

ASCSM Student Senate Minutes (Unapproved)

Monday, September 12, 2011

2:15 p.m.

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

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I. The meeting was called to order at 2:22pm

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 Losili Alusa, Kat Alvarado, Nicholas Carlozzi, Julie Anne Crews (until 3:57), Shine Gao, Bailey Girard, Niko Larot (until 3:51), Carlos Mesquita, Michael Norton, Allie Patawaran, Matt Shmeeckle, Jeff Stanley, Emmeline Wong

Members Absent: Senators Paola Alunni, Melanie Medeiro, Michael Norton

Associate Senators in Attendance: Cecile Basnage, Stephanie Chiou, Jeff Gonzalez (until 3:51), Sashka Leahy, Ashley Manandhar, Nick Vasquez

Guests in Attendance: Leylany Marquez, Sarah Funes, Maricar Macario, Deiche Cunel, Can (John) Kelie, Raphael Bernabe, Mara Ochoa, Carmela Liao, Nicole Ramos, Grace Noland

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

A. Monday, August 29, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, August 29, 2011 meeting as presented by Senator Wong; second by Senator Schmeeckle. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)

None

VI. Special Presentations

A. **Changes to Fee Payment Requirements, Jennifer Hughes, VP of Student**

Vice President Jennifer Hughes came to inform the Student Senate about the new changes to the fee payment requirements that will be enacted in Spring 2012.

VII. Executive Reports (3 minutes each)

A. **President Paige Kupperberg** announced to the Student Senate that she didn't go to Dimsum last week. On a serious note, Ms. Kupperberg would like to inform the Student Senate that College Council would

like to have a Textbook Resource Task Force and if anyone is interested in sitting on that committee should speak to her after the meeting. Finally, she strongly advises the Student Senate to attend their committee meetings.

- B. **Vice President Daniella Medeiro** attended the College Council meeting and thought that the Textbook Resource Task Force was a great idea. Additionally, she would like the Student Senate to read the emails from their committee head chairs.
- C. **Secretary Regina Ramos** asked the Student Senate to clean up after themselves because the Senate Office is starting to smell.
- D. **Finance Director Nioratra Proud Benyasri** mentioned that she had a great weekend and hopes everyone did too.
- E. **Vice Chair Hayley Sharpe** welcomed everyone to the Senate meeting. She also mentioned that ICC Club Fair was moved to September 20th until the 21st.

VIII. Senator Reports (2 minutes each, no committee reports)

- A. **Senator Stanley** would like to remind the Student Senators who are member of clubs to fundraise in order to attend conferences.

IX. Advisor Reports (5 minutes each)

- A. **Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities**, would like to remind the Student Senate to bring their own utensils from home since the Office of Student Life is not a food concession stand and will not provide any of those amenities. Mr. Schaefer also mentioned that Friday is the accreditation kick-off and that is important to attend this meeting to learn about the self evaluation process that will culminate in CSM's 2013 Self Evaluation Report and site visit for accreditation. Finally, Mr. Schaefer would like to echo on what President Kupperberg said about attending committee meetings. He said the Student Senate should be responsible and communicate with the head chairs of each committee to ensure there is quorum and to be able to plan events effectively.
- B. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Associate Advisor**, mentioned that communication between Student Senate and possibly the Inter-Club Council would be shifting to an in-house solution called Lyrus. Lyrus is similar to Google Groups where one can discuss, communicate and collaborate, safely and securely with others online. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that the Accreditation Kick-Off Meeting would be on Friday, September 16 in Building 10-195 at 1:15pm.

X. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

A. Appointments – President Kupperberg

President Kupperberg made the following appointments:

- Associate Senator Douglas Robinson as Student Representative to the Textbook Resource Task Force. Motion to approve by Senator Schmeekle; second by Senator Alvarado. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Vice President Medeiro and Senator Schmeekle as Student Representatives to the Smoking Task Force. Motion to approve by Senator Stanley; second by Senator Wong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Senator Alussa as Co-chair of Public Relations Committee. Motion to approve by Senator Gao; second by Senator Alvarado. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Associate Senators Chiou and Manandhar as members of Social Action Committee. Motion to approve by Senator Stanley; second by Senator Girard. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

- Senator Stanley and Associate Senator Chiou as Co-Chairs of Academic Enhancement Committee. Motion to approve by Senator Schmeekle; second by Senator Girard. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Amica Mercado, Cara Liao, Raphael Bernabe, John Kelie, Grace Noland, Mara Ochoa as Associate Senators. Motion to approve by Senator Wong; second by Senator Alvarado. 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. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

XI. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

A. ICC Club Fair - Vice Chair Sharpe

Vice Chair Sharpe would like to hold the ICC Club Fair between the dates of September 20th to 21st. This event is being held to help promote students get involved with clubs on campus.

The motion to add \$200 from ICC Support Account approved by Senator Schmeekle; seconded by Senator Carlozzi.

The motion carried with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

B. Funding for the CCCSAA Conference – Coordinator Schaefer

This proposal would fund 13 students and 2 advisors to attend the CCSSAA Conference. It would also fund the cost of travel and lodging.

Motion to approve by Senator Crews; seconded by Senator Alvarado.

The motion carried with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

C. Banned Book Week – Senator Stanley

Banned Book Week is celebrated through schools and libraries throughout the United States of America to educate people of our rights and how our liberties are infringed upon when works of literature are banned.

The funding will be coming from the Academic Enhancement account.

Motion to approve by Finance Director Benyasri; seconded by Senator Alvarado.

The motion carried with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

D. Support for Signature Gathering for Oil Extraction Initiative – Senators Girard and Stanley

Due to the current economic crisis regarding our state budget along with the future of our education, it is imperative that the Associated Students of the College of San Mateo endorse the “Tax in California Oil Revenues to Education Initiative Statute” in order to provide more classes and opportunities for students to thrive in California higher education.

Motion to approve by Senator Alussa; seconded by Senator Schmeekle.

The motion carried with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

E. Proposed Changes to Registration Process – Coordinator Schaefer

Coordinator Schaefer asked the Student Senate to openly voice out their comments and concerns regarding the proposed changes to registration process.

- Associate Senator Manandhar questioned about the time of registration.
- President Kupperberg asked if there is any exception to Student Athletes having an earlier registration date.
- Senator Schmeekle suggested that the CSM library be open during the first week of registration.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Governmental Relations Committee

Senator Schmeekle mentioned that the committee would be meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 2:00 pm in the Office of Student Life.

B. Instructional Institutional Planning Committee

The Instructional Institutional Planning Committee is reestablishing the Puente Program. Next week, the committee will be discussing about the Honor's Program at CSM.

C. Social Action Committee

Vice Chair Sharpe mentioned that the committee would be meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 3:15 in the Prep Room.

D. Programs & Services Committee

Senator Schmeekle would like the Student Senate to take the time and check if they are on the Programs and Services Committee Google Group. If not, please speak to Fauzi after the meeting.

E. Academic Enhancement Committee

Senator Stanley would like his committee members to speak to him after the Senate meeting.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

The following item/s were suggested for consideration for future agenda:

- Funding for the Leadership and Social Justice Conference at Berkeley on October 16, 2011

XIV. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

None

XV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Finance Director Benyasri; seconded by Senator Alvarado. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Submitted by

/s Regina Ramos
ASCSCM Secretary