



Senate Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2014

2:15 PM

College Center Building 10, College Heights Conference Room (Room 468)

I. Call to Order: 2:20 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** President Maggie Garcia; Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa; Senators Ruben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Erik Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Elim Kan, Caroline Khoury, Taniela Mapa, James Roe, George Silva, Samantha Trump, Danuta Wang, Yanrui Xu, Haoran Kevin Yu.
- b. **Members Absent:** Secretary Tim Exner; Senators Daria Anshakova, Yifei Oliver Li, Xue Michelle Li, Winnie Wu.

III. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Trump; seconded by Vice Chair Wang. 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 24, 2014 meeting by Senator Roe; seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public

- a. Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa reported that the Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) had passed a resolution in support of adding a notation to the transcripts of students who have served in student government. The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) will be considering a similar resolution soon, and Student Trustee Bajwa encouraged ASCSM to take up the resolution as well. Mr. Bajwa also reported that the Colleges had presented their respective Student Equity Reports to the Board of Trustees. On the statewide level, Mr. Bajwa reported that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) has decided not to hold a march as part of the annual "March in March" event. Instead, the SSSCC is planning a rally and encouraging student leaders to attend the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Advocacy & Policy Conference. Finally, Mr. Bajwa announced that CSM is offering a new series of online classes called XLOnline classes. These classes are delivered completely online and are open to non-students. The first courses will be offered in Spring 2015 with Health Sciences and Introduction to Sciences.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

- i. **President Maggie Garcia** thanked everyone for the hard work over the course of the semester. She stated that she is planning on bringing forward the transcript notation resolution early in the spring semester. Finally, Ms. Garcia wished everyone good luck on their finals.
- ii. **Vice President Javokhir Inatov** had no report.
- iii. **Finance Director Lana Bakour** had no report.
- iv. **Vice Chair Danuta Wang** stated that she enjoyed working with everyone during the fall semester. She indicated that there are four proposals forwarded from the Inter Club Council (ICC) on today's agenda. Finally, Ms. Wang wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.
- v. **Secretary Tim Exner** was absent.

b. Senators

- i. **Senator George Silva** announced that the Committee on Instruction (COI) would be holding its final meeting of the semester on Wednesday.
- ii. **Senator Samantha Trump** announced that she had attended a workshop on the Habits of Mind/MindSet 4.0 initiative, which is being coordinated by Professor David Laderman. The program is geared toward first year students and will be a part of the College's first year initiative that is kicking off in the spring. Habits of Mind/MindSet 4.0 encourages students to think cognitively, practice good study skills, and develop other habits of effective students. Ms. Trump indicated that Professor Laderman has asked ASCSM to help embed the MindSet 4.0 culture within the student body.
- iii. **Senator Marissa Garcia** stated she was happy that the group worked together so well so far this year. She reminded the Senate that the holiday party with the Child Development Center (CDC) would be this Thursday. The group will be meeting in the Center for Student Life at approximately 9:15 a.m. and then walking down to the CDC. In addition, the Holiday Angels Toy Drive is continuing with collection boxes in the Center for Student Life, the Bookstore, and San Mateo Athletic Club (SMAC).
- iv. **Senator Taniela Mapa** reported that the Student Services Council (SSC) had received information on disaster preparedness and what would happen in the case of an emergency. Mr. Mapa also announced that the Colleges would be rolling out videos dealing with sexual violence as part of student orientations to address new Title IX requirements. Mr. Mapa added that the XLOnline classes announced by Student Trustee Bajwa would also be subtitled in different languages, making them an option for international students. Finally, Mr. Mapa stated that the Health Center would be sponsoring workshops to assist those signing up for health care under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

c. Advisors

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager**, thanked the members of the Senate for their hard work this semester. He stated that this had been a tremendously successful year so far, with an outstanding number of events not only from the Senate but also from the clubs. Mr. Schaefer announced that the Center for Student Life would be closed starting Friday, December 19, 2014. The Center will re-open after January 1, 2015. He reminded the Senators to remove any items they would need over the break from their lockers and the ASCSM Office, and to copy any files from the computers they would like to save as they would not have access to the office during the winter holiday. Mr. Schaefer also stated that details regarding the ASCSM Winter Leadership Retreat would be forthcoming. Finally, Mr. Schaefer encouraged members of the Senate to plan ahead and study for the finals rather than cramming at the last minute.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant**, echoed Mr. Schaefer's gratitude for the Senate's work over the last semester. Mr. Hamadeh also announced that CSM would be hosting a statewide SafeZone training on Friday, December 9, 2014.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Garcia

President Garcia had no appointments but she asked members of the Senate to consider joining one of the three task forces that are being formed as part of the College's First Year Success (FYS) initiative. The initiative will focus on first year college students transferring from one of CSM's feeder high schools. The first task force will focus on early identification of students transferring to community college; the second task force will explore the transition period between high school and community college; and the third task force will focus on the students' first semester/year experience at community college. Ms. Garcia will forward more information to the ASCSM list-serve. She requested that members of the Senate

review the information and inform her of which task force they would like to serve on. A kick-off meeting will be held early in the spring semester.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Trump

There were not legislative bills from the Advocacy Board.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. The Village Mural Project – Fine Arts Club

b. The Village Mural Project – Puente Club

c. The Village Mural Project – Polynesian Club

Members of the Fine Arts Club, the Puente Club, and the Polynesian Club explained that the groups had partnered to develop a mural for the shared meeting and classroom space, dubbed “The Village,” in Building 18 utilized by the Puente and Umoja programs. Both the Puente and Umoja programs are open to all students, but each is tailored to serve specific student populations: The Puente Program focuses on Latino students while the Umoja Program focuses on Africa-American students. In addition, CSM is exploring the creation of the Mana Program, which focuses on Polynesian students. The Mana Program would also utilize The Village space. A sketch of the mural has been developed. The funding would be used to purchase supplies for the painting of the mural.

Motion to approve the funding requests from the Fine Arts Club, the Puente Club, and the Polynesian Club of \$300.00 each for a total of \$900.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the creation of a mural in “The Village” in Building 18 by Senator Duarte; seconded by Vice Chair Wang.

President Garcia stated she thought the mural was a great idea and it was wonderful to see the clubs collaborating on a project like this. Senator Garcia asked how long the painting of the mural would take. The club representatives stated that they hoped to have it completed sometime in the spring semester. Mr. Schaefer announced that an additional \$300.00 in funding would come from vending funds, for a total of \$1,200.00.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$900.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the painting of a mural in The Village carried.

d. Media Club Activities – Media Club

Representatives from the Media Club explained that the group is requesting \$200.00; \$100.00 of the funding will be used to fund website domain name hosting for a year and the remaining \$100.00 would be used to fund prizes for students who participate in club events and contest.

Motion to approve \$200.00 for the Media Club from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) by Senator Silva; seconded by Senator Xu.

Senator Trump asked what website hosting service the group is currently using. The Media Club representatives stated that the group is currently utilizing WordPress, but the free plan includes “wordpress” in the domain name and looks unprofessional. On the suggestion of their advisor, the group would like to purchase the one-year hosting package, which allows for greater customization of the domain name.

Senator Garcia asked why the proposal was brought down to \$200.00 from the original \$700.00. The Media Club representatives stated that they had not settled on the names of the speakers for the spring semester and therefore did not want to lock themselves into any funding amounts just in case they would need more money. President Garcia asked what the prizes would be and how they would be used. Media Club representatives stated that they would most likely be media related gift cards, such as iTunes and movie tickets. The prizes would be awarded to students who attended meetings and Media Club events that entered trivia contests and other activities.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$200.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support website hosting and prizes for the Media Club carried.

e. Reboot Week – Programming Board

On behalf of the Programming Board, Senator Garcia explained that the group would be having free food, games, and radio stations on campus as part of the Spring 2015 Reboot Week. The event would take place Tuesday, February 3, 2015 through Thursday, February 5, 2015.

Motion to approve \$6,500.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Spring 2015 Reboot Week by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Garcia.

In response to inquiries, Senator Garcia said the Programming Board had been in contact with Wild 94.9 and Live 105 to be on campus. In addition, the group is planning to have carnival style food one day, ravioli another day, and catering by Pacific Dining on the final day.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$6,500.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Spring 2015 Reboot Week event carried.

f. Open Mic Event – Advocacy Board

On behalf of the Advocacy Board, Senator Trump stated that the group is planning to hold an open microphone event on February 18, 2015 in the Center for Student Life. The event would be an opportunity for students to share their thoughts and opinions and engage in dialogue with their peers. Funding for the event would be used to buy pizza and other refreshments.

Motion to approve \$500.00 for the Advocacy Board's Open Mic event from the Programming account (#5051) by Senator Duarte; seconded by Senator Roe.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$500.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Advocacy Board's Open Mic event carried.

g. Recognitions for Fall 2014 – President Garcia

Advisor Schaefer explained that it has become tradition for the Senate to send thank you notes and a small token of appreciation, such as a Starbucks gift card, to members of the College and District administration, staff, and faculty who have assisted the ASCSM in a significant way over the past semester. President Garcia would sign the thank you notes on behalf of the A.S.

Motion to approve \$500.00 for tokens of appreciation for the Fall 2014 semester from the Hospitality account (#5080) by Senator Duarte; seconded by Senator Xu.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$500.00 from the Hospitality account (#5080) for the Fall 2014 tokens of appreciation carried.

h. ASCSM Budget Update – Finance Director Bakour & Advisor Hamadeh

Finance Director Bakour and Advisor Hamadeh presented an updated budget report to the Senate. The report covered all activity through December 4, 2014. The report shows that the Senate is on track for income and expenditures for the 2014/15 year. However, the report does show that the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) has been almost completely encumbered. This is due to the fact that several clubs requested funding during the fall semester for events taking place in the spring. The Senate may want to consider allocating additional funds to the clubs for the spring. An updated report will be presented early in the spring semester.

IX. Future Agenda Items

The following items were recommended for a future meeting:

- Resolution In Support of Student Government Service Transcript Notation

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

President Garcia announced that Senator Elim Kan would be leaving CSM after this semester. On behalf of the Senate, President Garcia thanked Senator Kan for her service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. by Senator Duarte; seconded by Senator Garcia. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.