



Student Senate Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2013

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 2:17pm

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda

Senator A. Sakov moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

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

Senator Lengyel moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Vice Chair Governale.

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

None.

VI. Reports

a. Executive Officers

1. President Paige Kupperberg: *At District Participatory Governance Council.*

Hayley reports: I hope you are all having a good Monday. The Team building social event went really well. We all owe Amanda and John a thanks for organizing the event and a thanks to the Governale Family for hosting it. The candidates meeting for the election is this Thursday. David Lot of Skyline College is our new Student Trustee. I wish I could be there today.

2. Vice President Hayley Sharpe: I really enjoyed the social event as well. Encourage people to sign up to run for Senate.

3. Finance Director Nick Vasquez: *At District Budget Planning.*

4. Vice Chair Amanda Governale: Thank you for all of those that attended the social event. For those of you that didn't get to attend, I hope we can get together in the future.

5. Secretary John Kilic: None.

b. Senators

Maggie: Tomorrow I have a Participatory Governance Committee meeting tomorrow from 2-4pm at the District Office.

c. Advisors

1. Aaron Schaefer, Coordinator of Student Activities: *Off today.*

2. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Activities Assistant: Aaron is not here today because he attended AGS's conference. There is a mandatory candidates meeting this Thursday.

d. Committee Reports

1. Executive Cabinet: Fridays at 10:30am in the Club Room

2. Advocacy Board: We don't have any bills for today. We will be going through a batch of bills tomorrow.

3. Programming Board: Tomorrow is the beginning of Spring Fling. Our Car Show is cancelled because we lacked submissions. We will need help staffing for the food and drawing. Clubs may be helping out too.

4. Inter Club Council: We have two proposals on the agenda today.

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

Amanda (Safety Com): I think you have all noticed the marble strips. IN Bldg 5 there has been a draft to put in more tables. The EOC will be moved to the second floor of bldg. A consultant has been hired by all three colleges to exercise safety protocols. There may be a drill as well.

Fauzi: It really is important that all of you be signed up to the District's Online Text message emergency system.

Laszlo: For those people that don't have phones, are there email messages?

Fauzi: Yes.

Laszlo (District Education Tech): They are thinking of having a hired position for coordinating online courses.

Adam (SLO): They have been working on the assessment and philosophy of SLOs.

Hayley: Wednesday, Paige, Amanda, and I will be at College Council.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Kupperberg

None.

b. Legislative Bills – Therese Salazar

None.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. VPI Interview Questions – President Kupperberg and Vice President Sharpe

Fauzi: As you all know, Susan Estes is retiring and there is currently a process going on to find her replacement. They have been meeting occasionally to fiddle it down to some finalists. They will call questions from each constituency group.

Hayley: I want someone to talk about class times and having them more available when students are available.

Amanda: I think we can ask the VPI if they think we should have students more strongly representative in the hiring process.

Fauzi: For some, we do have students, but for the most part no. Some colleges may do this, but we have yet to. That could be a question to ask.

Eli: I would ask: How do you feel about student's complaints about teachers?

Fauzi: These would go towards the VPI eventually. Maybe we can ask "how would you handle..."

Maggie: I know that students receive surveys to fill out that evaluate their teachers. I was wondering what happens to these surveys and how affect a teacher's status.

Fauzi: That does have to deal with tenure. We can put that into the questions.

Laszlo: I was wondering what the VPI would have to do with increasing enrollment since prop 30 was passed.

Sarah: When you were a student, what were the biggest issues you faced, and how would you address them as VPI.

Make sure to get this in by Thursday

b. Gender Neutrality Bathrooms on Campus – President Kupperberg

Hayley: We wanted to take this idea to College Council with your approval.

These bathrooms would be for a few reasons:

-Students that identify with no gender.

-DSPS students.

-Rape victims that can't go to public bathrooms.

-It would be cost effective because there are single stall bathrooms that can easily be converted.

-It will make a statement that we are a progressive campus. Also, Skyline has one.

Senator Garcia moved to approve this; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Laszlo: There were a lot of people passionate about this subject when we were heading up to DC. We should definitely support this.

Eli: Will these take away bathrooms?

Hayley: No. The staff bathrooms will just be available for everyone.

Maggie: For future reference, we should definitely add some bathrooms closer to buildings.

Hayley: Yes. This is a stepping-stone.

Adam: How will people be able to get in?

Hayley: There will just be a regular lock on the inside.

All in favor of supporting gender-neutral bathrooms: 8 oppose: 0 abstain: 0. Motion passes

c. Psychology Club No Stress Event Proposal – Club Representative

Laszlo: We are putting an event together called No Stress Zone Event. We will be using bldg 17 and provide services and info. This will be related to finals week and take place May 14, 15, and 16. We are planning to have Open Heart Yoga, and Psych Services. We are asking for some battery-operated candles. We are asking for \$300

Senator Liao moved to fund \$300 for Psych Club's event; seconded by Vice Chair Governale.

All in favor of funding \$300: 9 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

d. Anatomy Club's Sequoia High School Student Field Trip – Club Representative

Hilary: Hi I am the president of the Anatomy Club. We want to bring students up to study our cadavers. It will also be great recruitment for CSM and our Science Department. We need money for supplies.

Senator A. Sakov moved to fund \$200; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Eli: How will you manage so many students?

Hilary: Student Ambassadors will take half of the students on a College Tour while the other half first work with the cadavers.

Hayley: Are these students that are considering CSM?

Hilary: That's a good question. I would think that a lot of students are considering CSM at the least. This will open them up to CSM.

Hayley: We were worried on how this will support and effect CSM and our students.

Nick: Is this an event that you plan on doing every semester?

Hilary: We would like to and we plan on it.

Nick: Will you branch out to other schools?

Hilary: yes. These students are already interested in this type of field.

All in favor of funding \$200 for Anatomy club's event.: 9 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes

e. Susan Estes Retirement – President Kupperberg

Fauzi: There will be a party held in honor of Susan. Normally student's draft a resolution, and present them with a plaque at their retirement party.

Senator Kinert moved to approve \$250 for Susan Estes's Retirement; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

All in favor of approving \$250 from the awards and ceremonies fund: 9 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion passes.

f. Helen Hausman Retirement – President Kupperberg

Fauzi: Same thing except for Helen Hausman. She has been on the Board of Trustees for a long time. Her party is on the 2nd.

Senator A. Sakov moved to fund \$250; seconded by Senator Lengyel.

Laszlo: Is this party open to students?

Hayley: I think we would be welcome to attend because we are a part of the AS.

All in favor of approving \$250: 8 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0. Motion passes.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Make sure you get items in to Aaron or Paige by Thursday at midnight

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

Sarah: I won't be here next week.

Adam: how will we decide what clubs will be able to help out this week during our event?

Fauzi: It will be first come first serve.

Fauzi: everyone who applied to GA is going.

Alicia: We are short on Wednesday. If anyone can sign up, please do so.

XI. Adjournment

Senator S. Sakov moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Senator A. Sakov. Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.