

# The Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2013

2:15 pm

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

### I. Call to Order

2:16pm

### II. Roll Call

### III. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Vice Chair Hoffman; seconded by Senator Vasquez.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes by Senator Salazar; seconded by Senator E. Sakov.

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

None.

### VI. Reports

#### a. Executive Officers

1. President Paige Kupperberg: (provided by Hayley) I apologize I cannot be here. I will not be home until tonight. I hope you have all had a great first 2 weeks. I have very high hopes for what we can accomplish this semester and make it the best ASCSM has ever seen. I wish the best to Alicia with Reboot Week. To Therese, I am pleased to see March in March going so swimmingly. Make sure you go to your committee meetings. If you have conflicts, email me. See you tomorrow.
2. Vice President Hayley Sharpe: I attended the Vice President of Instruction Hiring committee. We can't say much because we signed a confidentiality form.
3. Finance Director *Vacant*
4. Vice Chair Elizabeth Hoffman: I am very excited for Reboot Week. Our first ICC meeting is coming up.
5. Secretary John Kilic: Welcome back.

#### b. Senators

None.

#### c. Advisors

1. Aaron Schaefer, Coordinator of Student Activities: Not present.
2. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Activities Assistant: Welcome back. As you all know, our Finance Director had to resign. We are sorry to see her go. I will be doing eligibility checks. You must have at least a 2.0 gpa overall

and last semester, be enrolled in at least 6 units, and have over a 50% completion rate. We talked with Jennifer Mendoza to see if we could partner together and do some outreach. They are putting together a peer mentoring programming. They are accepting apps through March 15<sup>th</sup>. They are going to do training this semester. Over summer they will partner you up with someone on the summer bridge program. It is a paid program. You will do a service-learning project with them. Jennifer was very interested in having members of ASCSM participate. I did want to go back to the retreat. One of the things we talked about is going up a notch this semester. The group did a wonderful job last semester. Aaron and I had a difficult time putting things together for the retreat because this group doesn't have many issues. We settled on doing more. Just remember we want to turn it up to the next level and make this an awesome semester.

**d. Committee Reports**

1. Executive Cabinet: We meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 in the Club Room.
2. Advocacy Board: Apps for DC were handed out at our last meeting and due on February 1<sup>st</sup>
3. Programming Board: We are all working on Reboot Week, which starts tomorrow. It will be inside. We are going to have food all three days. We will also be giving out ASCSM bags.
4. Inter Club Council: Our first meeting is this week. We were thinking about Club Day for the end of February. We were thinking of doing an activity for the clubs. We would hold a contest where the clubs would decorate their tables.

Leylany: Is the first meeting mandatory?

Vice Chair Hoffman: If your forms are turned in, yes.

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

Therese: I can no longer attend the Library Committee because I have a lab until 4pm.

Amanda: I went to the Safety Committee in December and that went well. They set up a Safety Committee Website. We also have plans for this steep part of the campus where they will put bumpers for safety.

Laszlo: I had a student ask me about that area. They suggested that the safety committee look into putting a sidewalk pathway.

Amanda: I think that is what is going to happen. They also talked about street lights.

John: I attended Academic Senate and we had a heavy discussion on MOOCs, or Massive Online Open Courses.

Bailey: Diana Bennet asked that I try to get more info from students about what they think of online courses.

Hailey: I attended College Council. They are aiming to turn College Council into more of an Oversight Committee.

Maggie: I attended the District Budget Committee Meeting. They want to make a new definition for Community Colleges.

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

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

I am pleased to appoint Nick Vasquez as Finance Director for the Spring 2013 Term.

Motion to approve Nick as Finance Director by Vice Chair Hoffman; seconded by Senator Kinert.

Eli: Do you want to be Finance Director?

Nick: I do, yes.

Therese: Can you make the Executive Cabinet meetings?

Nick: I have class at that time.

Alicia: I definitely wanted to see some continuity from this year to next year. We wanted to keep someone who would be here next year.

All in favor: 12 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion passes.

### **b. Legislative Bills – Therese Salazar**

The Advocacy Board brought two bills that were the same. We are working to motivate everyone to bring in more bills. Hopefully next week I'll have something to bring to you next week.

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

### **a. Student Trustee Nominee Election Timeline – Advisor Schaefer**

Fauzi: Each College holds an election select a nominee from each school. Advisor Hamadeh went over the guidelines for nominating and electing a Student Trustee.

There is a timeline on page 11. The filing period has been changed to Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Advisor Hamadeh went over the timeline.

Motion to approve the timeline for the ASCSM Student Trustee Nomination by Senator Kinert; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Amanda: What is a Student Trustee?

Advisor Hamadeh: The Student Trustee serves as a liaison from the students to the Board Meetings. The Trustee also sits on the District Shared Governance and on District Student Council.

All in favor of approving the timeline for the Student Trustee Nominee Election Timeline: 10 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

### **b. ASCSM General Election Timeline – Advisor Schaefer**

Fauzi: We are doing this a little early so we don't have to come back to it later.

Advisor Hamadeh went over the timeline for the ASCSM General Election.

Motion to approve the ASCSM General Election Timeline by Senator Mottaghian; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Piam: The filing period begins on the 24<sup>th</sup>?

Fauzi: It is the 25<sup>th</sup>.

All in favor of approving the ASCSM General Election Timeline: 11  
Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

**c. Additional Tables for ASCSM/Student Life – Advisor Schaefer**

Fauzi: we have 12 tables that we use for events. We find occasions where we run out of tables. We would like 8 more tables to support these activities.

Motion to approve \$2,500 for additional tables for ASCSM/Student Life by Senator Garcia; seconded by Senator A. Sakov.

Laszlo: Where are they going to be stored?

Fauzi: We have moved some stuff from that closest to the clubroom.

All in favor for approving \$2500 for additional tables for ASCSM/Student Life: 11 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion passes.

**d. Funding for March in March – Senator Salazar**

Right now, we have almost everyone focusing on different tasks to promote this on campus. We are working on T-shirt designs too.

Motion to fund \$5000 for March in March by Senator Kinert; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Laszlo: Are we talking about some poster board or picket signs?

Therese: We have those already.

Maggie: How many busses are you taking?

Therese: We are thinking about 80 students per bus; maybe 2 busses.

Elizabeth: Do you have a T-shirt design?

Therese: Yes!

All in favor of approving \$5000 for March in March: 11 Oppose: 0  
Abstain: 0 Motion passes.

**e. FACCC Conference Funding – Advisor Schaefer**

Fauzi: This is for the faculty of California Community Colleges.

The faculty hosts a conference for advocacy. They talk about things that they have approved as important legislative issues.

Motion to approve \$1155 out of the Student Rep Fee to send Advocacy Board Members to this conference by Senator Salazar; seconded by Senator E. Sakov.

All in favor of approving \$1155: 11 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passes.

**f. Washington DC Advocacy Trip Funding – Advisor Schaefer**

Fauzi: Every year, we send a group of students to represent the students of CSM. This trip would be open to members of the Advocacy Board.

Motion to approve \$10469 for the Washington DC Advocacy Trip Funding by Senator Salazar; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Therese: The Advocacy Board members have been told that we would only be taking those who are willing to put in the work.

All in favor of funding \$10469 for the Washington DC Advocacy Trip: 11  
Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion Passes.

**g. ASCSM Bylaws – Advisor Schaefer**

Fauzi: Last spring we went through and rewrote the ASCSM Constitution. It was voted in favor of the last General Election. The bylaws were 30 years. There hadn't been an opportunity or desire to update everything.

The election code and the budget code use to be separate times. The section on roles and responsibilities has been updated to be more coherent to what we do now.

Advisor Hamadeh went over the changes made in the bylaws.

Motion to approve the new ASCSM bylaws by Senator Mottaghian; seconded by Vice Chair Hoffman.

Elizabeth on page 21, under the Academic Eligibility, 4.6, what if students have to make grade changes or have issues to resolve.

Fauzi: We have to at least see that the process to resolve the issue has been started by the faculty.

Therese: Since we said that the bylaws wouldn't be edited regularly, would we make an amendment and have a resolution?

Fauzi: Yes you would just make a resolution.

Elizabeth: under the bribes for elections, 11.3 and 11.1 sound the same.

Fauzi: You would be surprised. They do refer to different things.

Alicia: On page 33, should it say 6.2 (a) under b in 6.2 Senators and Executive Officers?

Eli: for ICC, when clubs ask for funding, if the maximum \$2500, this would add up to a lot of service to ASCSM since it is for every \$100, an hour of service must be served for the AS in events.

Fauzi: Yes, but it doesn't have to be the same person

Nick: The numbering on page 41, 6.3 appears twice.

Fauzi: Yes the numbering should be changed to 6.4, then continuing on.

On page 20, the same issue occurred with the numbering.

Adam: Page 44 under section 2, the numbering is also off.

Adam: Page 38 Section 2 should have the numbering changed.

Alicia: On page 38, under section 2 1.1, voting in case of a tie for ICC, that should be implemented in the Boards.

Fauzi: The Constitution says that all the constituents shall refer to Robert's Rules. So it will be allowable that the vote could be broken by the Chair.

Bailey: Does this have to be voted on by an election?

Fauzi: No, this just has to be voted on by the Senate.

Therese: Can you explain the structure of the Executive Cabinet?

Alicia: Well we have these 3 committees where Chairs are either voted on or appointed, like how Vice Chair is voted on while Advocacy, and Programming Board are appointed.

Advisor Hamadeh: Way back, the Vice Chair once didn't have many responsibilities. There was a desire to change this. Even in the old bylaws, the Vice President was supposed to chair ICC. Also, at one point, the AS had a Legislative branch, and an Executive branch. The current Vice Chair position serves more as a check and balance since the Vice Chair is elected while the Board chairs are appointed.

Nick: Page 28, the numbering needs to be changed.

Elizabeth: reading over Section 2, 6.2, referring to the Leave of Absence, I feel that Executive Cabinet members should have to be accountable for not attending this meeting if they are on the Cabinet.

Fauzi: We made it this way so someone could not use this as a way to have someone removed from the Cabinet: they could schedule the meeting during a time someone cannot attend. If this does turn out to be a problem, then we should come back to look at it.

Alicia: So Therese and I sit on Executive Cabinet but if we are not able to go, do we appoint someone to go for us.

Therese: When I spoke with Aaron, the Board Chairs on are not Executive positions because we are the voice of the Senate in the Executive Cabinet. But isn't that the job of the Vice Chair?

Fauzi: People can still have the opportunity to get involved in what they are interested in. The Chairs of the committees are the executive officers because they are appointed. Secondly, they are there to do what the Senate wants them to. They can be removed. For Executive Officers, there has to be an impeachment and a removal process.

Therese: I think this opens up the door for exclusion.

Fauzi: It's more important to focus on that these positions are in positions of leadership and positions of responsibility. These positions were given because these people are fit to accomplish its required tasks.

All in favor of approving the ASCSM Bylaws with all said corrections: 11  
Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes. Bylaws have been adopted.

#### **IX. Future Agenda Items**

Therese: March in March update.

Alicia: Valentines Day, and What The Film proposal. And a Debrief for Reboot Week.

Elizabeth: Club Day proposal

Nick: Finance Report.

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

Alicia: Please sign up for Reboot Week. We have to help each other.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Mottaghian; seconded by A. Sakov. Meeting adjourned.