

The Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes Approved

Monday August 24, 2015

2:15 pm

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: President Sennai Kaffl; Vice President Samantha Trump; Finance Director Danuta Wang; Vice Chair James Roe; Secretary Tim Exner; Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa; Senators, Laurie Chin, Jenine Elkady, Erik Ferroggiaro, Young-Min Kim, Grecia Mascareno, Katarina Stein, Daniel Wallace, Jielin Yu, Marco Zavala.
- b. Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.
- c. Members absent: None.

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, August 3, 2015 meeting by Senator Zavala and seconded by Vice Chair Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried.

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

- a. Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa introduced himself, explained that, as Student Trustee, he represents all the community colleges in our district at the District Meetings. He stated that the District Student Council meetings have now been set. Student Trustee Bajwa asked President Kaffl to please appoint someone to attend those meetings. He stated that at these meetings they discuss district-wide matters.

He stated that he gives them an update of what has gone on at the Board of Trustees meetings, etcetera. He reported that he had been working with Skyline College on their Wi-Fi problems. Also they had a composting business called Green Gorillas but weren't able to work out the contract issues with their Facilities department. Student Trustee Bajwa states that if you are interested, those are the type of issues you would be working on. He stated that it would be a good option for whoever is appointed to the Sustainability Committee. They are working out the labor contract. That could be something you could help with here at CSM. Senator Stein asked when these meetings would be held. Student Trustee Bajwa stated that they'd be twice a month, on either a Monday or Tuesday depending on the results of a Doodle Poll.

Student Trustee Bajwa stated that the district was considering an expenditure of \$52,000.00 for a survey for project labor agreements with the goal of implementing local hire practices into the agreements. He and another Student Trustee were able to voice our concerns that this was an enormous amount to spend on a survey. He stated that he was able to voice this concern to Skyline College and they gave him a lot of good feedback. Finally, he stated that if anyone would like to talk more about it, they could after the meeting.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

- i. **President Sennai Kaffl** greeted the Senate and stated that he was pleased to see everyone. He stated that he's excited for about the new semester and hopes everyone's classes are going well.

- ii. **Vice President Samantha Trump** greeted everyone and hoped their semester was off to a good start. She stated that if you haven't finalized your class schedules you should as soon as possible.
- iii. **Finance Director Danuta Wang** welcomed everyone and stated she was looking forward to working with everyone this year.
- iv. **Vice Chair James Roe** had no report.
Vice President Trump stated, for those who didn't know, Mr. Roe was appointed as Vice Chair. She stated that now that the semester has started, Vice Chair Roe will chair the ICC meetings.
- v. **Secretary Tim Exner** had no report.

b. Senators

- i. **Senator Ferroggiaro** stated that he had spoken with President Kaffl about doing the volunteer project they did last year. It is a trail restoration project at Huddart Park on November 7th. Vice President Trump stated that it was fun and it was a good team building and bonding project. Senator Ferroggiaro explained that it is from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and it's hard work using various tools and wheelbarrows. He stated that there are 3 other volunteer opportunities this to do this semester but this one is the best project to volunteer for as REI provides lunch, gift cards and t-shirts, etc. He stated that he will have a signup sheet and try to get people signed up within the next couple weeks.

c. Advisors

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager**, greeted everyone and reminded them the Senate Office is there for them to use, so please do. He stated that he has seen very few senate members using it. He stated that there are lockers available and that you can also check out keys for the office. He stated that they if they want either of those, they should see Advisor Hamadeh. Advisor Schaefer stated that guests must be signed in and out at the front desk. He stated that they may have one guest per person and they must be there on Senate business and that the guests aren't allowed to use the computers. He recommended learning to manage your time well and he stated that if you get overwhelmed, talk to he or Advisor Hamadeh so we can help you.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant**, had no reports.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Kaffl

President Kaffl stated he emailed everyone the draft of the Participatory Governance Committee appointments. That draft doesn't reflect all of the current appointments but most of them are set. If your name does not appear near one of the committees, please email him so he can appoint you to one. Advisor Schaefer reminded the senators that they are required to sit on at least one PCG committee. President Kaffl stated that it has to be a committee that meets regularly or TBA, not just as needed. Vice Chair Roe asked if the Chairs had all been appointed. Advisor Schaefer explained that the appointments haven't been made yet, they are just getting the list together so they can do it all at once. President Kaffl stated that before that happens; everyone needs to have a committee. He asked that the Senators who weren't here over the summer email him so they can finalize the appointment list.

b. Legislative Bills

None.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Welcome Week Taskforce Update – Senator Stein

Senator Stein stated that they had found a full taskforce wasn't necessary, as her, Vice President Trump, Senator Chin, and Advisor Hamadeh and already figured out the food and the games. She stated that they plan on having pizza on Tuesday, hot dogs on Wednesday and food from Mango Grill on Thursday. Senator Stein stated that we would be collaborating with the Counseling Department's Student Connection Fair on Wednesday, as that will also be that day. She stated that she decided to forego having a radio station as it would be too chaotic and distracting and that probably wouldn't be appreciated. They are still working on finalizing the game trucks and other games once we get the contract from the company. She

stated that they are also working on having photos done by someone here rather than a photo booth. We have leftover Welcome Week bags, which we will use and then we need to fill some more with the new items we just purchased. Senator Stein suggested they have a bag-filling day. Advisor Schaefer stated she should send out an email and ask people to sign up. If we get 4 to 8 people it won't take more than an hour. Senator Stein stated that she will send out a Doodle Poll and they will determine a day to do it.

Senator Stein stated that the Programming Board meetings will be from 1:10 PM to 2:00 PM on Mondays. She stated that they need people to help with Welcome Week. They need people to be at the Associated Students booth to engage students, answer questions about student government, and hand out food. She stated that she will send out a sign-up sheet. Vice President Trump stated they'd also post it in the office.

b. Summer Leadership Retreat Debrief – Advisor Schaefer

Advisor Schaefer stated that this is an opportunity for everyone to discuss the retreat such as why you went, what you liked about it, and what we could improve on. President Kaffl stated that the retreat was a great experience and he got to know all of those who attended a little bit more. He thinks that's important that we built that kind of connection and hopefully the upcoming events we do together will go great. He stated that the only negative point was the location. We previously did it in Santa Cruz Mountains, which was so nice. Advisor Schaefer stated that that is where they wanted to do it but unfortunately they had to cancel it at the last minute. Senator Zavala stated that it was the highlight of the summer. Senator Mascareno thought it was a good bonding experience playing the fun games and stuff. Student Trustee Bajwa stated that it made him excited and motivated for the new semester. Vice President Trump stated that she enjoyed it. She asked why Paige was there. Advisor Schaefer stated that Haley and Paige were formerly on student government, live relatively close, and Paige is going to be joining us at the Center for Student Life.

Advisor Schaefer stated that he wanted to thank us all for making a great retreat and helping make everything go smoothly for him and Advisor Hamadeh. He agreed with President Kaffl that the location wasn't ideal. At our normal retreat setting everything is much easier but that it worked out OK. Advisor Schaefer also thanked everyone for being focused and involved and taking advantage of the opportunity. When you guys are having fun and learning it makes it worthwhile for us too. Finally, Advisor Schaefer stated that those who didn't attend the retreat must attend a half-day orientation training.

c. ASCSM Senate Goals for the 2015-2016 School

1. More advertising for the Associated Students.

A. Classroom Outreach.

Senator Zavala suggested we do classroom outreach. He stated that they came in with President Claire and talked about Transfer Services. Advisor Schaefer stated that they don't have to have President Claire to do it. He strongly encouraged them to contact professors on their own. He stated that the problem is that in the past they have seen a lack of commitment. If you want to do it we will help you.

2. Increase campus collaboration.

3. Increase the support of CSM clubs.

4. Group cohesiveness and communication.

5. Increase community involvement.

IX. Future Agenda Items

1. ASCSM Senate Goals for the 2015-2016 School

2. Welcome Week Taskforce Update

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Senators Mascareno and Zavala are going to plan a Cultural Awareness event.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:22 pm by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Vice Chair Roe. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.