

## Student Senate Minutes Approved

Monday, October 26, 2015, 2:15 pm

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

### I. The meeting was called to order at 2:16 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, Erik Ferroggiaro, Young-Min Kim, Grecia Mascareno, Katarina Stein, Daniel Wallace, Jielin Yu.
- b. Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.
- c. Members absent: Senator Jenine Elkady (excused), Marco Zavala.

### III. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

- a. The meeting Minutes of the Monday, October 19, 2015 meeting need corrections.

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

- a.

### VI. Reports

#### a. Officers

- i. **President Sennai Kaffl:** stated that he and some of the Senators attended the CCCSA conference and it was great and very informative. He stated he attended workshops, including one on online etiquette. He quoted an acronym to remember before speaking. THINK: Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? Is it necessary? And is it Kind? Another workshop was called Politically Charged Leadership and was about how people form their beliefs. He stated another was about being authentic with groups and challenging the process but with a non-cynical viewpoint. Finally, President Kaffl stated that he attended a workshop on servant leadership.
- ii. **Vice President Samantha Trump:** That the memorial for Professor George Kramm went very well. They got a lot of positive feedback from the faculty. She stated that they thanked for it and the Associated Students for putting money toward a plaque for the garden. One of the Communications Professors, Kate Motoyama, sent us a very heartfelt thank card on their behalf.
- iii. **Finance Director Danuta Wang:** was not present.
- iv. **Vice Chair James Roe:** stated that he also attended the CCCSA conference and it was a very worthwhile experience. He stated that he learned a lot and would be pleased to talk to anyone about all the different things he learned in more detail outside of the meeting.
- v. **Secretary Tim Exner:** stated that he wanted to apologize for his behavior last meeting where he became visibly upset. It was unprofessional. He stated he was frustrated because he became very confused. He explained that he has some disabilities, including one that causes him to become confused easily and another other that can make him emotional. He stated that he normally conducts himself professionally, as you have all seen. Secretary Exner stated that he is under enormous stress due to his mother's condition. He asked the Senate to accept his formal apology.

#### b. Senators

- i. **Senator Chin:** stated that she attended the Center for Academic Excellence Committee meeting. She stated that they discussed faculty activities for flex days, the budget and A Student Equity

Plan. She stated they want to plan different activities to target students who may not be succeeding in certain areas and reach out to help those segments of our campus community population.

- ii. **Senator Stein:** stated that she also attended the CCCSA conference and she found it very informative as well. She stated that they got to meet with student representatives from Skyline and Canada colleges and got to see how their student governments function. She stated that Student Trustee had stated that they are planning to have a mixer for the three college's student governments to get together, meet each other and find out more about our sister colleges.
- iii. **Senator Kim:** stated that he attended the CCCSA conference as well and one of the important things that he learned was the importance of the senators.

Vice President Trump suggested that if anyone wants to know more about the conference they should discuss what they learned via email. President Kaffl says he has lots of information to share and if you'd like to know, talk to him after the meeting.

**c. Advisors**

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager,** stated that he wanted to thank everyone who attended the conference. He stated that Advisor Hamadeh said it went very well. Advisor Schaefer stated that he hoped everyone learned a lot. He's glad they enjoyed it. He stated that they are now taking applications for the Leadership Conference. He asked that the senators announce it to their clubs and in their classrooms. He stated that the applications are available on the website and are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>. It is free to students. All accommodation, food and transportation are provided. They just need a \$20.00 deposit. Finally, Advisor Schaefer stated that club members can earn service hours for attending the entire retreat. For each club members who attends the entire retreat, they will earn five service hours.

Senator Mascareno asked when and where this would be. Advisor Schaefer stated that it is from December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated that it is being held at Montetoyon near Santa Cruz.

- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant,** stated that the group who attended the CCCSA conference did an exceptional job. They represented CSM very well and he was particularly impressed at how the representatives of CSM, Canada and Skyline got to know each other. He stated that all learned a lot about how the other schools operate. He stated that those Associated Students members who have updated their SEPs are eligible for priority registration, which begins next week on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please schedule your classes to accommodate your commitments. Advisor Schaefer stated that the reason you they get priority registration is because they have obligations as Associated Students and they need to schedule their classes accordingly. Advisor Hamadeh stated that they ordered the Associated Students Fall/Winter apparel. Advisor Schaefer stated that they are doing windbreakers instead of sweatshirts this year.

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

**a. Appointments – President Kaffl**

President Kaffl stated that Senator Kim is to be appointed to the Advocacy Board. He also attended the Leadership Retreat and we have all worked with Senator Kim and has shown his commitment to the AS.

Motion to approve Senator Km to the Advocacy Board by Vice Chair Roe and seconded by Senator Chin. Without objections, the motion passes. Senator Kim is appointed to the Advocacy 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 5. The Senate discussed at length ways to achieve Goal number 5. The following action steps were defined:

**Goal 5 – Find Innovative and Creative Ways to Promote CSM Events and Activities**

- Discuss Public Relations options
- Expand social media Use
- Research alternative ways to advertise
- Discuss restarting the newsletter

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

**a. Fine Arts Club Exhibition at Twin Pines Manor House Gallery, Belmont – Fine Arts Club**

Fine Arts Club President, Ashley Addams, stated that they have been offered the opportunity to display student art at the Twin Pines Manor House Gallery. We have displayed student artwork there before and it is a great way to make people aware of College of San Mateo. She stated it is great for the students as they get exposure for their art and looks great on their resumes and transcripts. The art will be exhibited the entire month of January. Early that month we will hold a reception where people can meet the artists is open to the public and will be advertised. She stated that they are requesting \$125.00 to purchase promotional materials and \$75.00 to purchase refreshments for the reception. The total amount requested is \$200.00.

Motion to approve \$200.00 from account #5131 to fund the Fine Arts Club Exhibition by Vice Chair Roe and seconded by Senator Chin. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

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

Advisor Schaefer stated that, as they are asking for funding, they will also need to submit an Activities Request Form the reception. President Kaffl inquired about several options for advertising the event.

**b. Global Village – International Club**

International Club wants to hold this event on November 18th. It will be separated into four sections: World Taste, World View, World Talk and World View. They would include food, performance and crafts, language. They will have a film and speaker who is a refugee and Cambodian war survivor, a panel, a photo booth and more. The event is intended to spread diversity and understanding. International Club stated that they are requesting \$500.00 for Facilities costs, \$300.00 for food, and \$250.00 for crafts materials. The total amount requested is \$1050.00.

Motion to approve \$1050.00 from account # 5131 to fund the Global Village event by Senator Stein and seconded by Vice Chair Roe.

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

**c. ASCSM Budget Update – Finance Director Wang**

Finance Director Wang went over the budget in detail. She and Advisors Hamadeh and Schaefer explained what the different columns and sections designated. The Senate then discussed the budget in some detail. Finance Director Wang stated that the hard numbers would be available at the end of the semester. Senator Ferroggiaro asked why so much money was in reserves. Finance Director Wang stated that it was allocated for the Peers.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

Senator Ferroggiaro stated that he wanted to add a possible revision to the absence policy. Advisor Hamadeh stated that only Senate business is excused. He stated that any further discussion of it here is a violation of the Brown Act.

- Halloween Event Debrief
- Candidates Forum Debrief

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

Programming Board Chair stated that they need people to sign up to help with the Halloween event. Advocacy Board Chair Wallace stated that there will be a Candidates forum on Thursday from 13:30 to 3:00 pm in the Bayview Dining Hall. The District Board Candidates will each speak and then there will be a question and answer session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:32 pm by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Stein. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by,

Tim Exner  
ASCSM Secretary