



## Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, November 14th, 2016, 2:15 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 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, Katrina Relos, Colby Riley, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang, Jingwei (Andy) Zhang, Jingwen (Allison) Zhao

Members absent

Senators Maria (Lupe) Ramirez Serratos, Chak Haang (Vina) Wong

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 Chettipally; seconded by Senator Gaby Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve minutes of prior meetings as presented by Senator Wang, seconded by Senator Chiang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

Vice President Stein reported that at the IPC meeting two weeks ago, the committee began reviewing the Program Review reports provided by the various departments and programs on campus. In addition, Vice President Stein reported that a group on campus calling itself SMCCD Activists is organizing a walk out for Monday, Nov. 21 at 10:30 AM. The group plans to hold a rally outside Building 10.

Finance Director Kaffl apologized for not being at last week's meeting, but indicated that he was attending a District Participatory Governance Council meeting. He thanked Mr. Hamadeh for providing the budget update in his absence. Mr. Kaffl also reported that he attended the Learning Support Centers Coordination Committee. The group discussed insuring feedback from a broad base of students regarding the various academic centers on campus.

Senator Gomez reported that she had attended the Committee of Instruction and the group discussed adding Criminal Justice courses. The committee also discussed adding a requirement that students take a class about diversity.

Senator Wang reported that the Math Club would be holding the Math Festival this Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 11 AM to 3 PM in front of Building 10.

Senator Chettipally reported that the Programming Board will be holding a Thanksgiving event on Monday, Nov. 21. The sign-up sheet for volunteers will be sent out via email.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer asked that the Senate continue spreading the word about the Student Leadership retreat. In addition, Mr. Schaefer reminded the group that last week was incredibly emotional for many people, and he encouraged members of the Senate to report any incidents of harassment they may hear about. He encouraged members of the Senate to take care of each other, remind students that this is a safe campus, and to be there for people who need to talk.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh thanked the Senate for the support that they had shown him and others last week. He echoed Mr. Schaefer's words that members of the Senate had an obligation as leaders to report any incidents of harassment they may hear of. Mr. Hamadeh also reported that President Claire called a meeting of staff and faculty last week, which Senator Topete Eng Goon also attended, to discuss ways to address students and employees who may be feeling anxious or worried. As a first step, President Claire will be sending an email message to all students reiterating that CSM is a safe place for all and that support is available to anyone who needs it. In addition, as part of the World Chat event, a unity activity will be included. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh reminded the Senate that the presentation by Wes Moore will be taking place on Tuesday at 11 AM in the Theatre.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

None.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR ARDUSAT SATELLITE KIT – ASTRONOMY CLUB**

After not being present at the previous meeting, a representative from the Astronomy Club presented the club's request for supplemental funding for the ArduSat satellite kit. This funding is in addition to the funding already approved for the Satellite Project club at last week's meeting.

Motion to approve \$200.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Hamzah. With 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

#### **RECRUITMENT EVENT SUPPLIES – ACTIVE MINDS CLUB**

A representative from the Active Minds club explained that the group is requesting funding to purchase a table skirt for use at club events and activities. In addition, the group is requesting funding for pies and other food, which will serve as giveaways at an awareness event the group is planning for Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Motion to approve \$403.44 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Commissioner of Publicity Chin. With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

#### **FUNDING FOR ICC MIXER**

Vice Chair McReynolds explained that the annual fall ICC mixer would be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The mixer will be for members of the ICC with plans to hold a large event in the spring.

Motion to approve \$500.00 from the Club Account Reserve Trust Account by Senator Awwad; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. With a vote of 14 in favor, 0 abstaining, and 0 opposed, the motion carries.

## **FACULTY EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

President Roe stated that the Senate had heard from representatives from the District and from AFT. Now it is up to the Senate to decide on what stance to take regarding the resolution. Members of the Senate began making suggestions regarding ways to improve the faculty evaluation procedures, at which point Mr. Schaefer clarified that the wording of the agenda item limited the discussion to taking a stance on the resolution. The Senate decided not to take a position on resolution because of concerns regarding the wording of the Whereas section. In addition, the Senate requested that a discussion item be placed on the next agenda to begin addressing ways to improve the faculty evaluation procedures.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Faculty evaluations suggestions
- Funding for District-wide student government mixer
- ICC proposals

## **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Schaefer informed the Senate that he would be out of the office Monday through Wednesday of next week.

President Roe reminded members of the Senate to finalize their class schedules for the spring semester and inform him of any possible conflicts with committee meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:05 PM by Senator Riley; second by Senator Zhang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi  
ASCSM Secretary