



Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 8, 2016, 2:15 p.m.
College Center Building 10, City View Conference Room (Room 401)

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m.**
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Members Present:** President Sennai Kaffl; Vice President Samantha Trump; Finance Director Danuta Wang; Vice Chair James Roe; Secretary Tony Tan; SMCCD Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa; Senators Kurtis Casperson, Laurie Chin, Jennie Elkady, Bella Hamzah, Erik Ferroggiaro, Young-Min Kim, Grecia Mascareno, Katarina Stein, Daniel Wallace, Sio Pang Jacky Wong, Vina Wong, Marco Zavala, Jingwei Andy Zhang, and Allison Zhao.
 - b. **Members Absent:** None.
 - c. **Advisors Present:** Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Chin; seconded by Senator Stein. Hearing no objections, the motion carried
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)**
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 1, 2016, meeting by Senator Stein; seconded by Senator Mascareno. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- V. **Announcements & Hearings of the Public**

None.
- VI. **Reports**
 - a. **Officers**
 - i. **President Sennai Kaffl:** hoped everyone had a good weekend. He stated that he attended the IPC meeting and they reviewed IPC mission and takes and had a clearer understanding about their goals for 2016. He also stated that the reboot week was very good and more people are interested in joining the student government. He stated that he hopes everyone have a great semester and take care of senator duties properly.
 - ii. **Vice President Samantha Trump:** had no report.
 - iii. **Finance Director Wang:** stated that she also attended the IPC meeting last Friday and there were 5 items on the meeting such as the review of IPC goals and Budge Boot Camp.
 - iv. **Vice Chair James Roe:** Had no report.
 - v. **Secretary Tony Tan:** had no report.
 - vi. **SMCCCD Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa:** stated that the resolution of the student body fee isn't ready for discussion and asked to table item D. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled.
 - b. **Senators**
 - i. **Senator Stein:** stated that she was happy to see almost every senator signed up for the reboot week event and it was pretty awesome. She also stated that the Programming Board has received lots of applications and hoped everybody can keep it up.

c. Advisor

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager**, reminded that the Preview Days will start tomorrow on Feb. 8th. He stated that he will send emails to people who signed up later this evening and Estela Garcia will be letting them know the place to meet for the tour. He stated that the tour won't be too complicated and it will be basically walking around the mainly buildings. He stated that if there is anyone who has questions or would like to sign up for it please let him know after the meeting.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant**, stated that there will be no school this Friday and next Monday so there will be no senate meeting next Monday. He asked that ICC, advocacy and culture awareness board to send their agenda for next meeting by Thursday afternoon so that they can be posted before leaving. He also stated that the student ID card printer has been fixed and he will be checking if it works properly.

VII. Unfinished Business, Information, and Discussion Items**a. Appointments -- President Kaffl**

President Kaffl stated that Paea "PJ" Afu is to be appointed to the Culture Awareness Board. Senator Stein stated that he was helping the whole time for all events and he was very nice too.

Motion to approve Paea "PJ" Afu to the Culture Awareness Board by Senator Chin and seconded by Senator Kim. Without objection, the motion passes.

President Kaffl stated that Colby Riley is to be appointed to the Programming Board and the Cultural Awareness Board. Motion to approve Mr. Riley to the Programming Board and Cultural Awareness Board by Senator Stein and seconded by Vice Chair Roe. With no objections, the motion passes.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Casperson

- i. **Bill S.1908** – Advisor Schaefer explained to everyone that the bill S.1908 is to prevent for-profit higher education institutions from using federally assisted funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting.

Motion to support the bill S.1908 by Senator Ferroggiaro; second by Senator Zhang. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Ferroggiaro stated that the federally assisted funds are good for supporting students who need them but the money need to be sent to the right people. He also stated that students aren't customers and educators shouldn't forget the true meaning of education. Senator Stein asked about the process of bill. Advisor Schaefer explained that the funds will be restricted and if the institutions are caught using the money improperly, they will be warned and may no longer be able to offer Financial Aid.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

- ii. **Bill AB801** – Advisor Schaefer stated that this bill is to help current and former foster youth, current and former homeless youth continue to receive priority registration untiled Jan 1, 2020 and a position will be established in the financial Aid department to help assist them.

Motion to support the bill AB 801 by Senator Stein; second by Senator Wong. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

Advisor Schaefer explained that the bill can simplify the process for homeless youth to be register with the state and students who have registered will continue to gain priority registration.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

- iii. **Bill HR 2281** – Senator Casperson stated that it's to abolish the Department of Education and move the responsibilities of it to the state level.

Motion to oppose the bill AB 801 by Vice Chair Roe; second by Senator Ferroggiaro. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Ferroggiaro stated that if it happens students who study across the state will have to retake classes and it's important to keep the Department of Education.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstaining, the motion carried.

- c. **ASCSM Budget Update – Finance Director Wang and Advisor Hamadeh**

Finance Director Wang stated that the total amount allocated for ASCSM is \$77729.90 and the amount of trusts, reserves, and other accounts is \$22100.00.

VIII. New Business, Information, and Discussion Items

- a. **Art & Science Lecture Funding – Professor MohsenJanatpour**

Motion to table item A by Vice Chair Roe; second by Senator Elkady. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

- b. **Funding for African American Heritage Month Event – Senator Mascareno**

Senator Mascareno stated that Cultural Awareness Board proposed this event with the Village to promote diversity and celebrate the African American history. Food will be provided for students so it will cost \$1500. Also setting up will cost \$500 so the cost will be \$2000 in total.

Motion to approve \$2,000.00 from the Ethnic/Cultural Affairs account (#5050) to support the African American Heritage Event by Senator Elkady; seconded by Senator Hamzah.

Senator Mascareno stated that the date for the event will be on February 17 not 24 and the time will be from 11am to 1pm.

With a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

- c. **Funding for Spring 2016 ICC Club Fair – Vice Chair Roe**

Vice Chair Roe stated that the club fair will be held inside the building 10 this time. The layout will be similar to the transfer day and pizza will be provided to students and help motive them to mingle with clubs. The cost of Pizza will be \$600 and facilities will cost \$600 as well so total costs will be \$1200.

Motion to approve \$1200 for the spring club fair from the Club Reserve Account by Senator Zhang; second by Senator Zavala. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

With a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

d. Resolution in Support of Raising the Student Body Fee – Student Trustee Bajwa

Motion to table item D by Senator Ferroggiaro; second by Vice Chair Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

e. Arming Public Safety Officers – President Kaffl and Student Trustee Bajwa

Student Trustee Bajwa stated that arming public safety officers has been brought up by the board and the San Mateo Community College District is conducting the study so he wanted the ASCSM senate to have a primary understanding of this topic. Advisor Hamadeh clarified that the four opinions on the table are arming all officers on campus, only the superior officers armed, having a resource officer assigned to the campus, and keep it in its current form. Senator Daniel asked how the officers will be armed like what kind of weapons will be used and Student Trustee Bajwa stated that he brought it up on the board meeting and it's still discussible. Vice Chair Roe asked if this is a district decision and Advisor Schaefer stated that it will definitely be a district decision. Senator Elkady stated that having guns on campus will actually make them feel unsafe. Senator Ferroggiaro stated that College of San Mateo is the only one of three colleges which doesn't have armed force. He stated that having bad public safety will not effectively prevent shooting on campus so all officers should be armed in three campuses. Senator Stein stated that she agreed with Senator Elkady. She stated that having guns on campus won't make people feel safer and it might cause more shooting since many things can go wrong with police officers and guns. Senator Ferroggiaro stated again that he thinks the officers on campus should be armed and a further discussion is necessary. Advisor Schaefer stated that having guns won't stop shooting and preventing shooting is more important. Advisor Hamadeh stated that even the officers have guns, they won't have a shootout on campus. Instead, their job is to get people into a safe shelter as quick as possible. Senator Wallace stated that we do not need to follow what other people do. He stated that we need to increase other forms of protections except guns on campus. President Kaffl stated that we should consider to let the superior armed but not all the officers. He stated that anyone can start shooting in the campus and he isn't willing to see people dead so he'd rather have protections as insurance. He also stated that officers are in risk without guns. Vice Chair Roe stated that in his hometown they have guns on campus because in that area people casually use guns and it's different from College of San Mateo. Senator Wong stated that the officers should be trained well to avoid any accident or mistake causing by guns and not every officer should have guns. Advisor Hamadeh stated that he is proud of the senate because it's a touchy and heated topic and the conversation is great.

IX. Future Agenda Items

The following items were recommended for the next ASCSM Senate meeting: Reboot Week Debrief, Black Heritage Month Event Debrief.

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

None.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:02 p.m. by Senator Chin; second by Vice Chair Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Submitted by,

Tony Tan
ASCSM Secretary