



ASCSM Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 3, 2011

2:15 p.m.

College of San Mateo, Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center (Building 33)

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm

II. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: President Paige Kupperberg (Excused); Senators Julie Anne Crews, Niko Larot

Associate Senators in Attendance: Raphael Bernabe, Charles Blanco, Stephanie Chiou, John Kilic, Sashka Leahy, Cara Liao, Leylany Marquez, Mara Ochoa, Alex Simon, Nick Vasquez

Guests in Attendance: Nicole Ramos, Sarah Funes, Joseph Gonzalez

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

A. Monday, September 26, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 26, 2011 meeting as presented by Senator Manandhar; second by Senator Girard. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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

Senator Wong announced that PTK would be having an event on Tuesday, October 11 in Room 14-201 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm where a speaker named John Shinozaki will be having a Design Thinking Workshop.

Senator Stanley would like to say thank you to those who volunteered during the “Be the Change” Day at Ravenswood Family Health Center.

VI. Special Presentations

Child Development Center Tour, Louis Piper would like to thank the Student Senate for including the Child Development Center during the Banned Book Week. Additionally, the children would like to present a card, giving thanks to the Student Senate for the Banned Book week reading.

VII. Reports

A. Executive Officers

a. **President Paige Kupperberg** is absent due to a meeting with the District Shared Governance Committee.

b. **Vice President Daniella Medeiro** will be late due to a meeting with the Constitutional Committee.

- c. **Secretary Regina Ramos** reminded the Student Senate about two things: 1st Student Leadership Conference and the UC Berkeley Leadership and Social Justice Conference. Finally, Ms. Ramos would like to commend the Social Action Committee for doing such a good job during the Banned Book Week event.
- d. **Vice Chair Hayley Sharpe** would like the Student Senate to stay safe due to the rainy weather. Also, Ms. Sharpe hopes that today's meeting will be great and is excited to be in the Child Development Center.
- e. **Finance Director Nioratra Benyasr** would like to express her happiness to be in the Child Development Center and that she has nothing more to report.

B. Senators & Associates

- a. **Senator Vasquez** would like to thank the Student Senate for helping out during Banned Book Week.
- b. **Senator Manandhar** announced that she enjoyed helping out during "Be the Change" day.

C. Advisors

- a. **Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities** would like to congratulate the Social Action Committee for having such a tremendous success with their Banned Book Week event. Mr. Schaefer would also like to thank Senator Vasquez for stepping in and helping out with everything during the event. Finally, Mr. Schaefer announced that he and the rest of the Student Senators who volunteered had a great time at Ravenswood Family Health Center. Finally, Mr. Schaefer announced that next Monday afternoon is the deadline for the CAL leadership conference.

- b. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Associate Advisor** announced that ASCSM is finally running on the new system of the email list service. Additionally, Mr. Hamadeh would like the Student Senate to take the opportunity to learn about the Child Development Center and immerse themselves with the children at the center.

D. Committee Reports

- a. **Governmental Relations Committee** would like to thank its members for attending the weekly meetings and is excited for the upcoming events that the committee have been planning.
- b. **Academic Enhancement Committee** announced that they had their first meeting where the members discussed about the committee's mission statement and goals. Additionally, the committee is working towards a tentative calendar for the semester.
- c. **Social action Committee** announced that they were thrilled for having such a great Banned Book Week event.
- d. **Programs & Services Committee** announced that they are looking for people who have Hispanic Traditional clothing that the committee can borrow for the Hispanic Heritage Month event.
- e. **Public relations Committee** announced that they had their first meeting today and it was very productive.

VIII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

- A. **Appointments – President Kupperberg**
None

IX. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

- A. **Legislative Bills – Governmental Relations Committee**
The Governmental Relations Committee would like the Student Senate to approve two bills: AB 91 and AB 919

- The 1st bill is the AB 91 – Student Financial Aid Pilot Program

Motion to approve by Senator Girard; seconded by Senator Wong.

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

- The 2nd bill is the AB 919 – Illegalize to serve alcoholic beverages in community colleges.

Motion to approve by Senator Norton; seconded by Senator Stanley.

The motion carried with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained.

IX. Future Agenda Items

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

- Proposed Bylaw Changes
- Proposal for the Hispanic Heritage Month

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

Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities reminded that the Student Senate should stay after the meeting is over to meet the children from the Child Development Center as well as talk to their staff members about their services.

Senator Girard would like to the Student Senate to attend their Shared Governance Committee meetings.

Senator Chiou would like to thank everyone for participating during the “Be The Change” Day.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Vasquez; seconded by Senator Manandhar.

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Submitted by

/s Regina Ramos
ASCSM Secretary