

ASCSM Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 29, 2011

2:15 p.m.

College of San Mateo, College Center, Colledge Heights Conference Room (Building 10, Room 468)

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:17 pm

II. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: President Paige Kupperberg; Vice President Daniella Medeiro; Secretary Regina Ramos; Finance Director Nioratra Benyasri; Vice Chair Hayley Sharpe; Senators Paola Alunni, Losili Alusa, Kat Alvarado, Nicholas Carlozzi, Julie Anne Crews, Shine Gao, Bailey Girard, Niko Larot, Melanie Medeiro, Carlos Mesquita, Michael Norton, Allie Patawaran, Matt Shmeeckle, Jeff Stanley, Emmeline Wong

Members Absent: Brittany Arthur

Associate Senators in Attendance: Cecile Basnage, Stephanie Chiou, Sashka Leahy, Ashley Manandhar, Tryn Miller, Nick Vasquez

Guests in Attendance: Grace Noland, Raphael Bernabe, Sarah Funes, Leylany Marquez, Can (John) Kilie,

III. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented by Senator Alvarado; second by Senator Alunni. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

a. Monday, August 22, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, August 22, 2011 meeting as presented by Senator Crews; seconded by Senator Girard. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Professor Dan Kaplan presented information to the Student Senate regarding the signature gathering campaign for the proposed oil extraction fee to support education. Mr. Kaplan encouraged the Senate to come out in support of the initiative and the signature gathering campaign as the statewide Student Senate has done.

VI. Special Presentations

a. Changes to Registration Process, Jennifer Hughes, VP of Student Services

Vice President Jennifer Hughes thanked the Student Senate for doing an excellent job in welcoming the new students during Welcome Day and getting important information across. In addition, she came to inform the Student Senate about the new changes to the registration process that will be enacted in Spring 2012.

VII. Executive Reports

- a. **President Paige Kupperberg** would like to thank everyone for coming to the Senate Meeting. She announced that she was going to Dimsum for lunch. On a serious note, Ms. Kupperberg would like the guests in attendance who are interested in joining ASCSM know that the AS application is now available at the Office of Student Life.
- b. **Vice President Daniella Medeiro** would like to thank everyone for coming to the Senate Meeting. She would also like to remind the Student Senate to keep the Senate Office clean and tidy.

- c. **Secretary Regina Ramos** extends her heartfelt gratitude to those who helped out during Welcome Week. She also mentioned that she received positive feedback from the students who came out and participated at the event.
- d. **Finance Director Nioratra Proud Benyasri** would like to thank everyone for coming. Ms. Benyasri hopes that classes are going well for everybody. In addition, she would like to thank Senators Carlozzi and Ramos and all those who helped out during Welcome Week.
- e. **Vice Chair Hayley Sharpe** reminded everyone that the first meeting of ICC would be held in the City View Conference Room on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

VIII. Senator Reports

- a. **Senator Alvarado** reminded the Student Senate that GSA would be meeting on Thursday, September 1 at 1:10 pm in 18-304.
- b. **Senator Schmeekle** reminded the Student Senate that PTK would be meeting on Tuesday, August 23 at 1:14 pm.
- c. **Senator Larot** reminded the Student Senate that AGS would be having their second meeting tomorrow, August 23 in 18-204.
- d. **Senator Wong** would like the Student Senate to know that PTK is planning a college project that would serve the whole student body. Ms. Wong also mentioned that PTK had this mission for CSM students to commit to completion.

IX. Advisor Reports

- a. **Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities**, mentioned that he received positive feedback from students who enjoyed Welcome Week and that it was truly a tremendous success. In addition, Mr. Schaefer would like to commend Doug for working incredibly hard to clean up the prep room.
- b. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Associate Advisor**, would like to congratulate the Student Senate for putting on a successful Welcome Week event. Mr. Hamadeh would also like to recommend that there should be a clean-up day schedule on every event that is held by the Student Senate. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that there has been interest to have a phonebook list amongst senate member and urged everyone to fill out the form by Friday afternoon.

X. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Kupperberg

President Kupperberg made the following appointments:

- Senator Christopher Tran as Associate Senator
Motion to approve by Senator Wong; second by Finance Director Benyasri. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

b. Tentative Event Calendar For Fall 2011 – Coordinator Schaefer

Due to the need for further discussion, Coordinator Schaefer requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to table this item until next meeting by Senator Norton, second by Senator Alvarado. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

XI. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

A. Application Process for CCCSAA– Coordinator Schaefer

Coordinator Schaefer introduced the item, explaining that this conference is sponsored by the California Community Colleges Student Affairs Association, the professional organizations for advisors like himself and Mr. Hamadeh. Coordinator Schaefer said that the conference would be held on October 21st-23rd, 2011 in San Jose. Mr. Schaefer mentioned that there would be an application process for those who wish to attend the conference. He also suggested that the people who are interested in applying should type their answers instead of using pencil so that he may be able to read their responses clearly. Finally, Mr. Schaefer strongly reminded the Student Senate that the CCCSAA conference is not a place to hanky-panky around. Everyone must comply with the student code of conduct. If one fails to do so, you will be sent to speak with the Vice President of Student Services for possible disciplinary action.

B. Blood Drive Sponsorship– Senator Girard

Senator Girard kindly asked the Student Senate to come and support the blood drive that will take place in the Da Vinci Lot (lot #3) on Wednesday, August 31 from 10 am to 2:00 pm.

C. Evaluation of Welcome Week – Coordinator Schaefer

Coordinator Schaefer asked the Student Senate to voice out their comments and concerns about Welcome Week.

- Associate Advisor Hamadeh suggested that Programs & Services Committee should build in a prep room cleaning time schedule after every event they hold.
- Senator Schmeekle suggested that the Programs & Services Committee should organize a better food line.
- Senator Crews mentioned that the scavenger hunt was a hit and that enabled new students to familiarize themselves with the campus.
- Senator Larot suggested having a video presentation playing during future events.
- Senator Patawaran suggested that the Student Senate act more like Ambassadors of ASCSM.

XII. Committee Reports

a. Governmental Relations Committee

Senator Schmeekle mentioned that there would be no meeting this week.

b. Social Action Committee

Vice Chair Sharpe reminded everyone that the committee would be meeting on Thursday, August 31 at 3:10 pm in the prep room and to check their emails for the agenda and minutes.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

The following items were suggested for consideration for future agenda:

- Priority registration discussion
- CCCSAA conference funding
- Event Calendar

XIV. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Senator Chiou mentioned that Franklin Templeton is donating up to \$10,000 to Samaritan House in August for the Samaritan House Social Media Challenge. By "Liking" Samaritan House on Facebook earns \$5,

commenting on or "liking" any post on the page earns \$2, following Samaritan House on Twitter earns \$5 and lastly, re-tweeting or mentioning the Twitter handle @Samaritan_House earns \$2.

XV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Schmeekle; seconded by Senator Medeiro. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Submitted by

/s Regina Ramos
ASCSM Secretary