

## Student Senate Minutes

Monday, September 29, 2014

2:15 pm

North Hall Building 18, Room 308

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:18 pm.**
- II. Roll Call**
  - a. **Members present:** President Maggie Garcia; Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour, Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Secretary Tim Exner; Senators Daria Anshakova, Reuben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Elim Kan, Xue Li, Taniela Mapa, Samantha Trump, Winnie Wu, Yanrui Xu, Haoran Kevin Yu, Yifei Oliver Li, George Silva.
  - b. **Advisors present:** Aaron Schaefer, Student Life & Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life & Leadership Assistant.
  - c. **Members absent:** Senators Erik Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, and Caroline Khoury.
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda by Vice Chair Wang; seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections the motion carried.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)**
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 22, 2014 meeting by Senator Silva; seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)**
  - a. None
- VI. Reports**
  - a. **Officers**
    - i. **President Maggie Garcia** reminded the group that the Programming Board would be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social event this Wednesday, Oct. 1. She encouraged everyone to sign-up on the whiteboard in the ASCSM Office to help.
    - ii. **Vice President Javokhir Inatov** had no report.
    - iii. **Finance Director Lana Bakour** had no report.
    - iv. **Vice Chair Danuta Wang** reminded the Senate that the Club Fair would be held this Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm.
    - v. **Secretary Tim Exner** had no report.
  - b. **Senators**
    - i. **Senator Silva** reported that he had attended the District Strategic Planning session held at the College last week. At the meeting, the consultant hired by the District distributed a

draft copy of the external trends report and explained the strategic planning process. The facilitator will be setting up an additional meeting in December.

- ii. **Senator Ayestas** reported that he had attended the Sustainability Committee meeting last week. The committee is discussing an event for Earth Day in April. In addition, the committee would like to come to the Senate and present information and help raise awareness about the drought and other issues.

**c. Advisors**

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager**, reminded members of the Senate that if they are the last one out of the ASCSM Office in the evening, they should be turning off the lights and making sure all the windows are shut. Mr. Schaefer also requested that members of the Senate keep publicizing the upcoming Student Leadership Conference; the deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 10. Finally, Mr. Schaefer reminded members of the Senate to be present to support the clubs during the Club Fair this week.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant**, reminded members of the Senate that they must meet with a counselor and update their Student Education Plans (SEPs) no by Oct. 24 in order to be eligible for priority registration for the Spring 2015 semester.

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

**a. Appointments – President Garcia**

President Garcia made the following appointments:

- James Roe and Regina Ramano to Advocacy Board  
Motion to approve by Senator Xu; seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Jenine Elkady and Sonja Roberts to Cultural Awareness Board  
Motion to approve by Vice Chair Wang; seconded by Senator Ayestas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Senator Ayestas as the co-chair of Cultural Awareness Board  
Motion to approve by Senator Wu; seconded by Vice Chair Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

**b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair**

- i. None

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

**a. Fall Dance Concert Funding – Performance Dance Ensemble (PDE)**

PDE presented the group's funding request for the Fall Dance Concert, which will include performers from PDE as well as CSM's Dance classes, students from Skyline College, and possibly performers from local dance studios and high schools. The group is requesting \$1,750.00 for the cost of costumes, a videographer, and Theatre staffing costs. In addition to the funds requested from the Senate, the group will also be doing fundraising through T-shirt sales and other activities.

Motion to approve \$1,750.00 for PDE for the Fall Dance Concert by Senator Duarte; seconded by Senator Silva.

Senator Anshakova asked how much will be spent on costumes. The representative from PDE explained that there are 15 dances with a maximum of 8 dancers each. Each group would have up to \$100.00 to spend on costumes. Advisor Schaefer asked what was the result of the vote in ICC. Advisor Hamadeh stated that it was unanimous with 24 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining. President Garcia asked if the costumes would be for one-time use. The PDE representative said the costumes would be stored and could be repurposed for future use. Senator Silva asked which account the funding would be coming from. Mr. Hamadeh indicated it would be from account number 5031, Club Assistance/ICC. Senator Duarte asked if there would be any additional performances. The representative from PDE said the group had done a flash mob in College Center recently and was exploring additional performance opportunities. The main show, however, will be on Friday, December 5 in the Theatre.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Senate approved \$1,750.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the PDE Fall Dance Concert.

**b. International Conference Funding – Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)**

On behalf of PTK, Bernie Leung presented information about the group's activities on campus, including the Commit to Complete project and the interactive video game research project conducted last spring. Mr. Leung explained that the group is requesting \$2,500.00 in funding to help support attending the PTK International Conference in San Antonio, Texas in April 2015.

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support PTK's attendance at the group's International Conference by Senator Yu; seconded by Senator X. Li.

Senator Mapa asked if the group would be doing any fundraising. Mr. Leung said the group would be receiving additional funding from the CSM President's Office to pay for the remaining cost. In general, the entire trip costs between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00 total. Finance Director Bakour asked why the group would not be doing any fundraising. Mr. Leung explained that the group is very focused on various projects, including an extensive research project that is very time consuming. Advisor Schaefer added that PTK is a very academics oriented group, and that the research project alone is like taking an additional class.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Senate approved \$2,500.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support PTK's attendance at the International Convention.

**c. World Beat Groove Funding – Professor Rudy Ramirez**

Professor Ramirez explained that this event is an opportunity to expose the campus community to a unique musical style that is relatively new. The event will include a drum ensemble performance, a presentation by Professor Ramirez, and a performance by the band Zanzibar.

Motion to approve \$1,000.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) by Senator Anshakokva; seconded by Senator Silva.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Senate approved \$1,000.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) to support Professor Rudy Ramirez's World Beats Groove event.

**d. Adam Johnson Visit Funding – Professor Tim Maxwell**

Professor Maxwell explained that he had invited Adam Johnson, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *The Orphan Master's Son* to speak at CSM. Professor Maxwell's English 100 class is currently reading the novel, which explores life in North Korea. The event is titled "The Power of Literature, Human Rights, and the Dire Situation in North Korea," and will be held in the Theatre on November 25 at 11 am. Professor Maxwell is also securing funding from the Diversity In Action Group (DIAG) and the Campus Vending Support Fund. He is requesting a total of \$900.00 from the Senate: \$200.00 to augment the honorarium for Mr. Johnson and \$700.00 to help fund a buffet style lunch for the reception.

Motion to approve \$900.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) to support the campus visit by author Adam Johnson by Senator Xu; seconded by Vice Chair Wang.

President Garcia asked what kind of advertising would take place for the event. Professor Maxwell explained that while the event will appear on the College's event calendar and he has talked to other faculty about bringing classes, it would not be advertised widely to the public because it is primarily for the CSM community. Senator Trump asked if the event would be functioning as this semester's Human Rights Day event. Professor Maxwell said yes, it would. In addition the presentation, student artwork about the situation in North Korea would be presented in the Theatre lobby prior to the presentation. Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) will also play a role in the event. President Garcia suggested the Senate include some funding for the production of fliers for the event. Advisor Schaefer suggested a friendly amendment of an additional \$100.00 for publicity, bringing the total proposal to \$1,000.00. Senator Xu and Vice Chair Wang agreed to the friendly amendment. Secretary Exner asked if the CSM Peer Educators could have a table in the Theatre lobby prior to the event. Professor Maxwell indicated that would be okay.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Senate approved \$1,000.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) to support the campus visit by author Adam Johnson.

**e. Club Fair Funding – Vice Chair Wang and Advisor Hamadeh**

On behalf of Vice Chair Wang, Advisor Hamadeh explained that he and Vice Chair Wang are requesting \$600.00 to purchase pizza for the Club Fair. In addition, \$100.00 worth of candy will be purchased so that each club may have some at their table. Advisor Schaefer suggested increasing the amount allocated for candy to \$200.00, which would bring the total proposal to \$800.00

Motion to approve \$800.00 (\$600.00 for pizza and \$200.00 for candy) from the Club Reserve account by Senator Wu; seconded by Senator Duarte.

Mr. Schaefer explained that the funds would not be coming from the Club Assistance/ICC account. Instead, the funds are drawn from an account that contains funds from closed club

accounts. Senator Wu asked if any club could ask for candy. Mr. Schaefer said that candy would be made available to any club that requested it.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstain, the Senate approved \$800.00 from the Club Reserve account for the Club Fair.

**f. Ice Cream Social Funding – Senator Garcia**

On behalf of Senator Garcia, President Garcia explained that the Programming Board would like to host an ice cream social event with the intent of getting students to know one another. As part of the event, students will be participating in an icebreaker. The Programming Board is requesting a total of \$700.00, \$500.00 for ice cream and \$200.00 for any other miscellaneous costs.

Motion to approve \$700.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Ice Cream Social Event by Senator Silva; seconded by Senator Anshakova.

Senator Anshakova asked if the group would be offering soy ice cream at the event. Mr. Schaefer explained that the group had planned for It's It ice cream, and they don't offer a soy option. However, if it is easy to find, Mr. Schaefer said the group would attempt to get some.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Senate approved \$700.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Ice Cream Social event.

**g. ASCSM Budget Report – Finance Director Bakour and Advisor Hamadeh**

Finance Director Bakour and Advisor Hamadeh presented the budget report to the Senate. Mr. Hamadeh explained that some of the numbers were low because they did not show the full activity for the first quarter. He said that a better budget picture would be available after the first quarter (July through September) is closed.

**h. Elimination of College Council – President Garcia and Advisor Schaefer**

President Garcia explained that College Council has requested feedback from the constituent groups about the proposed elimination of the Council. Mr. Schaefer explained that a majority of the responsibilities of College Council, including strategic planning, decision-making, and communication, has been taken over by the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC). Because so many representatives sit on both College Council and IPC, there is a lot of redundancy occurring. There is a concern, however, that students only have three representatives on IPC while other groups have at least four.

Senator Silva motioned to support the recommendation to eliminate College Council with the caveat that the student representation on IPC be equal to that of the other constituencies; seconded by Senator Trump.

Senator Trump asked what the timeline for the elimination of College Council would be. Mr. Schaefer said the representatives are still collecting feedback. The next College Council meeting is not until Oct. 15, so it would be at some point after that if all the constituencies agreed. Senator Silva asked if there was any anticipated problem with adding another student representative to IPC. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh said, based on the historically welcoming nature of the campus, they did not anticipate any problem.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Senate approved supporting the recommendation to eliminate College Council with the caveat that the student representation on IPC be equal to that of other constituencies.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

- a. None.

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

- a. President Garcia stated she would be calling a meeting of the PR task force next week.
- b. Advisor Schaefer reminded the task forces that they should be meeting.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 pm by Senator Anshakova; seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.