



## ASCSM Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, December 5, 2011

2:15 p.m.

College of San Mateo, College Center, College 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, Kat Alvarado, Shine Gao, Bailey Girard, John Kilic, Ashley Manandhar, Carlos Mesquita, Michael Norton, Alex Simon, Jeff Stanley, Emmeline Wong

**Associate Senators in Attendance:** Carlie Jones, Alicie Kinert, Sashka Leahy, Cara Liao, Leylany Marquez, Mara Ochoa

**Guests in Attendance:** Joe Gonzalez, Nicole Ramos, Matt Schmeekle

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the Agenda presented by Vice Chair Sharpe; second by Senator Alvarado. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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

a. Monday, November 21, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 21, 2011 meeting as presented by Senator Simon; second by Senator Manandhar. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

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

None

**VI. Special Presentations**

**Vice President Jennifer Hughes** came to the meeting to talk about the student success task force.

**VII. Reports**

A. Executive Officers

a. **President Kupperberg** would like the Student Senate to stay calm, keep your heads up and try not to tear each other apart during finals week.

b. **Vice President Medeiro** would like the Student Senate to do well on their finals.

c. **Secretary Ramos** would like to remind the Student Senate about Stress Reduction week.

d. **Finance Director Benyasri** is excited to turn 20!

e. **Vice Chair Sharpe** would like the Student Senate to get some rest and that ICC is under recess.

B. Senators & Associates

a. **Senator Girard** announced to the Student Senate to bring cans and toys for both drives.

C. Advisors

- a. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Associate Advisor** would like to thank everyone for attending today's Senate Meeting. Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that everyone is invited to attend the college's holiday party on Wednesday at 2:15pm. Additionally, Mr. Hamadeh would like the Student Senate to know that Aaron cannot attend today's meeting due to jury duty. Finally, everyone is encouraged to come and have some food at the Office of Student Life for attending the last meeting.

**D. Committee Reports**

None

**VIII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items**

**A. Appointments – President Kupperberg**

President Kupperberg made the following appointments:

- Therese Salazar as member of Academic Enhancement Committee. Motion to approve by Finance Director Benyasri; second by Senator Kilic.

**B. Legislative Bills – Governmental Relations Committee**

California 1522 (11-0044) Tax on California Oil and Natural Gas. Revenues to Education. Initiative Statute.

Motion to approve the legislative bill by Senator Manandhar; second by Senator Kilic.

The motion was carried with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 9 abstained,

**IX. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items**

**a. Student Success Task Recommendation – Coordinator Schaefer**

Coordinator Schaefer talked about the Student Success task.

**b. Plus/Minus Grading Scale System –Coordinator Schaefer**

The Student Senate discussed the pros and cons as to CSM adapting a plus/minus grading scale system.

**c. Black History Month – Black Student Union**

The Black Student Union is requesting \$2,500 to provide funding, support and location for Black History Month. Black History Month is a time when African American achievements and contributions are highlighted and celebrated for all students to recognize that the African American History is American History.

Motion to approve by Senator Simon; second by Senator Norton.

The motion carried with 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

**d. March in March – Coordinator Schaefer**

The Governmental Relations Committee is requesting \$8,000 to fund buses (at least 5), food for attendees, and other incidentals for the March in March, which is scheduled for Monday, 5, 2012.

Motion to approve by Senator Manandhar second by Finance Director Benyasri.

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

**e. Funding for Club Room & Student Senate Office Upgrades**

The Center for Student Life is requesting \$10,000 to fund a club room as well as student senate office upgrades.

Motion to approve by Finance Director Benyasri; second by Senator Manandhar.

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

**f. Reboot Week – Programs & Services**

The Programs & Services Committee is requesting \$5,000 to fund Reboot Week. The Money will be allocated to the following: food, ASCSM giveaways, Inflatable Rentals and other miscellaneous items.

Motion to approve by Senator Manandhar; second by Senator Simon.

The motion carried with 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstained.

**X. Future Agenda Items**

The following items were suggested for consideration for future agenda:

- Valentines Days
- Spring Fling

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

None

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Gao; second by Senator Kilic. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned by 3:47 pm.

Submitted by

/s Regina Ramos  
ASCSM Secretary