



Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 10th, 2016, 2:15 PM
College Center Building 10, College Heights Conference Room (Room 468)

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

President James Roe; Vice President Katarina Stein Finance Director Sennai Kaffl; Vice Chair Stephen McReynolds; Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senators Luke Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Alicia Chiang, Laurie Chin, Natalia Gomez, 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

Members Absent

Jingwen (Allison) Zhao

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 Hamzah, seconded by Vice Chair McReynolds. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve minutes of the Monday, Oct. 3, 2016, meeting as presented by Senator Wang, seconded by Senator Chiang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Roe announced that the Board of Trustees has been engaged in a discussion about equity and student access. The Board has is scheduled to continue this discussion at their meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26 and would like to have student input. Any member of the Senate who is interested in attending is welcome.

Vice President Stein reported that she had attended the Institutional Planning Committee meeting on Friday and the group had discussed the process for reviewing the Program Review documents.

Finance Director Kaffl recognized the members of the Associated Students of Cañada College who were present.

Commissioner of Publicity Chin reported that she had attended the College Assessment Committee meeting. The group is in the process of looking at learning outcomes for services, which are different than those for instructional programs.

Senator Wong reminded the group that the Burmese Light Festival event would take place tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 11, starting at 10:30 AM. She passed around a sign-up sheet and urged members of the Senate to help out.

Senator Topete Eng Goon announced that the City of Millbrae is hosting a 5K run in order to raise funds to replace the Community Center that was recently destroyed by fire.

Senator Relos reported that the Sustainability Committee has scheduled the annual Earth Day event for Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer encouraged the group to continue posting and sharing events on Facebook in order to help promote them.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh reminded the group that there would be no classes on Wednesday due to the Flex Day. In addition, Mr. Hamadeh stated that he would be out of the office on Thursday, Oct. 13 and Friday, Oct. 14.

APPOINTMENTS

President Roe made the following appointments:

- Alex Chin to the Cultural Awareness Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Vice Chair McReynolds; second by Senator Hamzah. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Nabila Hamzah to the Programming Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Chin; second by Senator Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING FACULTY EVALUATIONS

San Mateo County Community College District Vice Chancellor Eugene Whitlock presented the proposed resolution regarding changes to the faculty evaluation procedures to the Senate. The changes focused around more frequent evaluations and moving to online evaluations. The District and the union representing District faculty, AFT, are currently in contract negotiations and this is one of the sticking points.

FUNDING TO ATTEND STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Student Veterans of America, CSM Chapter, Vice Chair McReynolds presented the group's request for funding to attend the 8th annual SVA national conference in January 2017. The conference will be an opportunity for members of the local SVA chapter to meet with students from across the nation. In addition, the chapter will have the chance to participate in the Chapter Business Plan competition and possibly win the Chapter of the Year award.

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Student Veterans of America, CSM Chapter attendance at the annual SVA National Conference in January 2017 by Senator Topete Eng Goon; second by Senator Awwad. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR FIFTH ISSUE OF *THE LABYRINTH*

On behalf of The Writers' Project, Senator Topete Eng Goon presented the group's request for funding to support printing and distribution of the fifth issue of the College's creative writing and art magazine, *The Labyrinth*. The magazine, which is comprised completely of student writing and art work, is published each semester and distributed around campus. This semester, the group hopes to expand distribute to include local businesses, such as coffee shops.

Motion to approve \$1,000.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support printing and distribution of the fifth issue of *The Labyrinth* by Commissioner of Publicity Chin; seconded by Senator Riley. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

SUPPORT FOR HIP HOP FOR CHANGE: CULTURE IS A WEAPON

Professor Rudy Ramirez presented his request for support of the Hip-Hop for Change event. Hip Hop for Change is a group of performers who will share their stories of anger and frustration while channeling their focus on positive and creative forms of expression. This event is a proactive approach intended to inspire, motivate and provide the tools for activism in our communities. The event will be held in the CSM Theatre on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 PM.

Motion to approve \$1,500.00 from the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account (#5050) for the Hip Hop for Change event by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Chettipally.

Professor Ramirez requested that the breakdown of funding on the proposal be changed. Instead of allocating \$200.00 for miscellaneous expenses, he asked that those funds be folded into the allocation for refreshments from Paws for Coffee, bringing the total allocation to \$500.00. The funds allocated for the Hip Hop Artists (\$1,000.00) would remain the same. Senators Wang and Chettipally accepted the requested changes as a friendly amendment to the proposal.

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

SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

On behalf of Dr. Henry Villareal, Dean of Enrollment Services, Mr. Schaefer explained that Dr. Villareal and Professor Catherine Firpo are organizing a series of workshops for LGBTQ+ History Month. The workshops will focus primarily on issues facing the transgender community. Specifically, the workshops will explore ways to create a more welcoming and affirming campus for the transgender community. Funding for these workshops will help pay for refreshments and advertising.

Motion to approve \$900.00 from the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account (#5050) to support the LGBTQ+ History Month workshops by Senator Gomez; seconded by Senator Relos. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM HALLOWEEN EVENT

On behalf of the Programming Board, Senator Chettipally explained that the group is planning a Halloween event for Wednesday, Oct. 26. The event will include pumpkin decorating contests and activities for the children from the Child Development Center. The group is still finalizing food and other details for the event.

Motion to approve \$840.00 from the Programs account (#5150) for the ASCSM Halloween event by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Hamzah.

Mr. Chettipally mentioned that after speaking with the Child Development Center staff, they would not be giving the children candy because of the center's healthy food program. Mr. Schaefer suggested adding \$140.00 to the proposal to purchase healthier snacks for the children. Senators Topete Eng Goon and Hamzah accepted the recommendation as a friendly amendment, bringing the total amount of the proposal to \$1,000.00.

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

FUNDING FOR ASCSM SENATE AND BOARD MIXER

Senator Topete Eng Goon explained that in order to build greater connections between the Senate and the boards, and among the boards themselves, there are plans to hold a mixer on Monday, Oct. 17 at 3 PM. There would be a shortened Senate meeting on that day.

Motion to approve \$600.00 from the Hospitality account (#5080) for the ASCSM Senate and Board Mixer by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Zhang. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

ACTION STEPS FOR ASCSM GOALS FOR 2016/17

President Roe introduced the finalized action steps for the ASCSM Senate's Goals for 2016/17. The Senate agreed that the action steps reflected the discussions held at recent Senate meetings. They also stated that some progress had already been made on several of the action steps.

Motion to approve the action steps for the ASCSM Senate Goals for 2016/17 by Vice Chair McReynolds; seconded by Senator Awwad. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Topete Eng Goon reminded the Senate that Middle College would be holding a moving screening on empowering women in Guatemala in the Theatre on Monday, Oct. 17 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:38 PM by Senator Riley; second by Senator Zhang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi
ASCSM Secretary