



## Student Senate Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2012

2:15 pm

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

### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:16pm

### II. Roll Call

Present: President Kupperberg, Vice President Sharpe, Finance Director Alvarado, Vice Chair Hoffman, and Secretary Kilic.

Senators Present: Garcia, Governale, Kinert, Lengyel, Liao, Marquez, Mottaghian, Sakov, E Sakov, Salazar, Vasquez.

Guests Present: Mimi K, Jean G, Bailey Girard, Denaya Dailey (PDE), Sarah Sakov, Becky B.

### III. Approval of the Agenda

First by Senator Kinert; seconded by Senator A. Sakov.

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

First by Senator Salazar; seconded by Senator Kinert

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

None.

### VI. Reports

#### a. Executive Officers

1. President Paige Kupperberg: Congratulations for making it to finals week. I hope you all brought your Secret Santa gifts

2. Vice President Hayley Sharpe: I would also like to congratulate you all. Get some sleep and remember to study. There is an event tomorrow as well. I am looking forward to Secret Santa.

3. Finance Director Kat Alvarado: Good luck on your finals and get some sleep.

4. Vice Chair Elizabeth Hoffman: None.

5. Secretary John Kilic: None.

#### b. Senators

None.

#### c. Advisors

1. Aaron Schaefer, Coordinator of Student Activities: Way to make it through the semester. Good luck on your finals. See you next year. Our office will be closing next Wednesday at noon. If you need anything from us, get to us by then, or reach us through text, email, or facebook.

2. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Activities Assistant: Good job on making it through the year/semester. You guys did a lot of events and activities. You guys deserve a round of applause. Get some rest, and get ready for next semester. We will be closed from the 20<sup>th</sup> until January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Senate office will also be closed. On Wednesday at 2pm, the Center for Student Life will be holding the All-College party.

#### d. Committee Reports

1. Executive Cabinet: We had our last meeting on Tuesday.
2. Advocacy Board: We will not be meeting tomorrow. We have lots of things planned for next semester and we are very excited.
3. Programming Board: We have the Holiday Angels Toy Drive, and its going well but we are not getting as many gifts as we thought. We will be wrapping Friday afternoon. The party starts at 3:30pm tomorrow. We will be playing a movie. I believe Santa will be there at some time. We will have pizza. You guys should come; the kids will be there. We were originally going to have De-stress day tomorrow, but we moved it to Thursday. We are going to be giving out scantrons, and coffee and tea. Reboot Week will be the second week of school and we will need a lot of help.
4. Inter Club Council: We approved \$2500 for PTK's Conference.
5. College, District, and State Committees, Boards, and Organizations
  - Paige: During District Council, we talked about Board Policies. We also talked about parking fees and few information items. The main thing is that we are done with Board Policies. The Region meeting will be here next week from noon to 3pm, Saturday.
  - Alicia: At IPC we talked about hiring procedures, an Accreditation update, local business needs and jobs in regards to the education those jobs need.
  - Adam: I went to SLO meeting last week and we talked about changes to make on the GE SLO.
  - John: I attended COI and they approved many FIRE classes and approved classes that had SLO changes.

## **VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items**

### **a. Appointments – President Kupperberg**

Josue and Mimi for Programming Board.

Motion by Senator A. Sakov; seconded by Senator Kinert

Piam: He is a great guy and he is always excited about helping other people. Really excited.

Therese: Can you tell us about yourself?

Mimi: I am a business major. I would like to go to UCB. I love events. I would like to gain some experience and make new friends.

Alicia: She is very into volunteering and helping out.

Seeing no objections, Mimi and Josue are appointed to Programming Board.

Sara was nominated to Advocacy Board.

Motion by Senator Mottaghian,; seconded by Vice Chair Hoffman.

Adam: I can vouch for her.

Seeing no objections, Sara is appointed to AB.

Committee Appointments:

President Kupperberg: We need students on BSI.

Eli volunteered

President Kupperberg: Since Elizabeth has more time; I think she should be on there seeing that Eli is on 4 committees.

Elizabeth was nominated to BSI.

Mimi was nominated for International

First by Senator Mottaghian; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Seeing no objections, motion passes. Vice Chair Hoffman was appointed to BSI. Mimi was appointed to International.

**b. Legislative Bills – Therese Salazar**

None.

**c. Puente Project Debrief – Kitamura**

Hey guys I am an English Professor here at CSM. I was here a few months seeking funding from you guys. I wanted to give you some info on what we used the money for. The Puente Program incorporates English along with the counselors. It is a national model. I believe 34 high schools have this program. We attended the Transfer Motivational Conference. You guys provided funding for transportation. We worked with 900 other students. Students also attended workshops that were self-selected. They ranged from health care to financial aid. Students chose whatever appealed to them. They also had the chance to connect with other Puente Students. I asked the students to write reflections. On behalf of Puente; I want to Thank you very much.

**d. Veteran’s Debrief – Veteran’s Alliance**

No representative present.

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

**a. Spring Dance Concert Funding – Denaya Dailey**

The Date was changed to April 25<sup>th</sup>. We just had a performance last week and it went really well. It was a fundraiser for us. We had many classes. PDE had 7 different student choreographers. We also had some guest artists from Skyline. We made around \$1500.

Motion to approve \$1500 for PDE’s Spring Dance Concert by Elizabeth; Nick.

This is coming out of the ICC fund.

It did not go through ICC because it did not appear on their Agenda.

Aaron: PDE has been putting these on for years now. They always pack the house and is very popular.

Therese: For the Fall concert, is this the same amount we approved.

Denaya: It is about the same.

Adam: Since this is like the ICC, does the 80% rule apply.

Fauzi: It has been paired down.

Adam: How much has PDE asked for.

Aaron: This is for Spring.

All in favor for funding \$1500 for PDE for the Spring Dance Concert:

Approve: 12 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

-Hearing no objections, the orders of the day are suspended in order to hear Item C under unfinished items.

**b. Workshop with Pete Guinosso – Denaya Dailey**

We are really excited that Pete Guinosso is willing to come here. We have given them several dates so we are waiting for him to confirm.

Motion to approve \$370 to bring Pete to CSM by Vice Chair Hoffman; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Paige: I noticed you are asking for publicity for both workshops. Are you planning on having 2 separate dates?

Denaya: yes we are.

Adam One is requesting more money for publicity.

Denaya: We are expecting a larger turn out for one.

PDE: These people are really well known.

Alicia: Is Open Heart Yoga a club? So it will be coming out of ICC?

Aaron: Yes

Alicia: Are these weekday events?

Denaya: Yes they are.

Nick: What are the dates?

PDE: They have not yet confirmed

Amanda: What goes on at these?

PDE: We had a relazing type of Yoga, and informational session, a restorative class, and then we talked about ways to modify poses and demonstrated them. Lastly, we had a Q&A.

Laszlo: Where are the workshops held?

PDE: We are looking at building 5.

All those in favor of funding \$370 for bringing Pete to CSM for a workshop:

Approve: 12 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

**c. Workshop with Jason Crandel – Denaya Dailey**

He is awesome. You guys should come.

Motion to approve \$500 to OHY to bring Jason Crandel to CSM, first by Senator Kinert; seconded by Senator Garcia.

All in favor of funding \$500 for a workshop with Jason Crandel:

Approve: 12 oppose: 0 abstain: 0. Motion passes.

**d. Transfer Reception Funding – David Laderman**

Paige: Professor Laderman has a District meeting today. CSM will be hosting its first transfer reception. It will be for students who are transferring or planning to transfer to a 4-year institution. We request \$3000 that would go towards food and misc. They are planning to get funding else where as well.

Motion to approve \$3000 for the Transfer Reception by Senator Vasquez; seconded by Senator Mottaghian.

Paige: They will be doing a drawing, which is meant to raise money for a scholarship for a transfer student next year.

Aaron: This is a way to celebrate the achievement for transfer students meeting their goals.

Paige: There will be keynote speakers, and plan to acknowledge each student.

Eli: How many people do you hope will attend?

Paige: We are working with Mike Mitchell. We are expecting about 100 students, who can each bring 2 people.

All in favor for funding funds not to exceed \$3000 for the Transfer Reception:

Approve: 11 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion passes.

**e. Thank You Gifts Funding – Coordinator Schaefer**

Throughout the semester, you have had a variety of people helping you with events behind the scenes. We wanted to thank them for their help. For the specific people who did a lot of work,

we are going to get specific gifts for them. There are several people who we just call up at the last minute and they are still willing to help. We are asking for \$250.

Motion to approve \$250 for Thank You Gifts by Seantor E. Sakov; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

All in favor of funding \$250 from the Hospitality fund for Thank you gifts:

Approve: 12 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion passes.

**f. Winter Retreat – Coordinator Schaefer**

We put this back on because not everyone was here last week. This is an important thing and we will not pass money for this if no one wants to attend. We think this is important for you guys but we won't do it if you don't want to.

Paige: I wanted to state that this is back on the Agenda because Alicia and I wanted it back on here. You guys have this opportunity to grow as leaders and bond with each other.

Therese: The summer retreat was really great and it was a great chance for us to meet everybody.

Piam: Do we know what events will be going on?

Aaron: Not yet.

Elizabeth: It was very beneficial to go to the summer retreat. I think the last time we talked about this people were worried about getting time off work.

Adam: When did we think about having this?

Aaron: the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> in January.

Aaron: We get very stressed during the spring semester. A lot of this group will be on the edge. Some members even start checking out. That bond that we create helps us through this stress period. This retreat helps us plan ahead. It helps us all get through the semester.

Hayley: I have attended about 5 retreats. These really do help us. Rehearing what we learn really helps you. It has always been a great experience.

Laszlo: I am surprised that there is a lack of people wanting to go. This would normally cost a lot of money to receive this kind of learning experience.

Maggie: I hope we go. I really want to. I think we should all take advantage to this opportunity.

Shawn: I did attend the retreats that were open to students. I made a lot of friends. It is great to get to know people at different levels.

Piam: When I went to the fall retreat. I was not looking forward to it. I went and it was really fun. If you learn even one thing, it will be very beneficial. You always meet new people and it's a great experience regardless.

Aaron: We will get together before the semester starts and get some planning in for the spring.

Paige: Piam had said he was really aggravated that he had to go. It doesn't matter how many retreats you have gone to, there is always room for you to grow.

Therese: Can we take a poll now?

Aaron: We will send out emails for people to go.

**g. Plus/Minus Grading Resolution – President Kupperberg**

I changed this up like you all requested.

-See attachment for the resolution-

The reason why the resolves are the way they is because when we discussed this originally, people had a issue with having A- and C- grades because students who received an A+ would not be rewarded, but if they received an A-, they would receive fewer grade points

Motion by Senator A. Sakov; seconded by Vice Chair Hoffman.

Nick: Inline should be in line.

Paige: Minor changes can be changed.

Therese: How long would you give us to report grammar errors?

Paige: 48 hours.

Adam: Why do we want to make a change in the grading system?

Paige: The Board of Trustees is proposing to make this change. We are expressing our opinion by making and then submitting this resolution.

Bailey: It would then come to District Student Council.

Paige: In the second whereas, we do acknowledge the pro for having the new grading system. In the second whereas, we do say that we don't want students who are earning A grades should not be put at a disadvantage.

All in favor of passing this resolution: Approve: 12 oppose: 0 abstain: 0. Motion passes.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

Send items to Executive Cabinet.

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

None.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chair Hoffman; seconded by Senator Vasquez. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.