



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes

Monday February 2, 2015

2:15 pm

College of San Mateo, College Center, College Heights Conference Room (Building 10, Room 468)

I. Call to Order 2:16 pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Secretary Tim Exner; Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa (didn't sign in); Senators Daria Anshakova, Ruben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Eric Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Caroline Khoury, James Roe, George Silva, Samantha Trump, Yanrui Xu, Marco Zavala.
- b. Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.
- c. Members absent: President Maggie Garcia was at DSGS, Senator Xue Li.

III. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the Agenda by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections the motion is carried.

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

- a. No minutes to approve.

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

- a. None.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

- i. President Maggie Garcia was at the DSGC meeting.
- ii. Vice President Javokhir Inatov had no reports.
- iii. Finance Director Lana Bakour welcomed everyone back.
- iv. Vice Chair Danuta Wang welcomed everyone back.
- v. Secretary Tim Exner had no reports.

b. Senators

- i. Senator Ferroggiaro informed us that the Learning Center will now be open the second Saturday of each month from 9 am to 1 pm. He also mentioned that there will be six changes to the café menu.
- ii. Senator Silva welcomed us back. He informed us that he went to the Committee on Instruction meeting and the agendas, etcetera are in the red binder in the Senate office.
- iii. Senator Garcia said, "Hi." She reminded us that tomorrow is the start of Reboot Week and to sign up in the Senate office to if you can help.

c. Advisors

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager: welcomed us back. He asked us to stay focused as we have such a long agenda. He reminded everyone that if it is after 4:30 pm turn off the lights and shut the windows when you leave the Senate office.
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reminded everyone that the eligibility requirements to serve on the Senate are being enrolled in at least six units, have at least a 50% completion rate, and a GPA of at least 2.0.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – Vice President Inatov

Marco Zavala to Senate. Marco said: I met a few of you on the retreat. I want to be involved and I want to help and understand more about the clubs and student government. First by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Marco Zavala to Cultural Awareness. Marco: There are a lot of different cultures and international students here and I would like to help them feel closer to home. Advisor Schaefer: Ruben had a schedule changes. He will stay around for a couple weeks. Senator Trump: What classes are you taking? Marco: History, political Science and Communications. Two of them are night classes. First by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Duarte. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Roseanne to Programming Board. Senator Garcia: She is an international student in her second semester. She wanted to be involved last semester but had a conflict. She contacted Maggie and was very interested. First by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Trump

Senator Trump: There is no Advocacy Board report. The first meeting is at 2:30 pm on Tuesday.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. American Association of University Women (AAUW) National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWLS) Conference – Representatives from AAUW

The AAUW is an organization to promote higher education for women. They offer scholarships to attend a national conference in Washington D.C. at the end of May. It includes airfare, the conference, and food. Students would have to reschedule exams. We have some college partners. Anyone can join but the conference is for women. If you have any questions we are available to answer them. The schedule is on the website. The trips are in the evening from Wednesday to Saturday. Last year we had people from Silicon Valley companies such as Symantec. Vice President Inatov: Thank you.

b. CSM Sustainability Committee Earth Day Event – CSM Professor Paul Hankamp

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22nd. They will be having an Earth Day even in the plaza in front of the College Center. There will be 20 to 30 exhibitors around the plaza. It will be about waste management, biodiversity, and energy. Students will get four stamps to get a pledge to help the environment. They will then write their pledge on a wipe board and get a free veggie wrap. There will be live music and 20 exhibitors from San Mateo County. They will even have reptiles and bats. It's about sustainability. We'd like to get the clubs involved with drought resistance. They can earn service hours. S.A. Carbon Footprint will be there with computers to calculate your carbon footprint. 2/20, 3/13, 4/24, and 5/15 in building 36, room 200. Senator Silva: What about the PG&E energy center in San Francisco? Senator Ferroggiaro: What is the success and takeaway of this event? Professor Hankamp: It will be to spread awareness but they are hoping for 600 students. Senator Xu: What time? Professor Hankamp: It's from 10 am to 2 pm. Finance Director Bakour: It's a great idea.

c. Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Advocacy & Policy Conference Funding – President Garcia, Advocacy Board Chair Trump, and Advisor Schaefer

Advisor Schaefer: In the past the SMCCC would put on a march at the stat capital to raise awareness. But last year there was a lot of infighting and disorganization. They'd like to take 3 or 4 students. There were 2 or 3 last year. Governor Brown has taken a lot out of the budget. People got caught up in the march and forgot the point of advocacy. CSM goes every year but they will not be in the march. They will go on legislative visits. They would like to go again. We will accept applications from Advocacy Board members.

Motion to approve \$910.00 for four students and an advisor to attend the FACCC Conference by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Trump: If their legislative visits are on Sunday, what about Monday? Advisor Schaefer: They will have to skip school. Advisor Hamadeh: The theme is the success of all students not just a select few.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$910 to attend the FACCC conference carries.

d. United States Student Association (USSA) National Grassroots Legislative Convention Funding – President Garcia, Advocacy Board Chair Trump, and Advisor Schaefer

It is held in Washington D.C. We are requesting funds for six students and an advisor to attend the conference. This would be five days and four nights. This is the oldest students association and is comprised of mostly universities. The conference is when the legislators are in in Washington D.C. Most trips are scheduled for Spring break but most of the faculty is understanding but you won't have to miss classes. It will be from Wednesday night to Saturday night. They will spend a couple days at conference and then have some free time. Getting an appointment on Thursday will be easy and they have a better chance of getting to see their legislators.

Motion to approve \$11,525 to attend the USSA Convention by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$11,525 to attend the USSA Convention carries.

e. Establishment of Election Commission – Advisor Schaefer and Advisor Hamadeh

Advisor Schaefer: It is Spring is here and we need to start elections. It's easier if we get it all done at once. Student Trustee is first. The election committee needs to be people who are not running. The VP is running but not running next year. Senator Trump: Can I run for both? The committee oversees elections. We need at least three and a fourth for Chair. Advisor Hamadeh: Maggie said she'll be Chair. We need three more. Finance Director Bakour: Can I still be on it. Advisor Schaefer: Yes, but if you don't want to be don't apply. President Inatov: Are there any volunteers? Finance Director Bakour and Senators Garcia and Khoury volunteered.

Motion to appoint President Garcia, Finance Director Bakour, and Senators Garcia and Khoury to Student Trustee Election Committee by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

f. Student Trustee Nominee Election Timeline – Advisor Schaefer and Advisor Hamadeh

Advisor Schaefer: The first thing is to elect Student Trustee. It should take place much earlier. Tomorrow, Tuesday February 3rd is the first day candidates can apply. March 5th is the mandatory filing date. March 9th is the filing deadline. Elections will be held on March 17th and 18th. The ballot counting is usually a short process. Each college holds elections and then the District Council selects the Student Trustee. Motion to approve the Student Trustee election timeline by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

g. ASCSM Spring 2015 General Election Timeline – Advisor Schaefer and Advisor Hamadeh

Advisor Schaefer: Students may apply beginning March 16th. The deadline to apply is March 27th, after Finals. Election results will be on May 5th. Students may only serve in student government for two terms. You must run for something else. Senator Ferroggiaro: Is it was mandatory to attend because some people have labs and can't. Advisor Hamadeh: We've never run into that situation. It's always at 2:30 pm on Thursday. You made the choice to take the course load that you did. It can't be too early or too late. Advisor Schaefer: Everyone must see ballot in order for it to be fair. They must have the option to attend. There will be one or two write-in candidates. We must follow the regulations. No matter when we do it someone won't be able to come. Senator Ferroggiaro stated that students who are taking two science classes and can't attend will feel excluded. Senator Silva: Will all the information be emailed to students? Advisor Schaefer stated: Yes, there will be emails, posters and flyers and a packet. Motion to approve the

General Election Timeline by Senator Trump and seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

h. Revisions to ICC Bylaws – Advisor Schaefer and Advisor Hamadeh

We propose making slight changes to the ByLaws due to feedback from the smaller clubs. They feel that the big clubs have been hoarding funds. We need to find ways to compromise. Some clubs have been applying for funds for next semester. Why? The other clubs are getting nervous. The first change would be that the Executive Cabinet make sure that clubs only request funds for that semester. Exceptions to this rule would have to be approved by the Executive Cabinet and Advisor Schaefer. The second change would be that clubs cannot request funds for two semesters in a row for the same event. The limit of \$2500 per semester and a total of \$3500 per year is a loophole. Sand some of these are for off campus events. There are 35 clubs that must share the resources. Advisor Hamadeh: I would like to add that there was a lot of angst among the clubs and this addresses their concerns. Motion to approve changes to the Bylaws by Senator Anshakova and seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

i. Resolution In Support of Transcript Notation for Members of Student Government – President Garcia

Student Trustee Bajwa: They would like to set this as a district wide complete standard for Transcript Notations. If passed, it would be a good way to reward students for the time and effort they put in. Canada has already implemented this and Skyline is next. Finance Director Bakour: When will this happen? Student Trustee Bajwa: Hopefully by the end of the year. Advisor Schaefer: Maybe this semester but we need guidelines. It would be slightly different than Canada. Treatment of students should be fair based on participation and effort. It should be something colleges can verify. You can't serve for two weeks, quit and then get a notation. Finance Director Bakour: We put in lots of hours and work hard. Advisor Schaefer: We will come up with guidelines. Serving at least 80% of your term or something. Student Trustee Bajwa: There should be Associated Students benchmarks. Advisor Hamadeh: There must be a way to verify you're involved. And you must prove this for priority registration in September. Senator Silva: State Adjudication? Advisor Schaefer: No, district. Student Trustee Bajwa: They will set a state precedent to get it done. Finance Director Bakour: How many have done this? Student Trustee Bajwa: Only two that we know of. Motion to approve the resolution in support of transcript notations for members of student government by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Ayestas. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Advisor Hamadeh: The Participatory Governance meeting is next week. There is a list so please confirm your availability. Student Trustee Bajwa: There is another opening at DPGC. A Student At Large is needed. Advisor Schaefer: What about a Student Trustee? Try to get one for the next meeting.
- b. Retreat Debrief.
- c. Transfer Proposal.
- d. Survey and incentives.

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

- a. Student Trustee Bajwa: At the next meeting we need to approve the new DPGC policies. At the next meeting please. We need to work on resource allocation. What is the demonstrated need for 3 million? Senator Silva: Is all this information available online? Student Trustee Bajwa: We will put it on the website. Maggie said she needs two more people for the Success Initiative Task Force. Student Trustee Bajwa: Does anyone want to work on the Transfer Initiative? Would CSM be interested? Advisor Hamadeh: Talk to me afterwards.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:20 pm by Senator Ayestas and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.