



Student Senate Minutes

Monday, October 8, 2012

2:15 pm

College of San Mateo, College Center, Colledge Heights Conference Room (Bldg. 10, Rm. 468)

I. Call to Order

2:18pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Paige Kupperberg, Hayley Sharpe, Kat Alvarado, Elizabeth Hoffman, John Kilic, Alicia Kinert, Laszlo Lengyel, Cara Liao, Leylany Marquez, Eli Sakov (left early at 3:23pm), Therese Salazar, Nick Vasquez.

Guests: Bailey Girard, Amanda Governale, Maggie Garaci, Piam Mottaghian

Absent: Gabriel Denham, Sonja Roberts, Adam Sakov (excused), Fan Wang.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Hoffman; Senator Kinert

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

With corrections. Senator Kinert; Senator Vasquez.

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

None.

VI. Reports

a. Executive Officers

1. President Kupperberg: This morning, we had a discussion with Mike Claire about College Hour. One of us will be discussing it at College Council. We will get a feel about what each constituency thinks about it. Mike also thought about the structure of classes for the week and how it can be formatted. Students would love not having classes on Friday. I will update ya'll further next Monday.

2. Vice President Sharpe: We are getting near to the end. Remember to breath.

3. Finance Director Alvarado: Latino Heritage is coming next week and we have some pretty cool stuff. Look for a sign up sheet. We have a band. We are looking into a couple radio stations.

4. Vice Chair Hoffman: This week we have our club fair this Tuesday and Wednesday. I kind of threw up a sign up board. We are doing pizza on a passport system. If you guys are around, you can help out with that. This is ICC's first event and I expect it to be successful.

5. Secretary Kilic: None.

b. Senators

Eli Sakov: The Democrats Club will have an event coming up.

Laszlo: It is Mental Illness Awareness Week. Just wanted to let people know. I like to try to make everyone aware of all these illnesses.

c. Advisors

1. Aaron Schaefer, Coordinator of Student Activities: Hey. Good to be back. I missed you all.

2. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Activities Assistant: CSM will be participating in the Great Shake Out. A crime alert was sent out from public safety. There were a couple robberies at Skyline Office. We do have offices, of course, and make sure to lock up your belongings, and watch your stuff when you leave them out. Finally, Canada is going to be hosting a Talk by Robert Reich, who used to be a member of the Clinton Administration. There is a charge to get in, but it is open to the public.

d. Committee Reports

1. Executive Cabinet: We will be changing our time for next semester. For those of you that are on this committee, please stay after.

2. Advocacy Board: We are bringing in state bills for our next meeting.

3. Programming Board: We have Latino Heritage coming next week. We have a lot planned out. The following week we have the Harvest Festival. I'm really proud of PB and we are on a roll.

4. Inter Club Council: We are having Club Fair this week. That's pretty much it.

5. College, District, and State Committees, Boards, and Organizations

Paige: I went to SSCCC this weekend. We had an extensive discussion on prop 30 and on Performance Based Funding.

Kat: I have Budget Planning next week.

Alicia: At IPC, we had a summary about the meeting before that. We went over the Math Booster program and its success. We had an Accreditation Update, and set out some goals. Some time in the future, we are going to have an All College Meeting.

Therese: I went to Library Advisory Committee the week before, and they talked about improving the Library by updating the books.

Laszlo: I'm on Standard 2, and we are just doing final drafts.

Paige: The All College Meeting was last Tuesday and we talked about participatory governance.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Kupperberg

None.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Parking Fee Increase

Paige: We had a presentation on this, but I wanted to talk more on it and possibly take a stance.

Laszlo: I thought that it would be good to apply the increase not this year, but next Fall. Also, I talked to them about trading in your Fall parking pass for a full year pass. I know some students haven't gotten their funding yet, and things like this can really affect them.

Paige: From what I know, I don't think they have started implementing this increase.

Advisor Schaefer: This has to go all the way to the Board of Trustees to get approved before it can be implemented.

Vice Chair: I would want to stay neutral on it. People have already bought parking passes for the full year. I think we should just give out information.

Senator Salazar: I think that if we do decide to be neutral, we should make it known why we are doing that.

Bailey Girard: I think that it would take about 2-3 months for it to be approved. It is a district decision, so I think that we don't have to do anything, because it may put us in bad position. So

maybe we could make a report to the district about our opinion. If we opposed it, I would want to oppose it for this year, especially with the parking problems.

Senator Salazar: If we do decide to oppose it, should we be relaying this info to students anyway.

Advisor Schaefer: I honestly think you should be in more of a role involving education. But if a student did approach you, you should tell them.

Maggie: I think we should discuss the information again, so we have it right.

Paige: We could have quick facts sheet about it.

Senator Kinert: Is it PRs job to give out the info? I don't see why they are looking at us to get out the word.

Vice Chair Hoffman: I am hearing that we are opposing this. But I think we should think about the long run and see how it can benefit the students.

Laszlo: They are also increasing the funds because we do have a deficit. It is money that is being taken away anyway. I think we need more info on what they are currently doing and what we are getting back.

Paige: I recommend that we write a resolution to oppose this until Summer 2013.

Bailey Girard: The faculties don't actually pay; they just get their parking pass. I think they should pay a little bit.

Advisor Schaefer: That is a negotiated issue, because they would have to negotiate that with the unions.

Bailey Girard: We could get a task force started to get more info on it.

Paige: We just need to draft a resolution and then take a stance on it.

Vice President: Are we okay with just drafting a resolution right now, like Paige said?

Paige: I can have 3 people on the task force, including myself.

Therese, and Laszlo were put on the task force.

b. Plus or Minus Grading System

Paige: I want to have a discussion here and tell Dianna Bennet about what we think about this grading system. This system would change the GPA calculation a little bit.

Advisor Schaefer: Historically, the AS at all three campuses have been opposed to this. This doesn't really affect the students; rather, it is for faculty to be grading students more accurately.

Advisor Hamadeh: When I came here, we did have this grading system. Faculty then didn't want it anymore so they got rid of it.

Senator Kinert: I wonder what reason faculty had for getting rid of this system back then, and why it is now being brought back.

Senator Lengyel: I think that all schools should have a similar system. It makes it easier to replicate a school that you are transferring to.

Bailey Girard: The Academic Senate discussed that this creates more work, and a lot more tension between faculty and students. Although it was a fairly split vote, they were mostly against it.

Senator Salazar: I think that this should be a unified decision, because it affects the students.

Senator Vasquez: I agree with Therese, because this is affecting the students and it should be up to them.

Vice Chair Hoffman: I do support the system, because I do get upset when I work harder than a student that gets a B and I get a B+, yet we get the same point value.

Vice President Sharpe: Do you guys think we should draft a resolution?

People are in consensus. The Resolution Task Force will write this.

c. Proposition 38 – Senator Salazar

This is a tax increase on everyone, and the money will be going to K-12. It is crucial that we show that we oppose this.

Paige: We have already taken a position on prop 30. Only one of these props can pass.

Motion to oppose prop 38 by Senator Salazar; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

In favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

d. Harvest Festival – Senator Kinert

I am coming to you requesting \$3000 for this event, but I would like \$500 more. We have tons of events, and a variety of prizes.

Vice Chair Hoffman: I will kick stuff at the contests.

Motion to approve \$3000 with the addition of \$500 by Senator Salazar; seconded by Senator Lengyel. In favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

e. Senate Office Rules – President Kupperberg and Vice President Sharpe

We just wanted to talk things over and hear concerns.

Paige: Vice Chairs of committees are allowed to be in the office alone. Also, John should not have to remind you to clean the office when you are scheduled to do so.

Advisor Schaefer: Guests should not be on the computer.

f. Club Fair – Vice Chair Hoffman

We are giving out pizza at Club Fair on a passport system. I'm hoping to have info out there on how people can start clubs as well. If anyone can help out, that would be awesome.

Motion to approve \$600 from the Club account to fund Club Fair, first by Senator Kinert; seconded by Senator Vasquez. In favor 7 Oppose 0 Abstain 0. Motion passes.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Human Rights

Canned Food Drive

Frisbee Club

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

Vice Chair Hoffman: I have a Unisef box so if you have any extra change, throw it in there.

Bailey Girard: GA resolutions are due this Friday.

Tim Maxwell: I would like to request funding for a keynote speaker on November 8th. Jeremy Wallace and I will be bringing our classes to a workshop where we will be talking about human rights and the universal declaration of human rights. There will be a lot student work on display and it will be open to all students. We hope to make it an ongoing event. The keynote speaker is Dr. Adrian Macintyre. We have a great opportunity to make CSM and compelling place for human rights.

Advisor Hamadeh: Half the Sky is tonight.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Hoffman, Lengyel. 3:52pm