



## ASCSM Senate Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2014

2:15 PM

North Hall Building 18, Room 308

**I. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM.**

**II. Roll Call**

- a. Members present: President Maggie Garcia; Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa; Senators Daria Anshakova, Ruben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte (late arrival at 2:39 PM), Erik Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Elim Kan, Caroline Khoury, Yifei Oliver Li, Xue Michelle Li, Taniela Mapa, James Roe, George Silva, Samantha Trump, Yanrui Xu, and Haoran Kevin Yu.
- b. Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life & Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life & Leadership Assistant.
- c. Members absent: Secretary Tim Exner, Senator Winnie Wu.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve the agenda by Vice Chair Wang; seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 3, 2014 meeting by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

**V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public**

- a. None.

**VI. Reports**

**a. Officers**

- i. President Maggie Garcia reminded the Senate that there were several events happening this week. She encouraged everyone to help out.
- ii. Vice President Javokhir Inatov requested that members of the Senate assist with the Cultural Awareness Day events on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- iii. Finance Director Lana Bakour had no report.
- iv. Vice Chair Danuta Wang announced that there are nine items on today's agenda from ICC. This is due to the fact that the Senate did not have a meeting last week because of the Veterans Day holiday.
- v. Secretary Tim Exner was absent.

**b. Senators**

- i. Senator Ferroggiaro reported that he had attended the College Assessment Committee, where it was announced that as of next semester, all CSM courses, whether current or banked, would have SLOs. In addition, Mr. Ferroggiaro met with Ron Andrade, Learning Center Manager, and learned that the CSM Learning Center would be open the first Saturday of each during the Spring

2015 semester. In addition, the Learning Center will be open from 9 AM to 1 PM on the Saturday before the start of finals for this semester.

- ii. Senator Garcia reported that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) General Assembly, which took place this past weekend, was an interesting experience. The group that attended had a lot of fun and learned quite a bit about what other colleges across the state are facing. In addition, Ms. Garcia reminded the Senate that the Programming Board would be holding a coffee, tea and hot cocoa giveaway for evening students on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. On Thursday, the Board will be hosting a Hot Cocoa Social in Building 10 from 10 AM to 1 PM.
- iii. Senator Silva reported that the Committee on Instruction (COI) had met last Thursday and that the group had agreed to bank the classes in the Fire Technology and Police Academy programs. In addition, the COI discussed the recently passed state legislation that would allow community colleges to offer programs granting Bachelors degrees.
- iv. Senator Trump also reported on the SSCCC General Assembly. She announced that all of the resolutions CSM had voted in favor of passed. One resolution, however, that dealt with the hiring of advisors was approved (CSM voted against this resolution). Ms. Trump also reported that the CSM delegation bonded with the group from Skyline.

Hearing no objections, the order of the day was suspended so that Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa could provide a report. Student Trustee Bajwa reported that the next District Student Council (DSC) meeting would be held at Cañada College. A day and time for the meeting will be announced shortly. Skyline College will be the next A.S. to report to the Board at the December meeting. CSM will next report in March 2015. Mr. Bajwa requested that President Garcia appoint two representatives from CSM to help coordinate a district-wide event among the ASOs. Finally, Mr. Bajwa echoed the comments by Senators Garcia and Trump regarding the SSCCC General Assembly. He also noted that the SSCCC would be requesting that all ASOs post their agendas online.

Hearing no objections, the order of the day was resumed.

**c. Advisors**

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life & Leadership Manager, reminded the group that there is a long agenda for today's meeting so he requested that everyone keep side conversations and redundant comments to a minimum. Mr. Schaefer also reminded the Senate that transfer applications are due soon. If anyone would like he and/or Mr. Hamadeh to review personal statements, please send them soon.
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life & Leadership Assistant, reminded everyone to take care of themselves and each other as we enter the final stretch of the fall semester. He also commended the group that attended the SSSCC General Assembly for effectively representing CSM.

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

**a. Appointments – President Garcia**

President Garcia made the following appointments:

1. President Garcia and Senator Garcia to the District-wide Event Planning Committee

Motion to approve the above appointments by Senator Roe; seconded by Senator Trump. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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

None.

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

### **a. Field Trip to Chabot Space & Science Center – Astronomy Outreach Club**

The Astronomy Outreach Club explained that the group is requesting funding to send members to the Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland. The trip will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Motion to approve \$172.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Astronomy Outreach Club's trip to the Chabot Space & Science Center by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Xu.

Senator Roe asked if the trip would be open to any student who wished to attend. The Club said yes, the trip would be open to any student who wanted to attend but that priority would be given to club members. President Garcia asked how many students would be attending. The Club indicated that 12 people had signed up but that 15 students had indicated interest. Mr. Hamadeh asked if the funding requested would be sufficient if all 15 students decided to attend. After calculating the cost and finding that it would not, Mr. Hamadeh suggested a friendly amendment to increase the amount to \$200.00 to cover up to 15 students. Senators Ferroggiaro and Xu agreed to the friendly amendment.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$200.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Astronomy Outreach Club's trip to the Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland carried.

### **b. Exhibition at Twin Pines Manor House – Fine Arts Club**

The Fine Arts Club explained that the group had been invited to display some of their work at the Manor House in Twin Pines Park in Belmont. The exhibition will be January 3 through 29, 2015. The reception will be on January 11. Both will be open to the public.

Motion to approve \$200.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Fine Arts Club exhibition at the Twin Pines Manor House in Belmont by Senator Silva; seconded by Vice Chair Wang.

President Garcia asked where the reception would be held. The Fine Arts Club stated it would take place at the Manor House in Twin Pines Park.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$200.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Fine Arts Club's exhibition in the Twin Pines Manor House carried.

### **c. Orchid & Fungus Show – Botany Club**

The Botany Club explained that the group would like to establish an Orchid & Fungus Show as an annual event at CSM. The first one would take place on Thursday, December 4. Students will be growing the plants and then displaying them as part of the show. If successful, the plants would be kept for future shows.

Motion to approve \$792.19 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Botany Club's first annual Orchid & Fungus Show by Senator Duarte; seconded by Senator Anshakova.

President Garcia asked why the group chose orchids. The Botany Club stated that they are very beautiful plants, easy to come by, and are relatively hardy. Vice Chair Wang asked what would happen to plants after the show. The Botany Club stated the group's advisor would store them for future use.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$792.19 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Botany Club's first annual Orchid & Fungus Show carried.

### **d. Trip to UC Berkeley – Transfer Club**

The Transfer Club explained that the group would like to take members and any other interested students for a tour of the UC Berkeley campus on March 20, 2015. The trip is important for students who are

considering transferring to Berkeley because it gives them a feel for the campus. The Transfer Club also works with the Transfer Services Center to arrange for a campus tour and talks with former CSM students who have transferred to Berkeley.

Motion to approve \$1,092.24 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Transfer Club's trip to UC Berkeley in March 2015 by Senator X. Li; seconded by Senator Ayestas.

Senator Trump asked if this trip is similar to the one the group sponsored in Spring 2014. Transfer Club responded that it is the same trip and that the group tries to do it each spring. Senator Trump added that she attended the last trip and found it very valuable. Senator Garcia inquired about the "fuel surcharge" on the invoice from the charter bus company. Advisor Schaefer interjected that this is a standard charge included by charter companies and that the A.S. has used the same company in the past.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$1,092.24 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Transfer Club's trip to UC Berkeley in March 2015 carried.

**e. Winter Fashion Show – Fashion Club**

The Fashion Club explained that the group would like to host a Winter Fashion Show to highlight the clothes and fashions that students wear during the winter months. Mr. Hamadeh indicated that, after consulting with Advisor Schaefer and Executive Cabinet, the event qualified as a fundraiser because the group would be soliciting donations in exchange for photos. As per the ASCSM Bylaws, this limited the funding request to \$100.00. In addition, Mr. Hamadeh reported that ICC had amended the proposal to include \$40.00 to hire a DJ. In response to this, the Fashion Club requested that the portion of the proposal regarding the donation of funds be removed so the group could request the full \$240.00.

Motion to approve \$240.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Fashion Club's Winter Fashion Show by Senator Y. Li; seconded by Senator Yu.

Finance Director Bakour asked if the group had considered using a digital camera instead of a Polaroid camera to take the pictures. The Fashion Club responded that they would prefer to give the photos to students right away rather than have them wait. Senator Garcia asked why the students would be having their pictures with Ted, the character from the recent movie of the same name. The Fashion Club indicated that this is the character the club had chosen.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 3 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$240.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Fashion Club's Winter Fashion Show carried.

**f. Supplies for Ferrofluid Experiments – Physics Club**

The Physics Club explained that the group would like to purchase ferrofluid and related supplies to do experiments. The sessions would be open to the campus community, and students who wanted to participate would be able to do so.

Motion to approve \$90.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to purchase supplies for the Physics Club ferrofluid experiments by Senator Trump; seconded by Senator Yu.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$90.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to purchase supplies for the Physics Club ferrofluid experiments carried.

**g. Trip to California Academy of Sciences – Anatomy Club**

The Anatomy Club explained that the group would like to visit the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco because the museum is having an exhibit on the human body. The trip would help supplement what the group discusses in their club and in their coursework.

Motion to approve \$350.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Anatomy Club's trip to the California Academy of Sciences by Senator Roe; seconded by Vice Chair Wang.

Senator Trump asked if the group had considered utilizing public transit instead of requesting gas reimbursement. The Anatomy Club said that everyone attending would be arranging his or her own transportation. Advisor Hamadeh stated that it is District and College policy to reimburse for mileage, not gas.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$350.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Anatomy Club's trip to the California Academy of Sciences carried.

**h. Hot Cocoa Social – Programming Board**

Senator Garcia explained that as part of Programming Board's effort to hold more social events, the group had decided to have a Hot Cocoa Social in November. The event would be an opportunity for students to get to know one another and interact. Similar to the Ice Cream Social in October, in order to receive the hot cocoa, students would have to play a version of people bingo.

Motion to approve \$100.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Hot Cocoa Social by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Vice Chair Wang.

President Garcia asked if sprinkles would be included with the hot cocoa. Senator Garcia said there would be whip cream and sprinkles.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$100.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Hot Cocoa Social carried.

**i. Holiday Angels Toy Drive – Programming Board**

Senator Garcia explained that this event is designed to support the children of students in the Child Development Center. Donations are solicited from the campus community. In addition, a holiday party with the children and members of the Senate takes place before the end of the semester.

Motion to approve \$1,500.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Holiday Angels Toy Drive by Senator Y. Li; seconded by Senator Trump.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$100.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Holiday Angels Toy Drive carried.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public**

- a. President Garcia reminded everyone to sign-up to assist with Cultural Awareness Days on Tuesday and Wednesday. Senator Aystas reminded the group that setup for the event begins at 10 AM on both days.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn at 3:30 PM by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.