



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 3, 2016, 2:15 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Vice President Katarina Stein; Vice Chair Stephen; McReynolds; Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senators Luke, Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Alicia Chiang, Laurie Chin, Nabila (Bella) Hamzah, Amir Farhan Mat Kamal, Maria (Lupe) Ramirez Serratos, Katrina Relos, Colby Riley, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang, Chak Haang (Vina), Wong, Jingwei (Andy) Zhang, Jingwen (Allison) Zhao

Members Absent

President James Roe (excused, attending District Participatory Governance Committee meeting); Finance Director Sennai Kaffl (excused, attending DPGC meeting); Senator Natalia Gomez,

Advisors Present

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh Student Life and Leadership Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Ramirez Serratos. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 19, 2016, meeting by Senator Awwad; seconded by Senator Hamzah. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 26, 2016, meeting by Senator Riley; seconded by Senator Relos. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Layla Raffi, who is a student in the College's Middle College program, announced that the students in Middle College will be holding a fundraiser and movie screening to support women in Guatemala. The fundraiser will support the Namaste project, which provides micro-loans in the country. Middle College students will be sending drawing tickets for prizes that include tickets to Giants and Warriors games. The movie screening will take place on Monday, Oct. 17 in the CSM Theatre.

REPORTS

Senator Topete Eng Goon reported that she is working with the other Board chairs to arrange a mixer with members of the Senate and the Boards. It looks like the best date that will work for everyone is Monday, Oct. 17 at 3 PM. In order to hold the mixer, the Senate will be sure to schedule a shortened agenda for the meeting.

Senator Chettipally reported that Programing Board met earlier in the day and discussed plans for a Halloween event at the end of the month.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer stated that he will be out of the office starting on Thursday afternoon through Friday.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh announced that the first SafeZone training for the fall semester would be tomorrow, Tuesday, October 4, at 2 PM. The remaining training dates for the semester are November 8 and December 8.

In the absence of a representative to speak to the Funding for Annual Fall Dance Concert and hearing no objections, Vice President Stein suspended the order of the day to take up the subsequent business items.

FAMILY SCIENCE DAY “SECRETS OF THE LIVING WORLD” PLANT DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

A representative from the Botany Club explained that the plants and supplies the group is requesting would be used as part of the College’s annual Family Science Day event on Saturday, Oct. 8. In addition, the plants would be utilized by the club for the remainder of the semester and accessible to the campus (via the club) as long as they survived. The club will also be refreshing the Living Wall that was purchased last year.

Motion to approve \$960.34 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Botany Club’s Family Science Day “Secrets of the Living World” Plant Diversity Exhibit by Senator Riley; seconded by Vice Chair McReynolds. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

BURMESE LIGHT FESTIVAL EVENT FUNDING

On behalf of the Cultural Awareness Board. Senator Wong explained that the group is interested in holding events from cultures that may have been glossed over in the past. The Burmese Light Festival, which is the second most popular festival in Myanmar, is intended to show respect to elders and as forgiveness for sins visited upon parents and grandparents. In turn, the young are forgiven for their transgressions and granted good luck for the upcoming year.

The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 11 AM to 1 PM in the Building 10 Plaza.

Motion to approve \$800.00 from the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account (#5050) for the Cultural Awareness Board’s Burmese Light Festival event by Senator Awwad; seconded by Senator Chettipally. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

With the arrival of a representative from the Performance Dance Ensemble and hearing no objections, Vice President Stein returned to the Funding for Annual Fall Dance Concert business item.

FUNDING FOR ANNUAL FALL DANCE CONCERT

Erik Ferroggiaro, on behalf of the Performance Dance Ensemble club, presented the request for funds to support the group’s annual fall dance concert. The concert features original performances by members of the PDE club as well as students in the College’s dance classes. In addition, guest performers from other schools are also invited to participate. PDE is requesting funds to help with the purchase of costumes for the event, as well as to pay for a photographer and videographer to document the show.

Motion to approve \$1,750.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the annual fall dance concert by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Chiang.

Members of the Senate asked if PDE had ever considered utilizing students from the multimedia program for either photography or videography. Mr. Ferroggiaro stated that students have been used in the past, but that the quality was poor and some dance students use the photos and video footage to apply to performance arts schools.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve \$1,750.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the annual fall dance concert carried.

APPROVAL OF ACTION STEPS FOR ASCSM GOALS FOR 2016/17

Mr. Hamadeh requested that the item be tabled until the next meeting so that the language of the action steps may be finalized. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

ASCSM APPAREL

On behalf of President Roe, Mr. Schaefer asked that the Senate break the impasse at Executive Cabinet to help determine what type of apparel to order. The group took a straw poll to indicate the popularity of each piece of clothing:

- 7 voted in favor of the one-third zip crewneck
- 0 voted in favor of the full zip hoodie
- 10 voted in favor of the windbreaker/coach's jacket

Based on the straw poll, the Senate decided to order windbreakers/coach's jackets for members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the Senate suggested the following items for future Senate meetings:

- Approval of Actions Steps for ASCSM Goals for 2016/17
- Winter Retreat Funding
- Alternative Spring Break Funding
- Leadership Conference Funding

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Hamadeh announced that the Veterans Resource and Outreach Center is still looking for volunteers to help with this weekend's Student Veterans Leadership Conference. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Justine Evirs at evirsj@smccd.edu.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:52 PM by Senator Topete Eng Goon; second by Senator Wong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi
ASCSM Secretary