



**Associated Students of College of San Mateo**

**Senate Minutes (Approved)**

Monday, October 31, 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

President James Roe; Finance Director Sennai Kaffl; Vice Chair Stephen McReynolds; Commissioner of Publicity Laurie Chin; Senators Luke Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Alicia Chiang, Natalia Gomez, 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

Vice President Katarina Stein; Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senator Nabila (Bella) Hamzah

Advisors Present

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

Due to the absence of Vice President Stein, the meeting was chaired by Vice Chair McReynolds.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Relos; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Motion to approve minutes of the Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, meeting by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Ramirez Serratos.

For clarification on the vote record, Mr. Hamadeh asked if any member of the Senate recalled who was not present for the vote on the Charity Club's Club Promotion proposal. Vice Chair McReynolds and Senator Chiang stated that they were not present for the vote. Mr. Hamadeh asked that the vote record be updated to reflect that all members voted in favor of the proposal with the exceptions of Vice Chair McReynolds, who was not present, Senator Chiang, who was not present, and Senator Ramirez Serratos, who was absent, and that the vote record reflect 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining. He also requested that the minutes be updated to reflect that the vote for the Charity Club Promotion Day was 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Senators Topete Eng Goon and Ramirez Serratos accepted the above changes as part of their original motion. Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, meeting as amended carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

## REPORTS

**President Roe** thanked those members of the Senate who attended last week's Board of Trustees meeting to support his report to the Board. Mr. Roe also thanked those members who stayed after presentation to engage in the Board's discussion on equity.

**Finance Director Kaffl** reported that he would be attending the Institutional Planning Committee meeting on Friday during which the group will break up into smaller work groups to begin reviewing the program reviews submitted by departments and programs. Mr. Kaffl also reported that he would be attending the Learning Support Center Coordination Committee meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and he that he would be providing a budget update at the next Senate meeting.

**Senator Topete Eng Goon** reported that she attended last week's Board of Trustees meeting to support President Roe but also to participate in the Board's discussion on equity, which included a discussion on ways faculty can infuse issues of equity into the curriculum. Ms. Topete Eng Goon also reported that during Public Comment, students from CSM and Skyline addressed the Board on the possibility of having armed Public Safety Officers on campus. The students informed the Board that they are against such a move and that they feel their voices were not adequately heard during the District's public safety study.

**Senator Gomez** reported that the Committee on Instruction had authorized the addition of a new course in the Calculus sequence. The class will be offered starting in the Fall 2017 semester.

**Senator Wong** reported that the Cultural Awareness Board is partnering with the Multicultural Center and several other groups to hold the Latinx Heritage Days events between Nov. 2 and Nov. 9. In addition, the Cultural Awareness Board is partnering with the International Education Program and the Culture Exchange Club to hold the World Village event on Nov. 16. Finally, the Cultural Awareness Board will be sponsoring an event focusing on language and culture on Nov. 30.

**Senator Wang** reported that she had attended the Campus Safety Committee meeting and that the group discussed holding CPR trainings for staff. In addition, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, there will be a training held for building captains.

**Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer** reported that he had received positive feedback from the College administration regarding President Roe's presentation to the Board of Trustees and regarding the student participation in the Board's discussion on the topic of equity. In addition, Mr. Schaefer stated that he had a brief discussion with Vice President of Student Services Jennifer Hughes regarding the student concerns about arming Public Safety Officers. Mr. Schaefer reiterated that there is no current plan to arm the District's Public Safety personnel. The intent of the Public Safety Study was to provide the Board with a holistic picture of the way Public Safety operates on the campuses and what issues they may be facing. However, in response to student concerns, there are preliminary discussions to hold another campus forum on public safety.

**Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh** introduced Marine Kazaryan, the new student assistant in the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development. Mr. Hamadeh asked the members of the Senate to please make Ms. Kazaryan feel welcome in her new role. Shifting gears, Mr. Hamadeh stated that due to the recent rains, ants have started to make their way into the ASCSM Office. He asked those who utilize the office to please make sure to dispose of food and not leave any crumbs in order to help curb the ant problem. Reminding the group that they had established a task force to organize an event focusing on Title IX and sexual assault, Mr. Hamadeh asked the boards to identify two members to serve on the task force by the next Senate meeting. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh informed the group that the next SafeZone training will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, and that applications for the 6th Annual Student Leadership Conference are now available. Applications are due to the Center for Student Life no later than Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 12 PM (noon).

## APPOINTMENTS

President Roe made the following appointments:

- **Jacob Abney to the Advocacy Board**  
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Wong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- **Senator Riley to the Library Advisory Committee**  
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Chettipally. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

## LEGISLATIVE BILLS

On behalf of the Advocacy Board, Senator Topete Eng Goon presented the following legislative bills:

- **H.R. 242 – All-Year ACCESS Act**  
Directs the Secretary of Education to award an additional Pell Grant to an eligible student who: (1) has received a Pell Grant for an award year, and (2) is enrolled in a program of study for one or more additional payment periods during the same award year that are not otherwise covered by the Pell Grant.  
  
Motion to approve the Senate’s support for H.R. 242 by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Riley. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- **S. 2176/H.R. 3721 – Affordable College Textbook Act**  
This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to make competitive grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) to support pilot programs that expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students.  
  
It requires the full and complete digital content of the educational resources created or adopted using grant funds to be made available free of charge to the public: (1) on an easily accessible and interoperable website; and (2) in a machine readable, digital format that anyone can directly download, edit with attribution, and redistribute.  
  
ED must give special consideration to grant applicants that demonstrate the greatest potential to: achieve the highest level of savings for students; expand the use of open textbooks at other IHEs; and produce open textbooks that are of the highest quality, that can be most easily utilized and adapted by faculty members, that correspond to the highest enrollment courses, and that are created or adopted in partnership with entities that will assist in their marketing and distribution.  
  
The bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include any educational material developed to accompany a college textbook as supplemental material that is subject to college textbook information disclosure requirements.  
  
Motion to approve the Senate’s support for S. 2176/H.R. 3721 by Commissioner of Publicity Chin; seconded by Senator Chettipally. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- **California S.B. 1357 (2015/16)**  
This bill would establish the California Community Colleges Assistance Grant Program. Commencing with the 2017–18 award year, the bill would require the Student Aid Commission to annually augment the awards of all recipients of Cal Grant B Entitlement awards and Competitive Cal Grant B awards who are enrolled as students at campuses of the California Community Colleges by \$1,500. The bill would specify that the amounts awarded under the bill would supplement, and not supplant, the Cal Grant B awards and other student financial aid

received by those community college students. The bill would further specify that these awards would be funded by appropriations from the General Fund in the annual Budget Act.

Motion to approve the Senate's support for California S.B. 1357 (2015/16) by Senator Zhang; seconded by Senator Wang. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

### **EXHIBITION AT TWIN PINES MANOR HOUSE GALLERY**

On behalf of the Fine Arts Club, Ashleigh Evans presented the group's request for \$225.00 in funding to support the group's annual art exhibition at Twin Pines Park in Belmont. The exhibition will take place in January 2017 and will be open to the public. The exhibition is a great way to promote the College's fine art program and to allow students to promote their work and build their resumes. The requested funding would support promotional materials and a small reception held at the start of the exhibition.

Motion to approve \$225.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Fine Arts Club Exhibition at Twin Pines Park by Senator Colby; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

### **FUNDING FOR "EXTREME MAKEOVER: REPURPOSING OLD ART WORK" WORKSHOP**

On behalf of the Fine Arts Club, Ashleigh Evans presented the group's request for \$100.00 in funding to provide payment for a speaker and workshop on the topic of repurposing old art work. Ms. Evans stated that the workshop would help save art students money by allowing them to reuse old art pieces for new works.

Motion to approve \$100.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Fine Arts Club "Extreme Makeover: Repurposing Old Art Work" workshop by Senator Riley; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

### **MATH FESTIVAL**

Senator Wong presented the funding request for \$600.00 from the Math Club for the Math Festival event. The event would challenge students in various levels of math skills and provide prizes for those who completed problems. Funding for the event would cover the costs of supplies, pizza, and gift cards.

Motion to approve \$600.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) for the Math Club Math Festival event by Senator Gomez; seconded by Senator Ramirez Serratos. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

### **ASCSM BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Hamadeh and Mr. Kaffl requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting in order to prepare a more thorough report. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **HALLOWEEN EVENT DEBRIEF**

In reviewing the Halloween Event, the group discussed the lack of attendance as a major issue. However, that may be attributed to the fact that the Health Fair was taking place at the same time. Turnout by volunteers was good, and the group felt that additional decorations could have been placed around the quad for the event. Senator Chettipally reported that a lot of students signed up for more information about student government. Advisor Schaefer pointed out the irony of giving away candy and other sweets while the Health Fair was taking place. Senator Relos suggested finding a way to store the candy and pumpkin pies to prevent them from getting soft or melting.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE SENATE MEETING**

1. Budget Update
2. Faculty Evaluation Resolution

3. Funding for World Village
4. Latinx Event Funding
5. Inter Club Council Mixer Funding

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Gomez announced that the EOPS Club will be holding a financial literacy workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Senator Riley stated that the Latinx Heritage Month events would start this week and continue through Nov. 9.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 2:59 PM by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh  
Student Life and Leadership Assistant