



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 22, 2016, 2:15 p.m.

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

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 2:15 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; 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 Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Jacky Wong. 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 8, 2016, meeting by Vice Chair Roe; seconded by Senator Zhang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- V. **Announcements & Hearings of the Public**

None.
- VI. **Reports**
 - a. **Officers**
 - i. **President Sennai Kaffl:** hoped everyone is doing well today. He stated that he succeeded in presenting what ASCSM had been done and will be working on in the future to the Board of Trustees. He stated that the IPC meeting was canceled last week so he didn't have information to bring back from it. He also stated that each senator should be involved with one District Participatory Council and it needs to be done by this week. He stated that he was impressed with what the culture awareness board did and hoped everyone keep engaged with the campus.
 - ii. **Vice President Samantha Trump:** stated that she will not be able to attend the IPC meeting on Friday because she has an internship. She stated that if there is anyone interested in attending the IPC meeting please either contact her or Sennai.
 - iii. **Finance Director Wang:** welcomed everyone and also the guesses.

- iv. **Vice Chair James Roe:** stated that there is no ICC meeting this week because of the club fair. He stated that he needs people to sign up for helping the club fair on Wednesday from 12:00 pm to 2 pm.
- v. **Secretary Tony Tan:** had no report.
- vi. **SMCCCD Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa:** stated that the Board of Trustees was pleased of what ASCSM has done. He stated that the Board of Trustee has approved the resolution of the student body fee. He asked to table item d because it still needs to be discussed with the District Student Council.

b. Senators

- i. **Senator Katarina Stein:** stated that the programming board is planning an event for social media awareness and it will be on March 9 from 10:00 pm to 1pm. She stated that they are also planning an event for evening students on March 15 and 16 and the sign-up sheet will be available soon. She stated that they are planning the WTF, Film festival and it will happen within this semester.
- ii. **Senator Laurie Chin:** stated that she went to the Center for Academic Excellence Committee meeting. She stated that there will be workshop sessions about student equity from 9am to 3pm on March 3 and 4.
- iii. **Senator Young-Min Kim:** stated that he attended the International Education Committee meeting and reported that there were 490 international students and 217 students were added from this semester.
- iv. **Senator Vina Wong:** stated that there will be a lunar new year celebration event held on Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30. She stated that volunteers are needed on that day so she asked everyone to sign up for volunteering.

c. Advisor

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager,** had no reports.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant,** had no reports.

VII. Unfinished Business, Information, and Discussion Items

a. Appointments -- President Kaffl

President Kaffl stated that Simon Chan is to be appointed to the Culture Awareness Board. Mr. Chan stated that he is from Hong Kong and he enjoyed helping organize events and promote culture diversity at CSM. He stated that he was involved with lots of clubs last semester and he felt like the Culture Awareness Board is a good place for him to go and work for.

Motion to approve Simon Chan to the Culture Awareness Board by Vice Chair Roe and seconded by Senator Elkady. Without objection, the motion passes.

President Kaffl stated that Katrina Relos is to be appointed to the Culture Awareness Board. She stated that this is her first semester here and she thinks that the events on campus really inspired her. She stated that she is willing to help more about promoting culture diversity and also bringing her culture into campus.

Motion to approve Katrina Relos to the Culture Awareness Board by Senator Hamzah and seconded by Senator Casperson. With no objections, the motion passes.

President Kaffl stated that Alicia Chiang is to be appointed to the Culture Awareness Board. Motion to approve Alicia Chiang to the Culture Awareness Board by Senator Zhang and seconded by Senator Jacky Wong. With no objections, the motion passes.

President Kaffl stated that Natalia Geraldino and Svetlana Dementsova are to be appointed to the Advocacy Board. Motion to approve Natalia Geraldino and Svetlana Dementsova to the Culture Awareness Board by Senator Stein and seconded by Vice Chair Roe. With no objections, the motion passes.

Vice President Trump stated that there are volunteers needed to help plan the districtwide mixer and asked people to volunteer. Vice Chair Roe, Senator Stein and Chin decided to volunteer for helping plan the mixer.

Motion to approve Vice Chair, Senator Stein and Senator Chin to be appointed to the district mixer by Senator Elkady; seconded by Senator Zhao. With no objections, the motion passes.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Casperson

- i. **Bill H.R.3949** – Vice Chair Roe explained to everyone that this bill is to help add additional funding to veteran students in STEM programs.

Motion to support the bill H.R.3949 by Senator Chin; second by Senator Elkady. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.

- ii. **Bill H.R. 242** – Senator Casperson stated that this bill is to extend the duration of Federal Pell Grant to add the summer semester.

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

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.

- iii. **Bill H.R. 1961** – Senator Casperson stated that this bill is to establish a Climate Change Education Program to students.

Motion to support the bill H.R. 1961 by Vice Chair Roe; second by Senator Elkady. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.

- iv. **Bill S.2008** – Vice Chair Roe stated that this bill is to ask for funding to improve transportations among college campuses to help college students.

Motion to support the bill S.2008 by Senator Zhao; second by Vice Chair Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries

- v. **Bill S.1165** – Vice Chair Roe stated that this bill is to reduce the phenomenon which some colleges don't provide high quality education and worthwhile degrees to students.

Motion to support the bill S.2008 by Senator Zhao; second by Vice Chair Roe.
Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

- c. **Art & Science Lecture Funding – Professor Mohsen Janatpour**

Professor Mohsen Janatpour stated that the Art & Science Lecture, which is in its 29th year, is an opportunity to explore the intersection of the arts and sciences. Students and the community are invited to the show, which features Professor Janatpour's work. There is also the opportunity to use the telescopes from the Planetarium to view the night sky.

Motion to approve \$700.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) for the Art & Science Lecture by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Zhang.

With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

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

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the District Student Council has the chance to review the proposal.

VIII. New Business, Information, and Discussion Items

- a. **Sequencing Workshop with Jason Crandell – Open Heart Yoga**

Motion to approve \$500.00 for sequencing workshop with Jason Crandell by Senator Elkady; seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro.

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

- b. **Workshops with Pete Guinosso – Open Heart Yoga**

Motion to approve \$1,350.00 for workshops with Pete Guinosso by Senator Chin; seconded by Senator Wallace.

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

- c. **Lunar New Year Celebration – Lion Dance Team and Chinese Student Association**

Motion to approve \$1,000 for Lunar New Year Celebration by Senator Jacky Wong; second by Senator Stein.

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

- d. **Hovercraft Materials – Physics Club**

Motion to approve \$300 for hovercraft materials by Senator Zavala; second by Senator Kim.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

- e. **Club Point System and Club Recognition Awards – Vice Chair Roe**

Motion to approve \$1,385.00 to Club Point-System Funding by Senator Zhang; second by Senator Stein.

With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

f. Funding for the Annual Allan R. Brown Outstanding Service and Leadership Award – Advisor Hamadeh

Motion to approve \$1,500.00 for the Annual Allan R. Brown Outstanding Service and Leadership Award by Senator Zhang; second by Senator Vina Wong.

With a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

g. Reboot Week Debrief – Programming Board Chair Stein

President Kaffl stated that the reboot week was a big success and it was insane. He stated that everyone enjoyed the Casino day and all the boards have got lots of new members. He stated that ASCSM needs to continue to do these things to show students our faces and get more people's interests. Senator Zhang stated that on Casino Day people were crazy. He stated that even the students in the learning center were involved a lot. Senator Chin stated that reboot week was great and there were lots of people coming and getting food. Senator Stein asked everyone to think about things to do differently for the next time. Senator Wallace stated that there were lots of people staying at the same place for a long period of time and we want to make sure that people can take turns to play. Senator Stein stated that in the next time the food will be provided until 1pm not 2pm because people were gone after 1pm this time. She also stated that the campus marketing was a little bit too late because when she talked to the marketing guy he asked her to tell Fauzi first. Advisor Fauzi stated that he was the only one person and he has other responsibilities as well and he apologized for it. President Kaffl stated that it's totally understandable and he suggested that next time put Jennie into the process. Senator Stein also stated that having the event inside definitely gets more people but space is also an issue for us. President Kaffl stated that he would like to see more senators coming to the events and volunteering. Senator Stein stated that she needed more volunteers to help out and she thanked everyone for helping this event.

h. Black Heritage Month Event Debrief – Cultural Awareness Board Chair Mascareno

Senator Mascareno Stated that this event went very well and they promoted the African American Culture with students. She stated that she didn't see lots of senators' faces. She also stated that she requested \$1500 but she felt that the budget was limited. Advisor Aaron suggested her to have less different food and more amount on the same food for the event. President Kaffl stated that the event ended earlier because there wasn't enough food so maybe make it shorter next time. Advisor Aaron stated that we can show people the movie first and then provide food to keep capturing people.

IX. Future Agenda Items

The following items were recommended for the next ASCSM Senate meeting: Club Fair Debrief.

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

None.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:09 p.m. by Senator Elkady; second by Vice Chair Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Submitted by,

Tony Tan
ASCSM Secretary