrol, strike system, student code of conduct
10. Catherine: This is not necessarily a discussion to ban, but to bring awareness to student policy committee.
11. Catherine: What are your thoughts on the hours?
12. Student: Before we move to any policy changes, sit down and have a discussion with the skateboarders about the concerns, complaints, and suggestions on how to improve.
  - a. Catherine: That was the purpose of this senate forum. That way student’s thoughts can be brought to the committee and skateboarders ideas can be heard, prior to policy changes being made.
  - b. Rose: How would you recommend getting skateboarders together for that?
    - i. Student: Talk to my friends and round them up for the discussion and actively reach out.
    - ii. Student: Set the expectation; skateboarders are “chill” and would be open to slowing down or providing a safer environment.
13. Amanda: A sign does not do much, we should enforce tickets or some strike system. Without that, there will be no change.
14. Student: The issue is there are people ruining it for everyone else. There are some of us who watch our speed, give a heads up (“on your left”), etc. There must be a set expectation to make a difference, rather than taking it away.
15. Claire: What about in the RES halls?
  - a. Catherine: There is limit to noise with quiet hours; they would just need to call the RA on duty.
  - b. Student: Have you gone outside and talked to the person? That conversation would be a good one to have with that person. There are other places where they can practice: baseball field, amphitheater, Egypt. Having that conversation is better than complaining to a RA.
16. Catherine: Final questions or comments before final tally? No.
17. 18 people total:
  - a. Keeping policy as is: 17 students

b. Favor in policy to limit hours: 1 student

VII. **Old Business**

- a. Time Capsule and Food Truck
- b. One on One Signups
- c. Skateboard Discussion (4/13)
- d. University Services
  - i. Master Plan & Transportation

VIII. **Open Floor:**

- a. Claire: The skateboarders who showed up are the nicer ones.
- b. Catherine: I disagree with his RA comment; it is their job to address quiet hours.
- c. Catherine: It is obvious that majority wants to keep skateboarding policy the same because they are compassionate.
- d. Christian: If it comes from a student, they may be more willing to hear you out, rather than authority.
- e. Gilbert: 10 p.m. is quiet hours Irvine wide.
- f. Rose: I feel like skateboarding as personality to Concordia. If we took out skateboarding, our atmosphere would change.
- g. Claire: I like the idea of Philip going and talking to students and rounding the skateboarders up, so that a discussion can occur setting a standard.
  - i. It needs to come from inside the group of skateboarders

IX. **Adjournment – 10:59 a.m.**