

Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday March 9, 2015

2:15 pm

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

I. Call to Order 2:24 pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Secretary Tim Exner; Senators Daria Anshakova, Ruben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Eric Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Xue Michelle Li, Regina Romano, James Roe, George Silva, 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, Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa.

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the prior meeting by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried.

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

- a. Student Trustee Bajwa: I want to give you an update on the District Board meeting. They are planning on building a high school with a middle-college in Belmont. They may come to you for suggestions or looking for students from each campus to put on a committee. A six period class schedule for about 300 students. It would be a four year high school degree, but within that would be college classes from CSM and Canada. So then they will have a number of college units already. Also, the March in March is coming up.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

- i. President Maggie Garcia was not present.
- ii. Vice President Javokhir Inatov had no reports.
- iii. Finance Director Lana Bakour had no reports.
- iv. Vice Chair Danuta Wang had no reports.
- v. Secretary Tim Exner said, "Sorry for being late. I started printing too late and it took forever."

b. Senators

- i. No reports.

c. Advisors

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager had no reports.
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant: Elections for Student Trustee nominee are next Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17th and 18th. They will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in The Center for Student Life. There are currently three candidates from CSM so make sure you tell you encourage students to come out and vote.
Finance Director Bakour: What about the last meeting we all have with the last round of people?
Advisor Hamadeh: That meeting will be scheduled after the three colleges have their local elections. It has to be done by April 15th so it will probably be in early April. I will send a notice.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – Vice President Inatov

1. Vice President Inatov: Luise to Advocacy Board. Luise: I want to be a part of the program because it is important to know what is going on in the U.S. I am studying the U.S. I am also interested in Humanities so I am interested in all these kind of things. Motion to approve Luise to Advocacy Board by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Zavala. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried. Senator Trump: I just want to comment that Luise has shown up to every single meeting and has been emailing since we started the interview process. Luise is appointed to Advocacy board.

2. Finance Director Bakour: Last time I talked to you about a volunteer event thing that we would like to brainstorming that we want to get together and do. So Eric had expressed interest in becoming part of the task force. I'm looking for more people who are interested in helping. We are going to be holding some meetings and calling different companies and seeing if they can donate stuff. This is something we are going to invest time into so it is successful. So if you want to be a part of task force I would love it but be serious about it. Secretary Exner: When are your meetings going to be? Finance Director Bakour: I don't know the times yet. I'll find out. Advisor Schaefer: Eric you don't count for quorum but I don't want more than a total of 5 Senators serving on it otherwise we are getting close to having quorum issues. So you don't count Eric so if you are going you can have up to 6 total so 4 more people. Finance Director Bakour: So raise your hand if you want to be part of the task force. Eric, Daria, Danuta, George, Regina, Lana, Java. President Garcia: What happens if there's more? Senator Silva: Draw lots. Secretary Exner: Well some of these people are going to drop off if the time doesn't work. President Garcia: Eric doesn't count so we have 5 more. So we have Eric, Java, Daria, George and Regina. And Marissa will be like an alternate member. And Lana doesn't count right? Advisor Schaefer: Right, because she's not a Senator. Motion to appoint Vice President Inatov, Finance Director Bakour, Senators Ferroggiaro; Anshakova; Silva, and Romano, with Finance Director Bakour and Senator Ferroggiaro as Co-Chairs, to the Volunteer Taskforce by Senator Trump and seconded by Senator Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried. President Garcia: If someone is interested in joining the Freshman Initiative Taskforce for Transition they meet every Friday from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Unfortunately I can't attend it anymore because it conflicts with my work schedule. So if anyone is interested let me know. Vice President Inatov: We will now move on to Future Agenda Items. Advisor Schaefer: Can we go back up and table Item a.?

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Trump

Advocacy Board Chair Trump: If you will look through your packet. Advisor Schaefer: We need to take each one, one by one. We can do it, like we do the appointments, without objection, unless someone wants to have a vote. The motion in the second is what you want here. We can have a discussion but then it's a ratification so you don't need to vote. We can do it without objections. But if you do want to have a vote you can say objection which will call a vote. Advocacy Board Chair Trump:

1. A.B.5: Assisting the Transition of Foster Youth Into College. Basically it is bill for foster youth children. It creates programs to help high school students focus on their post-secondary education. The Board moves to support it. Vice President Inatov: I'm getting both with one motion? That's the whole point? Advisor Schaefer: Yeah. Motion to support the bill A.B.5: Assisting the Transition of Foster Youth Into College by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

2. SB 15: Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid. It will increase the Cal Grant A & B. It will also increase the maximum tuition amount. It will be increased to 30,000 grants they can give away and the fees, which are different for A & B, will be increased as well. We move to support it. Motion to support bill SB 17: Postsecondary Education: Financial Aid by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

3. H.R. 846: Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2015. It basically provides programs for the LGBT community to stop bullying and provide some mental health services in high school and postsecondary schools. We support this bill. Motion to support bill H.R. 846: Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2015 by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Romano: I

have a comment. I want to clarify that this bill does not punish people who bully. It just puts programs in place to prevent it and increase awareness.

4. Assembly Bill – No. 20: Undocumented Immigrants: Undocumented immigrants working in this country currently do not pay taxes therefore they do not have a Social Security number. This would allow workers in California to legitimately file taxes and they will get a taxpayer identification number. They will then get a tax return back. It will help undocumented students. We support this. Vice President Inatov: If you closely you will see the part that could apply directly to us, to students, “Comprehensive immigration reform should also grant immigrants who have received a P.H.D. or masters in Science, technology, engineering or math from an American university the chance to invest in, and contribute to this great nation.” Motion to support Assembly Bill – No. 20: Undocumented Immigrants by Senator Silva and seconded by Li. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

5. SB-172: Education Code Amendment: High School Exit Examination. This would suspend the high school exit examination and allow for a pilot test. They would be basically be revamping the exit examination but for the first 2 years, if they fail it won’t mean that they don’t graduate because it’s a pilot test. They are going to add more to it. We support this bill. Motion to support bill SB-172: Education Code Amendment: High School Exit Examination, by Senator Xu and seconded by Vice Chair Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Ferroggiaro: So if I understand, for the first two years, there isn’t going to be an exit examination? Senator Trump: Yes there will be but it’s a pilot test so it won’t determine if they pass or fail. Senator Roe: Basically what they have to do, in order to change the pilot test or make it harder, they don’t want to make it too hard so that everybody fails, and that’s not good. So they don’t want to make people accountable for a test they haven’t tested yet. And they also don’t want to make people take two tests at the end of the year. Advisor Hamadeh: It will be a blind study. Students won’t know whether it’s a new test or not so they don’t change their behavior. Advisor Schaefer: Anytime you change a program like this you have to test it. Students taking it won’t know it doesn’t count. But they’ll run it as a pilot program for a few years to test it.

6. AB 141: Teacher Credentialing: Beginning Teacher Induction Programs. This is about teacher accreditation. It will expedite the process of getting qualified teachers certified as teachers in certain districts. Senator Silva: To expand on that, basically to become a teacher you have to get your Master’s Degree in that subject you’re going to teach then you have to go to another school to get your certification. This would add more places where you can do both. Motion to support bill AB 141: Teacher Credentialing: Beginning Teacher Induction Programs by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Duarte. Vice President Inatov: Any objections? Yes, there is one objection by Senator Ferroggiaro. Any discussion? Senator Ferroggiaro: I don’t think we should be lowering the standards for teachers. The quality of instruction needs to be maintained. I am voting no. Senator Silva: This is not lessening of the quality of teaching. It’s just another way for a teacher to get certified in the State of California. It’s just adding more places to do it. Advisor Schaefer: Yes, this is just adding additional sites. It is not changing the requirements. We will take this to a vote.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0, and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

7. AB-42: Public Postsecondary Education: Funding and Mandatory fees. This bill will act as a supplement to Proposition 30. It will increase the sales tax and tax on higher income families in order to produce more revenue for postsecondary schools, including community colleges. This will prevent community colleges from raising the mandatory fees from exceeding the levels of 2014 to 2015 while this prop is in effect. Motion to support bill AB-42: Public Postsecondary Education: Funding and Mandatory fees by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Roe: Proposition 30 already raised taxes so this will keep fees the same while it’s in affect. Senator Trump: And it’s just from higher income families.

8. AB-206: California DREAM Work-study Program. This bill provides students who are enrolled in a UC or CSU opportunities to work in internships in their major area of study. Motion to support bill AB-206: California DREAM Work-study Program by Senator Li and seconded by Senator Zavala. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Ferroggiaro: Why not private schools? Senator Trump: because the bill is just for UC's and CSU's. Advisor Hamadeh: All you have to do to show residency is produce an electric bill or something with your name on it. Advisor Schaefer: This will allow them to work or do internships in their major.

9. AB-27: Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption From Nonresident Tuition. This is for veterans of the armed forces. In California you have to be a resident here for a year to get exempt status so you can be state tuition rather than non-resident tuition. And if you travel around on active duty what this would do is if you move here you can pay state tuition instead of non-resident tuition. Motion to support bill AB-27: Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition by Senator Silva and seconded by Vice Chair Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Advisor Schaefer: A lot of people maintain different addresses. Like where they came from. This changes that so if you've lived here on active duty for a year you become a California resident.

10. S.98: STEM Jobs Act of 2015. This bill grants visas which may be granted to immigrants who have a doctoral degree in the field of STEM or have taken all the doctoral STEM courses, either by online courses or physically being there, in the United States. The visas will allow them to live and work here. We support it. Motion to support bill S.98: STEM Jobs Act of 2015 by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Duarte. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Xu: There is a number of how many people will be granted the visas. If there are not so many people that meet those requirements, the visas could be granted to people who have a master's degree. But the doctorate would have priority. Vice President Inatov: What is STEM? Senator Xu: Science, technology, engineering and math.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Changes to Title IX – Jennifer Hughes

Tabled until such time as Vice President Hughes can make the presentation. Motion to Table Item a. Changes to Title IX until such time as Vice President Hughes can make the presentation by Senator Duarte and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

b. Pete Guinosso Open Heart Yoga Master Class – Senator Regina Romano

Senator Romano: Yoga teachers work very hard to observe a variety of students so they know how to adjust them properly because yoga can be pretty dangerous. Another thing is that workshops range from \$40 to \$80 per person and they are usually 1 or 2 hours. He is giving us a five hour workshop. Students can properly adjust and express themselves. He will teach us a lot of really important things to help students. Motion to approve \$900.00 for the Pete Guinosso Open Heart Yoga Master Class by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Xu: Are you going to advertise it to get more students involved? Senator Romano: I'm not sure. Vice Chair Wang: In ICC their representative came and talked about putting up posters so all the students at CSM will be informed about this event. Advisor Schaefer: Because it is also an event that is being sponsored by the clubs, it will also be placed on the Event Calendar on the website, which means they will also play on the electronic billboards and the screens downstairs. Senator Garcia: It says 2 or 3 workshops. Why only 2 or 3? Advisor Schaefer: They are probably 2 and ½ hours each.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

c. Transfer Club Stanford Tour – Senator James Roe

Senator Roe: The Transfer Club wants to go on a tour of Stanford but all the students can't afford their own transportation. So we require this money for transportation. Stanford is a very good school and students who hope to transfer would have a good opportunity to see it. Our Advisor Mike Mitchel does a really good job of advertising these events. Motion to approve \$565.14 for the Transfer Club Stanford Tour by Senator

Silva and seconded by Senator Zavala. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Finance Director Bakour: This is account number 5031. Senator Roe: yes, not 531. Senator Li: Are you going to provide lunch? Senator Xu: I can answer that. It is a short trip. We'll probably leave at 8 am and come back around 1:30 pm so you don't really need it. They used to give us coupons but they didn't this year so students will have to either bring their lunch or wait until after. Senator Duarte: How many students are you taking, thirty? Senator Roe: That's how many will fit on the bus. If we get more people and they can provide their own transportation, they are welcome to do that too. They would still have to sign the release forms but they can use their own transportation.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion passes.

d. CSM Earth Day Plant Diversity Exhibit – Botany Club

Botany Club: We would like to do an Earth Day exhibit and talk about different plants, sustainability and edible mushrooms and plant diversity. We'll be educating people about different plants and their uses. Motion to approve \$819.00 to fund the CSM Earth Day Plant Diversity Exhibit by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Zavala. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. President Garcia: How are you guys getting funds for free food? Botany Club: All four tables have different ideas and if they visit all four tables and say a pledge they get stamps and get a veggie wrap. Vice President Inatov: She asking the question, "Where are they getting funds for food?" Is it provided by the Sustainability Committee? Senator Roe: I remember we had an Earth Day professor at the Senate who said he found some people who specialized in, not homegrown or organic food. I can't think of the word right now. Advisor Hamadeh: I think that the food is actually being provided by, or donated by the Pacific Grill downstairs. Part of their thing is they are a no waste kitchen so it's basically sustainable. So I think that's part of their sponsorship of the event. Senator Romano: Are they supplies being rented? Or are those yours. Botany Club: The plants are going to be re-propagated around campus.

e. WTFilm Funding – Programming Board

Senator Garcia: We are planning our WTFilm event. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We have our categories which are music video, parody, documentary, and action comedy. We are still in the process of getting judges but hopefully, once they confirm, it will be Ladderman ??, Ellen ??, and Michelle Brown. Two of them are Film teachers and the other is Digital Media. We are going to have an intermission where we provide snacks like little finger foods for the audience. This is a really, really fun event for the Spring Semester! Motion to approve \$4300.00 to fund the WTFilm Event by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Zavala: I have some friends who have done that and they never got their prizes. They were made aware and they were recognized but they never got their prizes. Advisor Schaefer: There were several people who did not follow the protocol to get their funding. They don't just get a check. And Fauzi has contacted people several times that they had to come and fill out paperwork and they never showed up for it. Then they come up asking for a check and if Fauzi is not here I tell them he's not here. There are several people I've talked to who never filled out their paperwork. Finance Director Bakour: What account is this coming out of? Advisor Hamadeh: 5150 Programming.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

f. St. Patrick's Day Social Event Funding – Programming Board

Senator Garcia: Hi guys. It's me again. We are celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We are going to serve root beer and little sugar cookies shaped like four leaf clovers. We are going to add an educational spin to it. We are going to have little posters about Irish culture and why they celebrate St. Patrick's Day and there's going to be a questionnaire that they have to answer in order to get the root beer and cookies. It's going to be a very cool day and we are going to have cut-out Instagram pictures that we are going to use for our events. We just sketched it out today but we are going to use it for the first time on St. Patrick's Day. It's an

Instagram thingy that says #ASCSM and College of San Mateo on it. It's so cool. Motion to approve \$500.00 to fund the St. Patrick's Day Social Event by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Romano: I was just hoping Marissa that you could consider on your menu things that are gluten-free for those who are gluten intolerant. Anything to do with fruit or veggies would work. Senator Garcia: Yeah. Advisor Schaefer: The problem with doing fruit and vegetables is if they don't get used they spoil. Maybe we can find some gluten-free cookies or something. Senator Garcia: There have been a lot of talks about why we don't serve healthy goodies. Advisor Schaefer: And I'll tell you why. Fauzi and I have been doing this for 13 years. Any time a group has tried to do health food no one comes over and eats it and it all goes to waste. The 10 healthy students on campus come and eat like kings and everybody else avoids us like the plague.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

g. Spring 2015 Club Fair Debrief – Vice Chair Wang and Advisor Hamadeh

Vice Chair Wang: Last week on Wednesday and Thursday we had Club Fair from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. 26 clubs had their own tables and were looking for new members. It was very successful. It was very busy with students in front of building 10 asking questions. And the finale was lunch, where we served pizza at 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. The tickets that Fauzi decided to give us this time instead of the pens worked very well. Several clubs had fantastic displays. Like Architecture and Anime and Art club. In my opinion it was a much more successful even than last semester. Thank you to all of you for being there and supporting us. Senator Garcia: I want to say to Danuta, good job! You really did an amazing job. One thing was the first day people didn't show up for the Senate table and me and my friend had to put everything away. Secretary Exner: It went great. My only negative comment is that where Active Minds got stuck was in the corner halfway blocked by the Gamer's table. I persuaded everyone to move our row of tables back 3 feet but then tall the gamers, including the members who were showing them the games, were standing in front of our table blocking us. So next year I request that we are not placed next to the gamer's table. President Garcia: Aren't the tables first come, first serve? Advisor Hamadeh: We assigned them this time because that's what the ICC wanted. Advisor Schaefer: I think next time we'll do a horseshoe shape like we've done before. We just need to make sure Facilities knows what we want. Senator Roe: If the layout is done right, I think having assigned tabled works way better so people can just get out there and get rather than having to go find their own. Advisor Schaefer: I think the assigned tables are a great but make sure the clubs' tables stay labeled. Advisor Hamadeh: Again, it was a very successful event and ICC is going to have a debrief at their meeting on Wednesday so you'll probably have more feedback. But one of the things we have to make sure of when we have an event like this is if the person in charge is going to be leaving we need to designate who is going to be the contact. I think what happened the second day was you, Danuta, had to go to class and people were running around wondering who to talk to. Advisor Schaefer: What you need to have is a sign in list that says who is in charge from this time to that time and then whoever is designated needs to what they are supposed to do. Secretary Exner: How important is it that clubs participate in the event both days? Advisor Schaefer: It's up to them. Secretary Exner: Not to say anything bad about them, but I was a little disappointed that the GSA wasn't there the second day. If they had given us a little notice maybe I could have found someone to man their table for that one day. Advisor Schaefer: It's up to clubs to provide their own people. Some clubs just don't have enough people and it could have been a miscommunication. It's entirely up to the clubs. If they want to come out for one hour that's their prerogative. Advisor Hamadeh: Some other clubs couldn't make it. Some were there for the first day and not the second and some were there for the second and not the first. So it up to the clubs to determine that. Vice President Inatov: If you don't mind now we will go back to item a. under Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items.

IX. Future Agenda Items

None.

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

President Garcia: Please stay focused on your classes.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:35 pm by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

ASCSM Senate - Vote Record for Monday, March 9, 2015

Name	AB/41 BILL				
	Yoga Master Classes	Stanford Tour	Plant Diversity Exhibit	WTFilm	St. Patrick's Day
Anshakova	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ayestas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Duarte	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ferroggiaro	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Garcia	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Khoury	ABS ENT				
Li	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Romano	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Silva	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trump	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wang	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Xu	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zavala	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Inatov					
Vote Totals	12/1/0	12/1/0	13/0/0	13/0/0	13/0/0
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