



## Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 14, 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; SMCCCD Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa; Senators Kurtis Casperson, Laurie Chin, Jennie Elkady, Bella Hamzah, Erik Ferroggiaro, Young-Min Kim, Grecia Mascareno, Katarina Stein, Sio Pang Jacky Wong, Vina Wong, Jingwei Andy Zhang, and Allison Zhao.
  - b. **Members Absent:** Senator Marco Zavala, Daniel Wallace.
  - c. **Advisors Present:** Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Zhang. 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 22, 2016, meeting by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Kim. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
  - b. Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, March 7, 2016, meeting by Senator Mascareno; seconded by Senator Elkady. 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. He stated that he went to the Academic Senate Meeting last Tuesday and they are having a ceremony on March 23 and 24. He also stated that let's keep reporting district participatory council and also share important information to us.
    - ii. **Vice President Samantha Trump:** hoped that the advocacy board will have a fun trip to Washington D.C.
    - iii. **Finance Director Wang:** stated that she went to IPC meeting last Friday and they discussed the Arts on campus and were excited about it.
    - iv. **Vice Chair James Roe:** stated that he attended the COI meeting and they discussed whether the future classes should have essay appointment requests or not. He also stated that they should review the bills before going to D.C. trip.
    - v. **Secretary Tony Tan:** stated that he will handle the voting section today since Mr. Hamadeh is absent.
    - vi. **SMCCCD Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa:** had no report.

**b. Senators**

- i. **Senator Jacky Wong:** stated that he attended the sustainability committee meeting and they discussed the global warming issues. He stated that there will be an earth day event on April 22 from 10am to 1:00pm and they are asking for volunteers to sign up. He stated that if senators want to help out please contact Professor Paul Hankamp.
- ii. **Senator Stein:** stated that the programming board didn't have a meeting today. She also stated that there will be an event for evening students on campus from 5pm to 7pm which starts setting up from 4:30. The date might be this Tuesday and Wednesday but it might change. She stated that she will send out emails tonight to remind everyone who signed up.
- iii. **Senator Mascareno:** stated that Culture Awareness Board will have the Womxn of CSM Panel event tomorrow from 12pm to 1pm in Building 10. Speakers will come and give some great presentations.

**c. Advisors**

- i. **Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager,** stated that Mr. Hamadeh is out today and tomorrow for a training sponsored by the district and he will be back on Wednesday. He stated that he won't be here on Wednesday morning and Thursday but he will be back for Culture Awareness Board. He also stated that clubs can get service hours on Earth Day and they will send out emails to tell all the clubs on campus. He also stated that he will be gone for the D.C. trip all day on Friday next Monday and Tuesday but there will still be a senate meeting.
- ii. **Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant,** was not present.

**VII. Action Items**

**a. Appointments -- President Kaffl**

President Kaffl stated that Senator Vina Wong is to be appointed to the Center for Academic Excellence, Senator Zhao to the DIAG, and Senator Hamzah to the Student Services Council.

Motion to approve Senator Vina Wong to the Center for Academic Excellence, Senator Zhao to the DIAG, and Senator Hamzah to the Student Services Council by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Vice Chair Roe. Without objection, the motion passes.

President Kaffl stated that Georgia Giari, Selena Ortiz, and Evan \_\_\_\_\_ are to be appointed to the Cultural Awareness Board.

Senator Elkady stated that Mr. Giari, Ms. Ortiz, and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ are interested in joining the Cultural Awareness Board and they are also aware of the meeting time. Evan stated that he is freshman and his major is accounting. He wants to join student government to make more friends and get more experience.

Motion to approve Georgia Giari, Selena Ortiz, and Evan \_\_\_\_\_ to the Cultural Awareness board by Senator Elkady; seconded by Senator Casperson. Without objection, the motion passes.

President Kaffl stated that Senator Zhang is to be appointed to the Accreditation Oversight Committee.

Motion to approve Senator Zhang to the Accreditation Oversight Committee by Vice Chair Roe; seconded by Senator Jacky Wong. Without objection, the motion passes.

**b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Casperson**

None.

**c. Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference Funding - PTK**

PTK president Carlos stated that they will be having a regional conference in Las Vegas and this time they will only have eight people going. This trip will help students get more leadership experience and improve their leadership skills

Motion to approve \$2,400 to PTK Regional Conference Funds by Senator Ferroggiaro; seconded by Senator Kim.

President stated that they only request money for flight tickets and what about the other costs. Carlos stated that the club account money will cover the rest.

Vice President Trump asked have they attended this conference before. Carlos stated that last time it was only him and one other person went.

Senator Mascareno asked the price of the tickets and Carlos stated that they looked it up it was 300 for each person.

Advisor Schaefer stated that this proposal could pass but if he found out that they had already booked the ticket he won't release the funds.

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

**d. Cesar Chavez Community Garden Funding - Botany Club**

Botany Club representatives stated that on March 24 which is the Cesar Chavez Week they will be planting various types of plants at the outside of the library. This is a community event and it will make our campus look nicer which is important for our school as a Bee campus. They stated that the graduation ceremony will also be held there so it will be nicer with more plants.

Motion to approve \$800.00 for CSM Cesar Chavez Community Garden by Senator Zhang; second by Senator Hamzah.

Senator Stein asked can the farm plants grow well at outside and representative stated that they can.

Senator Ferroggiaro asked if the Facilities Department signed off and will they maintain them.

Representative stated that Facilities had signed off but will need more water to maintain different plants.

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

**e. Get Your Laugh On Event Funding - Professor Rudy Ramirez**

Professor Rudy stated that there will be six comedians who will bring nice diverse view of politics, race and society issues. He wants to offer this opportunity to CSM students.

Motion to approve \$1400.00 for Get Your Laugh On Event by Senator Stein; second by Senator Ferroggiaro.

Senator Ferroggiaro asked is this stand-up and Rudy stated this is a stand-up comedy and all six comedians are professional. Senator Ferroggiaro asked why 1400 dollars and Rudy stated that \$300 for comedians, \$400 for snacks and \$700 for videographer.

Senator Stein asked the time and Rudy stated that it will be at the theater from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on April 27.

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

**f. WTFilm Student Film Festival Funding - Programming Board Chair Stein**

Senator Stein stated that this event will be similar to the one last semester and each category will have one winner which gets a \$500 check. There will also be an award for students to choose their favorite firm and the winner will also get \$500. The deadline will be April 26 and the award ceremony will be on either May 11, 12 or 13. She also stated that total cost will increase \$500 because they have to pay the faculties.

Motion to approve \$3300 for What the Firm Festival by Senator Jacky Wong; second by Senator Elkady.

Senator Ferroggiaro asked why they put it in the building 10. Senator Stein stated that there will be more viewers and attendees and also they can provide food there while it's forbidden in the theater.

Senator Jacky Wong asked if senators can attend. Advisor Schaefer Stated that senators can help but only the senators and executive cabinet officers can't get money.

Senator Mascareno asked have they decided who are the judge professors. Senator Stein stated that it hasn't been decided yet.

President Kaffl asked how many films had been submitted last time. Advisor Schaefer stated that they had four to six movies per categories and people had put lots of effort into it so that's why they set the award at \$500 for each.

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

**g. Event for Evening Students - Programming Board Chair Stein**

Senator Stein stated that she will discuss with Advisor Schaefer about the date of the event and email to everyone tonight. She also stated that everyone should also check their junk inbox because some sign-up emails might be categorized there. She stated that evening class students can get food without doing anything and ASCSM will answer their questions if any.

Motion to approve \$500.00 for Event for Evening Students by Senator Mascareno; seconded by Senator Hamzah.

Senator Ferroggiaro asked have they advertised yet and Advisor Schaefer stated that they don't advertise so there is no loss if we change the date.

Senator Jacky Wong stated that last semester they ended up with lots of food left so this time we should buy more food on the first day. Advisor Schaefer stated that Jacky means buy 70% of the food on the first day and see how much left and how much more food will be needed on the second day.

Senator Vina Wong asked the time and Senator Stein stated that it will start at 4:30 and end around 6:30.

President Kaffl stated that last time there were some lights issues so this time we need to make sure the lights are on to make our event look very awesome.

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

**VIII. Discussion and Information Items****a. Women's History Month Events Debrief - Cultural Awareness Board Chair Mascareno**

Senator Mascareno stated that they handed out food for the attendees and the problem was that people couldn't be able to hear the sound so she won't play movie in the building 10 anymore.

President Kaffl stated that we need to have more people come next time because we had lots of seats left. Senator Mascareno stated that she will and also there were someone who was sitting at the couch and watching the movie.

Advisor Schaefer stated that next time we don't set up 100 chairs and maybe do 60 chairs so that people will be sitting closer.

Senator Vina Wong stated that there were someone eating while watching so maybe we need more tables next time.

Senator Mascareno stated that we can provide extra credit for students who attended if faculty agree.

**b. ASCSM Social Media Promotion Event Debrief - Commission of Publicity Elkady & Programming Board Chair Stein**

Senator Stein stated that there weren't many senators helping out at the event and we will need more people sign up. Advisor Schaefer stated that people might not get the emails because they went to the trash inbox.

Senator Stein stated that the event actually went pretty well and sometimes people rejected them because they were on diet or they have strong health conscious. Senator Elkady stated that we had 20 to 30 people in each social media and she wants to do it again. Advisor Schaefer stated that they should mainly focus on Facebook next time so that we can communicate with students as well.

President Kaffl stated that we should ask students to follow our social media during all our events to increase the number followers.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

The following items were recommended for the next ASCSM Senate meeting: Event for Evening Students Debrief, International Women Event Debrief.

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

None.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. by Senator Chin; second by Senator Jacky Wong. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Submitted by,

Tony Tan  
ASCSM Secretary