



ASCSM Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 13, 2012

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 2:23 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Vice President Daniella Medeiro; Secretary Regina Ramos; Finance Director Nioratra Benyasri; Vice Chair Hayley Sharpe; Senators Kat Alvarado, Bailey Girard, John Kilic, Ashley Manandhar, Michael Norton, Allie Patawaran, Matt Schmeekle, Alex Simon, Jeff Stanley, and Emmeline Wong

Associate Senators in Attendance: Brittany Arthur, Stephanie Chiou, Alicia Kinert, Leylany Marquez, Quintin Leong, Mara Ochoa, and Therese Salazar

Guests in Attendance: Joe Gonzalez, Bill Calahan

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Minutes of the prior meeting were unavailable. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until next meeting.

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

It was announced that a day of action in support of higher education would take place on Thursday, March 1. The event would start with a rally in front of College Center at 11 am. This would be followed by a march and rally in front of the District Office at 12 pm.

VI. Special Presentations

None

VII. Reports

a. Executive Officers

- a. **President Kupperberg** reported that she had attended the District Shared Governance Committee meeting last week. At that meeting, the state of the current budget was discussed, as well as the proposed revisions to District Rules & Regulations. Finally, President Kupperberg wished a happy Valentine's Day to everyone.
- b. **Vice President Medeiro** welcomed everyone back and said that she hoped everyone is staying dry. Ms. Medeiro also reminded everyone of the upcoming Valentine's Day event.
- c. **Secretary Ramos** was absent.
- d. **Finance Director Benyasri** was absent.
- e. **Vice Chair Sharpe** wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She also reported that the Club Fair scheduled for this week may be delayed due to concerns about the weather.

b. Senators & Associates

- a. **Senator Gao** reported that she had attended the Student Services Leads meeting last week. The group discussed the reception of the new Schedule of Classes. It was announced that among the changes would be addition of the information as to whether a course is transferrable to UC and/or CSU and a more "professional" front page which would cut down on the impression that the schedule is disposable. There was also a report on the Plan Ahead, Pay Ahead policy, which was successful. Among the changes coming to Plan Ahead, Pay Ahead is a fixed date for payment.

c. Advisors

- a. **Coordinator Schaefer** encouraged everyone to sign-up to help during the upcoming Valentine's Day event. Mr. Schaefer also reminded the Student Senate to keep the office in Building 17 clean. Finally, Coordinator Schaefer asked to see President Kupperburg and Senators Girard and Schmeackle after the meeting to discuss the upcoming ASACC trip.
- b. **Associate Advisor Hamadeh** reminded members of the Student Senate to please not exit through the courtyard doors when the Center for Student Life is closed as it causes confusion.

d. Committee Reports

- a. **Senator Alvarado** reported that she had attended a meeting of the Committee on Instruction. The committee approved the Honors Program with pilot courses for fall 2012 in Science, English, and Art. IN addition, a new Astrophysics class was added for the fall 2012 semester.
- b. **Vice Chair Sharpe** reported that the Social Action Committee (SAC) had met last week. She reminded members of SAC to please complete the homework that was discussed at the meeting.
- c. **Senator Stanley** reminded the Senate that the Academic Enhancement Committee meets on Wednesdays at 2:45 pm in the Event Prep Room in the Student Life area (Building 17, Room 118).

VIII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Kupperberg

President Kupperberg made the following appointments:

- Joe Gonzalez as an Associate Senator

Motion to approve by Senator Norton; seconded by Vice Chair Sharpe. Senator Manandhar asked Mr. Gonzalez to tell him a little about himself. Mr. Gonzalez responded by saying that he likes to draw and make art.

Hearing no objections, the motion to approve Joe Gonzalez as an Associate Senator carries.

b. Legislative Bills – Governmental Relations Committee

None

IX. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Spring General Assembly Funding – Coordinator Schaefer

Coordinator Schaefer introduced the proposal, explaining that the Spring SSCCC General Assembly would be held in Ontario, California in April.

Motion to approve by Senator Schmeackle; seconded by Vice Chair Sharpe.

Senator Simon asked if a deposit would be required by those applying to attend the General Assembly. Mr. Schaefer said no, but that if those who signed up did not attend, they would be required to pay back the full amount of the trip or work off the debt in the Center for Student Life.

With a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve funding to attend the SSCCC Spring General Assembly carried.

b. A.S. Funded Scholarships for High School Students – Coordinator Schaefer

Due to the lack of a proposal and hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

c. Allan R. Brown Outstanding Student Service Award Funding – Coordinator Schaefer

Associate Advisor Hamadeh introduced the proposal, explaining that the award is given for outstanding examples of student leadership at CSM.

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

Senator Stanley asked how nominations are collected. Coordinator Schaefer explained that any member of the campus community could nominate a student.

With a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve funding for the Allan R. Brown Outstanding Student Service Award carried.

d. March in March Planning – President Kupperberg

President Kupperberg reported that she has a meeting scheduled with CSM President Mike Claire tomorrow to formulate an e-mail that will be sent out to College employees regarding the March in March. Coordinator Schaefer explained that fliers advertising the event are available in the Center for Student Life and encouraged members of the Senate to post them around campus and make announcements in their classes. Vice President D. Medeiro mentioned that there is a need for people to help with advertising. She suggested that members of the Senate take the time to make banners in the Event Prep Room. Coordinator Schaefer mentioned that Associate Senator Chiou is updating the budget fact sheet. Associate Senator Arthur suggested that the Senate hand out templates of letters that can be sent to state legislators.

e. ICC Club Fair – Vice Chair Sharpe

Vice Chair Sharpe introduced the proposal, explaining that it would be an opportunity for clubs to recruit new members and advertise their presence on campus.

Motion to approve funding for the ICC Club Fair by Senator Manandhar; seconded by Senator Norton.

With a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve funding for the ICC Club Fair carried.

f. Revisions to Board Policy/District Rules and Regulations –President Kupperberg

Due to a lack of information and hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

g. ASCSM 2011/12 Stage 2.0 Budget Update – Finance Director Benyasri

After the first reading of the proposed Stage 2.0 Budget several weeks ago, the item is being brought back to the Senate for final approval.

Motion to approve the Stage 2.0 Budget by Senator Schmeeckle; seconded by Senator Alvarado.

With a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve the Stage 2.0 Budget carried.

X. Future Agenda Items

The Senate suggested no items for future meetings.

XI. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

President Kupperberg followed up her earlier report by announcing that she had also attended the District Student Council meeting last week. The Council discussed the Student Success Task Force recommendations, the proposed changes to the grading policy, the March in March, and the possibility of a district-wide Student Body Card.

Senator Girard reminded everyone to continue gathering signatures for the Oil Extraction Tax Initiative.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Manandhar; seconded by Senator Simon. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Submitted by,

/s Fauzi Hamadeh
Associate Advisor