

Student Senate Minutes Approved

Monday, October 19, 2015, 2:15 pm

College of San Mateo, College Center, Building 10, City View Conference Room (Room 401)

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:19 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: President Sennai Kaffl; Vice President Samantha Trump; Vice Chair James Roe; Secretary Tim Exner; Senators, Kurtis Casperson, 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: Senator Jingwei Andy Zhang.

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, October 12, 2015 meeting by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Casperson. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried.

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

- a. None.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

- i. **President Sennai Kaffl:** stated that he attended the IPC meeting and they discussed the 6 Circle model, which is a way to encourage communication between all the different committees. He stated that they also discussed having a ceremony for George Kramm. He stated that they talked to President Claire and they are considering making a flag or a poster for him as well.
- ii. **Vice President Samantha Trump:** stated that the memorial for George Kramm is being held Thursday, October 22 at 2:00 pm in Building 17. She stated that there will be refreshments and a lot of staff and faculty will be there. She stated that he had a garden near building 15 so they are trying to get a plaque to place there.
- iii. **Finance Director Danuta Wang:** introduced herself and stated that she also attended the IPC meeting where they discussed the 6 Circle model, which is the structure by which good decisions are made.
- iv. **Vice Chair James Roe:** stated that tomorrow he will be starting the Prep Room cleanup at 11:30 am. He asked that those who are available and want to help, please do so. Senator Wallace suggested that the calendar for cleanup duties should be in a more prominent place or be emailed to the Senate. He stated that many people aren't aware of where the calendar is.
- v. **Secretary Tim Exner:** had no reports.

b. Senators

- i. **Senator Kim:** stated that he attended the International Education Committee. He stated that they had updates on club events. He stated that 200 international students are already enrolled in the Spring Semester here, compared to 40 at Canada and 20 at Skyline.
- ii. **Senator Casperson:** stated that he attended the Conservation Club and they want to create a petition to keep a garden. He asked if they need approval to create this petition. Advisor Schaefer stated they did not unless they are tabling.

- iii. **Senator Stein:** stated that Programming Board is planning their Halloween event on October 27th and 28th. On the 27th they will have face painting done by the Cosmetology department, a mummifying contest, mini pumpkin decorating, a photo booth and a jar full of chocolate eyeballs for students to guess how many are in it. On the 28th they will be having a Costume Contest with three categories; Cutest, Funniest, and Scariest and then an Overall Best. Programming Board Chair Stein stated that this is an Agenda item so she will discuss it more when we get that item.

c. Advisors

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager,** stated he will be not be here tomorrow and most of Wednesday so if you need him for anything, see him after the meeting or email him if it's important. He asked the Senate to please remain focused and use their time management skills.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant,** stated they are in the process of hiring a new Student Assistant. He informed the Senate that if the Center for Student Life is closed, don't come to the front door. If they need to get into the Senate Office they'll need to use the outer door. Advisor Hamadeh stated that he will send out an itinerary to those who are going to CCCSSA. Vice President Trump stated that if you need a key to the Senate Office you will need see Advisor Hamadeh and put down a \$20.00 deposit.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Kaffl

President Kaffl stated that Senator Zhang is to be appointed to the Center for Academic Excellence Committee. We all know and have worked with Senator Zhang.

Motion to approve appointing Senator Zhang to the Center for Academic Excellence Committee by Senator Stein and seconded by Vice Chair Roe. Without objection, the motion passes. Senator Zhang is appointed to Center for Academic Excellence Committee.

President Kaffl stated that Yik Wan Crystal Leung and Man Teng Shirley Wong are to be appointed to the Programming Board. Crystal stated that she thinks it would be a good way of making friends and helping students. Shirley stated she wants to help with events, get experience and spread awareness at CSM.

Motion to approve appointing Yik Wan Crystal Leung and Man Teng Shirley Wong to the Programming Board by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Casperson. Without objection, the motion passes. Yik Wan Crystal Leung and Man Teng Shirley Wong are appointed to the Programming Board.

President Kaffl stated that Blake Salazar and Amir Mat Kamal are to be appointed to the Advocacy Board. Blake stated that he thinks joining the board would be fun to be involved and that this is a good opportunity to make an impact. Amir stated that he is an International Student and it will be a good way to meet people. He stated that he thinks joining the board will be a good experience and he can advocate for important bills.

Senator Kim asked them what their expectations of serving on the Advocacy Board are. They stated that they expect to learn about legislation, research and lobby for bills. They stated they would like to go on the Washington D.C. trip and lobby for bills.

Motion to approve appointing Blake Salazar and Amir Mat Kamal to the Advocacy Board by Vice Chair Roe and seconded by Senator Kim. Without objection, the motion passes. Blake Salazar and Amir Mat Kamal are appointed to the Advocacy Board.

President Kaffl stated that Yaxuan Mandy Wang is to be appointed to the Cultural Awareness Board. Mandy stated that she is also an International Student and she thinks joining the board will improve her communications and leadership skills. She stated that she also wants to help the CSM community.

Motion to approve appointing Yaxuan Mandy Wang to the Cultural Awareness Board by Senator Stein and seconded by Senator Elkady Without objections, the motion passes. Yaxuan Mandy Wang is appointed to the Cultural Awareness Board.

b. Legislative Bills - Advocacy Board Chair Wallace

None.

c. ASCSM Goals for 2015/16 Action Plans – Advisor Schaefer

Vice President Trump stated that we are continuing from where we left off at goal number 3. The Senate discussed at length ways to achieve Goals number 3 and 4. The following action steps were defined:

Goal 3 – Increase Student Involvement, Activism and Participation on Campus

- Provide specific information on different subjects or majors.
- Do outreach to classes encouraging student participation.
- Make CSM more interactive for our students.

Goal 4 – Encourage Student Participation in Community Activism and Off-Campus Volunteer Activities

- Encourage volunteer work in the community such as cleanups and serving the homeless.
- Create an Honorable Mention page on the CSM Website.
- Create a scholarship Fund.

Advisor Schaefer suggested using social media to inform students of projects and encourage them to participate. If you like and share project postings more of your friends will see them on their newsfeed. Finally, he stated that they have a good camera to use, if they want to include photos of projects and events.

Secretary Exner asked if they could repeat the action steps that were decided on for Goal 3, as he was very confused. Both Advisors stated to Secretary Exner that he would just have to listen to the recording later.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Fall 2015 Dance Concert Funding – Performance Dance Ensemble

Performance Dance Ensemble stated that they made a proposal for \$1700.00 to the ICC last week. The concert will be on Friday, December 4th. They stated that they are requesting \$500.00 for food, \$650.00 for a videographer and photographer, and \$600.00 for costumes. They are only requesting \$600.00 for the costumes because they plan to reuse some old costumes as well. The total amount requested is \$1750.00.

Motion to approve \$1750.00 from account #5131 to fund the Fall 2015 Dance Concert by Vice Chair Roe and seconded by Senator Elkady. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

Vice Chair Roe asked if they had held this event before. Performance Dance Club stated that this has been going on for a long time. Advisor Hamadeh stated that this event has been held for at least 10 years. Vice President Trump asked where and what time this event will be held. Performance Dance Ensemble stated it will be in the Theater and there will be performances at 1:10 pm and 7:00 pm. President Kaffl asked how many attendees were expected. Performance Dance Ensemble stated that they expect the Theater to be full.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

b. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event – Medical Scholars Club

Morgan Fitch introduced herself and stated that they want to set up a table in front of Building 10 and give away some Breast Cancer Awareness Kits and also information pamphlets they are going to make. She stated that they are requesting \$50.00.

Motion to approve \$50.00 from account #5130 to fund the Breast Cancer Awareness event by Senator Stein and seconded by Senator Zavala. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

Advisor Schaefer asked how many kits they are getting for \$50.00. Morgan stated they will purchase 2. It will provide about 250 items to hand out. She stated that they include bands, ribbons, buttons, and her mom donated about 80 bracelets so they have about 350 items to give away. Senator Wallace asked where these kits would be purchased. Morgan stated they will get them from Amazon, as it is cheaper than the official Breast Cancer Awareness website. Finally, she stated that next month they are covering testicular cancer. Advisor Schaefer stated that he or Advisor Hamadeh can purchase them with their credit cards.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

c. Halloween Event Funding – Programming Board Chair Stein

Programming Board Chair Stein stated that they are holding a Halloween event on Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th outside of Building 10. She had described the proposed event in detail in her report. She now stated that they want to amend some of the costs. She stated that they have determined that \$200 wasn't enough to purchase the gift cards and prizes for the Costume Contest. As previously stated, they have 3 categories; Cutest, Funniest, and Scariest and then Overall Best. She stated that the 1st place winners would receive \$50.00 Amazon gift cards, and 2nd place winners will receive \$25.00 Amazon gift cards. She stated that for the Overall Best winner, they would receive a \$75.00 Visa gift card. She stated that there will also be a \$25.00 gift card prize for guessing how many eyeballs are in a jar. Programming Board Chair Stein stated that there will also be a \$25.00 gift certificate for the winner of the Mummifying Contest. So that brings the total requested for gift cards to \$355.00. She stated that they had determined that they need more food, so that amount is now \$1500.00. Finally, she stated that the mini pumpkin, photo booth and decoration costs remain the same. Advisor Schaefer recommended that they round up the total to \$3600.00. The total amount requested is amended to \$3600.00.

Motion to approve \$3600.00 from account #5150 to fund the Halloween Event by Senator Casperson and seconded by Senator Yu. Hearing no objection, the motion passes.

Vice Chair Roe asked about the specifics of the event but, as Programming Board Chair Stein had already discussed this in detail in her report prior to Vice Chair Roe's arrival, I will not repeat it here. Programming Board Chair Stein stated that the event will be the same for both days except the costume contest will be on the second day. Senator Casperson asked if they are advertising it. Programming Board Chair Stein stated that they are making and putting up banners and flyers.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

d. Latino Heritage Month Event Debrief – Cultural Awareness Board Chair Mascareno

Cultural Awareness Board Chair Mascareno stated that the event went great. She thanked all those who stopped by. She stated that they went through all the food in about an hour. She stated that the Dance Club and Aztek dancers performed and they were great. They kept the event fun and energetic. She stated that a lot of people stopped by to look at the posters and they learned a lot about Latino culture. President Kaffl stated that he thought the event went very well and the Cultural Awareness Board did a good job. Vice President Trump suggested that in they split up the burritos and give them out at two different times. Advisor Hamadeh stated that he wanted to recognize the effort that Cultural Awareness Board put into this.

He stated that that the Board, the Puente Club, and EOPS did a wonderful job putting this event together. Cultural Awareness Board Chair Mascareno stated that pictures were taken and she will post them online.

e. Increase to Student Body Fee – President Kaffl and Advisor Schaefer

Let it be noted that Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa is present to discuss the Student Body fee increase. President Kaffl stated that the Student Body Fee is currently \$8.00. He stated that the District, which includes CSM, Canada and Skyline, are interested in raising the Student Body fee to \$12.00. Vice President Trump stated that she believes they already have. Advisor Hamadeh stated that Skyline and Canada are recommending this increase but nothing has been decided yet. Advisor Schaefer stated that all 3 colleges must agree before this increase is finalized. He stated that this confusion is why we need some of the history explained. He stated that the Student Body Fee goes to fund Student Government. Over the past year many members of student government at all three schools have expressed concerns that they often have run out of funds, especially for clubs. He stated that there has also been an increase in the cost of holding event and activities. They are discussing whether it's time to raise the Student Activities fee. Advisor Schaefer explained that the Student Body Fee was instituted in 1923 and was \$5.00. He stated that if you calculated it for inflation, it would be about \$50.00 now. Since it began, the fee has been raised once to \$8.00 over 12 years ago. The amount of this increase was discussed by District Student Council. They are proposing increasing it to \$12.00 and instituting a \$5.00 Student Body fee for the summer semester. Advisor Schaefer stated that this is what they want us to consider and discuss this matter and President Kaffl and Vice President Trump will report our thoughts back to the District Student Council.

The Senate then discussed at length numerous ways to keep the cost low and whether an increase to \$12.00 was sufficient. Student Trustee Bajwa stated that the concern was that if it was raised too high, students would choose to waive it and we may still have inadequate fees coming in. Advisor Schaefer stated that all three schools must agree. He suggests getting a feeling of what we need, especially for the clubs before making a final recommendation. Student Trustee Bajwa stated that it will be increased again in the future. Advisor Schaefer stated that he thinks student governments should consider an increase about every 5 years. President Kaffl stated that Skyline really wants this increase because they are running low on funds and so is Canada. He stated that they need this increase as soon as we can decide on it. He stated that he would like to keep the fee as low as possible, while still generating sufficient funds. Advisor Schaefer stated that we should poll the clubs to get the data we need and that a Campus Life Survey is going out in November. Student Trustee Bajwa stated that unless it is raised too much most students will not waive it.

The Senate agreed on a recommendation of a Student Body Fee increase in the range of \$12.00 to \$15.00.

IX. Future Agenda Items

None.

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Advisor Schaefer stated that if you have any concerns on the matter of the Student Body Fee increase, please talk to Vice President Trump, President Kaffl, or Student Trustee Bajwa about them.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:04 pm by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Casperson. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by,

Tim Exner
ASCSM Secretary