



Student Senate Minutes

Monday November 3, 2014

2:15 pm

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

I. Call to Order 2:17 pm

II. Roll Call Members Present: Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Secretary Tim Exner; Senators Ruben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Erik Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Caroline Khoury, Yifei Oliver Li, Taniela Mapa, James Roe, George Silva, Samantha Trump, Yanrui Xu, Winnie Wu. Members Absent: President Maggie Garcia (excused, District Participatory Governance Council); Senators Elim Kan, Xue Li, and Hoaran Kevin Yu.

III. Approval of the Agenda Motion to approve the Agenda by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections the motion is carried.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s) Motion to approve minutes by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Vice Chair Wang. Hearing no objections the motion carried.

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

None

VI. Reports

a. Officers

1. President Maggie Garcia

Hi my lovely Senators. Sorry I'm sorry I cannot be there today for I am at DPGC. The Skyline trail work was a great success! A round of applause for all who attended and a huge thank you to Eric for coordinating this event, for we couldn't have done it without him. We're really thankful to have a huge impact upon our community, and we hope this is just the beginning of our volunteer work in this way. Finally, I love you guys. I hope you have a great day.

2. Vice President Javokhir Inatov

No reports.

3. Finance Director Lana Bakour

Working on budget.

4. Vice Chair Danuta Wang

Hi. Last Saturday at Huddart Park was great. We got a workout and had fun in the rain.

5. Secretary Tim Exner

No reports

b. Senators

1. Senator Garcia

Thank you for all your help with our Halloween event. Our next event will be November 18th -19th. I'm sending out a Doodle Poll.

2. Senator Ferroggiaro

Thank you for your help with our trail project at Huddart Park. The first trial of having the Learning Center open on Saturday was a success. There were twelve attendees.

3. Senator Silva

A calculus class has been added to the math curriculum.

c. Advisors

1. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager

Great job by Programming! Anti-abortion activists can't be kicked off campus. They have the right to free speech. They put up these images to try to get a reaction so they can sue the school. They don't come here often. I am meeting with Jennifer Hughes to see if she can help. Some students were traumatized. We can send out a message to students about resources on campus. Senator Wang: Why did they do this at the Fair? Advisor Schaefer: Because they can. They can do it anywhere except a private residence. Senator Silva: Do they have to notify the school? Advisor Schaefer: No but they can't impede anyone, enter buildings or use amplified sound. Vice Chair Wang: Can we announce that they are coming? Can we call the police? Advisor Schaefer: Yes we can make an announcement. No, we can't call the police just because they come here. Finance Director Bakour: Someone was followed to the parking lot. Advisor Schaefer: Report it as harassment.

2. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant
No reports.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Garcia

James Roe to Senate. He has been here and I'm impressed by him and his participation. He has helped with events, joined clubs and pursued a seat on the Senate. First by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Trump. Senator Trump: He's on the Advocacy Board and has done amazing work. Senator Garcia: He is very helpful and a great guy. Finance Director Bakour: James has stood out. He's always helpful and reliable. Vice Chair Wang: He is the ICC Vice Chair. Senator Xu: He is also on the Advocacy Board. The Senate votes 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carries. Advisor Schaefer: We now have a full Senate.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair

Senator Trump: Measure H is on the ballot. Vote tomorrow!

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Writer's Project Club Fundraiser – The Writer's Project

Senator Trump presented a motion requesting \$100 for a fundraiser including a bake sale and writing contest. We will purchase and sell cookies, hot cider and pumpkin pie. We will publish sampler by Dec. 1st or 2nd. Maybe "Sweet Tweets for Sweet Treats." The writing contest will give \$20 for first place and \$10 for second place. First by Senator Xu and seconded by Senator Silva. Senator Ferroggiaro: Why can't the school print the journal? Senator Trump: I would be \$1500 so we are fundraising with a bake sale and contest. I am one of six editors. The Senate votes 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion carried.

b. Cultural Awareness Day – Senators Ruben Ayestas and Winnie Wu

Senator Wu presented a motion requesting \$2400 for the Cultural Awareness event on Tues. Nov. 18th and Wed. Nov. 19th. The first day will be mainly informative. The event will feature one performance, one dance, games, Chinese and Mexican food. Four to five clubs helping and more if possible. They will announce it in ICC. There will be a map of the different games, different cultures, and diversity. First by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Duarte. Finance Director Bakour: Where will this be held? Cultural Awareness: In the quad. Finance Director Bakour: What kind of food? Cultural Awareness: We aren't sure yet. Chinese, Mexican and maybe Indian. Senator Garcia: Can clubs earn service hours? Advisor Schaefer: Yes, By helping out. Senator Y. Li: I think \$1500 for food is too much for a two day event. Will it have more different kinds? Advisor Schaefer: No. It costs more. Vice President Inatov: What date and time? Cultural Awareness: Nov. 18th and 19th from 11 am to 2 pm. We will need help. Finance Director Bakour: How many volunteers do you have? Cultural Awareness: Five clubs so far so 30-40. We still need you guys! Senator Garcia: Are you just promoting yourselves? Cultural Awareness: No, all related cultures. There will be a fashion show with posters and different cultures' costumes. Vice President Inatov: Will this be educational? Cultural Awareness: No. It will be a performance, games, and drums. The senate voted 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

c. Student of the Month Honorarium – President Garcia

Senator Trump presented a motion requesting \$500 for a Student of the Month program. The chosen student would receive a \$100 gift card to encourage students. Maggie and I have already picked the first one. This would be \$500 for the first 5 months. \$100 per month for one winner. First by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Vice Chair Wang. Senator Garcia: Remember we decided not to select one? That changed? Advisor Schaefer: No one helped so they did it. Only Sam and Maggie did. Vice Chair Wang: How did you choose? Senator Trump: She's very involved. In the future the student will provide a statement and there will be a box in the College Center in which to put nominations. We will check on their academic progress and school involvement. They will submit application. This will be reviewed by us and the task force. Advisor Schaefer: Yes, this will not just be based on grades. Vice President Inatov: Officers can't apply. Finance Director Bakour: If you are concerned join the task force. Senator Trump: It's just us. The Senate votes 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

d. ASCSM Winter 2015 Leadership Retreat – President Garcia and Advisor Schaefer

Advisor Schaefer and President Garcia presented a motion requesting \$8000 for the Winter 2015 Leadership Retreat. Advisor Schaefer: It's that time again. We have no exact date. We're still trying to find a location. It will be no earlier than the start of classes. It will be more creative this year. There will be activities and more. We do a great job with conflict resolution. In the past we have gone to Baharo Dunes. We rent houses as a team building excursion. Maybe we can do that again. We could invite board people as well. First by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro. Senator Ferroggiaro: Will we have three dates? Advisor Schaefer: We will start by checking everyone's availability. We will send out emails and a Doodle Monkey. It will be during a one week block. Senator Ferroggiaro: on a three-day weekend? Advisor Schaefer: Maybe. Staffing is hard. There is lots of overtime. Fauzi gets overtime for all of it. But we will if possible. We've often done it on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Two thirds of them have been held on weekends. The Senate votes 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

e. Halloween Debrief – Senator Garcia

Senator Garcia: The event was last week. Here are the pros and cons. Cons were the anti-abortion people. President Inatov: the costume contest was better last year. Senator Y. Li: Last year Elena and Maggie did a better job. Our new president ditched us. It started 20 minutes late and we missed the peak time for students. And the anti-abortion people. It didn't go well. Senator Ferroggiaro: It was a nice event. But I brought my class at 11:45 and the vendor wasn't there. Would we get better catering through the café? Advisor Schaefer: We do use them regularly but the price is higher and the quality lower. Senator Garcia: We picked it up at 12 and served it at 12. Finance Director Bakour: Did you contact Marissa? Senator Ferroggiaro: We came at 11:45, not 11:30. We waited and then I had to take the students back to class. They were disappointed. Advisor Schaefer: That's a shame but it is flexible. It's not just for one class. Senator Ferroggiaro: We didn't know about it until last minute. Finance Director Bakour: Plan it better in the future.

IX. Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

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

Senator Garcia: Thank you all! Advisor Schaefer: All your help was really appreciated. The prep room was cleaned. We need to keep it that way. The prep room is for everyone and it's not the Student Assistants' jobs. No meeting next week!

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:18 pm by Senator Trump and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.