



ASCSM Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 8, 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 2:21 pm.

Due to the absence of Vice President D. Medeiro, Vice Chair Sharpe chaired the start of the meeting.

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, Shine Gao, Bailey Girard, Michael Norton, Allie Patawaran, Matt Shmееckle, Jeff Stanley, Christopher Tran, and Emmeline Wong.

Members Absent: Senators Paola Alunni, Brittany Arthur, Julie Anne Crews, Melanie Medeiro, Carlos Mesquita, and Epine Siaopo.

Associate Senators in Attendance: Niko Larot, Sasha Leahy, Tryn Miller, and Nick Vasquez.

Guests in Attendance: Doug Robinson.

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

A. Monday, July 11, 2011

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, July 11, 2011 meeting as presented by Senator Alvarado; seconded by Senator Gao. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Senator Alvarado announced that the CSM Gay-Straight Alliance had raised over \$2,000.00 as part of the San Francisco AIDS Walk.

Associate Senator Vasquez announced there would be a fundraising walk in support of Alzheimer's research on September 24 in San Francisco.

VI. Special Presentations

None.

VII. Executive Reports

A. **President Paige Kupperberg** welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the summer. President Kupperberg also expressed her happiness that fall classes would begin in a week and a half.

B. **Vice President Daniella Medeiro** was not present for reports.

C. **Secretary Regina Ramos** expressed her hope that everyone had a great weekend. She also encouraged members of the Student Senate to attend their committee meetings and to be sure to email their committee chairs with their availability.

Finance Director Nioratra Benyasri expressed her hope that everyone had a good weekend. She reminded the Student Senate that Welcome Day is coming up this Friday, August 12. Ms. Benyasri also reminded the group that the conflict resolution training is coming up on Monday, August 15.

Vice Chair Hayley Sharpe echoed the sentiments of earlier reports. She also extended congratulations to the GSA for their fundraising efforts. Finally, Ms. Sharpe congratulated the Senate on a successful event over the summer session.

VIII. Senator Reports

None.

IX. Advisor Reports

- A. **Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities**, reminded everyone to make sure to respond to email messages in a timely manner. Mr. Schaefer reminded everyone that communication was a priority identified by the group. It is also important that everyone attend their committee meetings. Not only are the meetings important because they are mandated by the ASCSM Constitution and Bylaws, but because they are the source for all the proposals and other legislation that come before the Senate. The proposal process normally takes at least two weeks, but there can be exemptions for emergency situations. Mr. Schaefer also announced that a few members of the Senate needed to confirm their attendance at the upcoming conflict resolution training. Finally, Mr. Schaefer encouraged members of the Senate to volunteer for Welcome Day.
- B. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Associate Advisor**, reminded everyone that the campus closes at 10 p.m. Anyone in the Senate Office is expected to leave by that time. If the Office of Student Life finds out that people are staying past 10 p.m., the right to keys to the office may be rescinded.

At this time, Vice President D. Medeiro arrived. Vice Chair Sharpe passed the gavel to Vice President D. Medeiro.

X. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

A. Appointments – President Kupperberg

President Kupperberg made the following appointments:

- Associate Senator Niko Larot as a Senator

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

Senator Stanley asked for a statement from Mr. Larot. Mr. Larot stated that although he has not been a member of the Senate in the past, he has worked closely with members of the group as part of AGS. He also expressed his desire to bring more life to the campus via Senate activities.

Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

- Doug Robinson as an Associate Senator

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

Senator Stanley mentioned that Mr. Robinson had been a member of the Student Senate in the past, and he extended a welcome at Mr. Robinson's return.

Mr. Robinson reiterated that he had been a member of the Student Senate in the past, and that he is currently working in the Office of Student Life and a student assistant. In the

past, Mr. Robinson has also been the president of AGS. He is an environmental engineering major, and is looking forward to being a part of the Senate again.

Hearing no objections, the motion to approve Doug Robinson as an Associate Senator carried.

- Associate Senator Leahy and Senator Larot to Programs & Services committee
- Secretary Ramos and Associate Senator Robinson to Public Relations committee
- Senators Stanley and Girard and Associate Senators Leahy and Vasquez to Social Action committee
- Senator Stanley to the Governmental Relations committee

Motion to approve by Senator Norton; seconded by Senator Larot. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

At this time, Coordinator Schaefer requested that the order of the day be suspended and that the Student Senate take up the items under New Business. Hearing no objections, the order of the day was suspended.

XI. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

A. Resolution Thanking Drip Coffee – Associate Advisor Hamadeh

Coordinator Schaefer introduced the item, explaining that Drip Coffee had provided service above and beyond what was needed while they were at CSM. Due to contractual issues, they would not be returning in the fall. The resolution is a way of thanking Drip for everything that they have done while on campus.

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

Hearing no discussion, the Senate moved to a vote.

The motion carried with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

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 next meeting.

Motion to table this item until next meeting by Finance Director Benyasri; seconded by Senator Schmeackle.

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

C. Welcome Week – Programs & Services Co-Chairs Carlozzi and Ramos

Senator Carlozzi and Secretary Ramos reported that the Programs & Services committee met last week to discuss Welcome Week. Because the full committee did not attend the meeting, those who did attend made some tentative plans for the event, including bringing a rock climbing wall to campus, reaching out local radio stations, and partnering with Jamba Juice. Programs & Service is asking for \$5,000.00 to fund the activities and giveaways for Welcome Week.

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

Members of the Senate asked for some details, including which radio station would be invited and what the giveaways would be. Senator Carlozzi and Secretary Ramos explained that final decisions

would be made after meeting with the full Programs & Services committee, but some of the ideas that had been thrown out included Wild 94.9 for the radio station. For giveaways, the group is considering pens, lanyards, and highlighters.

The motion to approve \$5,000.00 from Programs & Services for Welcome Week carried with 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Returning to the order of the day, the Student Senate took up Unfinished Business, Discussion, and Information Item B, ASCSM Goals for 2011/12.

X. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

B. ASCSM Goals for 2011/12 – Coordinator Schaefer & President Kupperberg

In order to develop goals for the 2011/12 year, the Student Senate was broken up into working groups. Each group developed a series of goals and priorities. These goals will be forwarded to the Finance & Administration committee for review. The draft goals will be used to develop final goals for the 2011/12 year, and brought back to the Student Senate for final discussion and approval.

XII. Committee Reports

None.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

The following items were suggested for consideration for a future agenda:

- Sponsorship of a blood drive for the fall 2011 semester
- Funding to attend the CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference

XIV. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Associate Advisor Hamadeh announced that he would add alternate email addresses to the Student Senate and committee Google Groups. Anyone interested in having this setup should contact him directly.

XV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Norton; seconded by Senator Carlozzi. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Submitted by

/s Fauzi Hamadeh
Associate Advisor