



## Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, November 21, 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; Senators Luke Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Alicia Chiang, Laurie Chin, Natalia Gomez, 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

Others present

Dennis Zheng, SMCCCD Student Trustee

Members absent

Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senators Nabila (Bella) Hamzah and Amir Farhan Mat Kamal

Advisors present

Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

Advisors absent

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Advisor Hamadeh requested that New Business, Item F, Open Discussion on Student Evaluations, be tabled until next week. Motion to approve the agenda with the above item tabled until next week by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Gomez. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve minutes of the Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, meeting as presented by Senator Ramirez Serratos, seconded by Commissioner of Publicity Chin. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

President Roe reported that he had attended today's student walk about and that he felt it was a powerful showing of student power. Mr. Roe invited members of the Senate to attend a meeting that President Claire will be holding tomorrow at 3:30 PM in Building 10, Room 195 to hear the concerns of the students who organized today's walk out. Mr. Roe also reported that he attended last week's District Student Council meeting. At that meeting, the group discussed the resolution regarding the increase to the Student Body Fee. CSM has supported increasing the semester fee to \$15 and instituting a summer fee of \$8. Cañada voted to support increasing the semester fee to \$15 but not institute a summer fee. Skyline will be the tie-breaker, and they will be taking up the issue this week. Regarding the resolution on faculty evaluations and the AFT contract, CSM took no position, Cañada voted against the resolution, and Skyline voted to support the resolution.

Vice President Stein reported that she had also attended last week's DSC meeting.

Finance Director Kaffl wished members of the Senate a happy Thanksgiving break.

Senator Awwad reported that he had attended the Accreditation Oversight Committee meeting. The committee discussed the College's mid-term report, issues regarding the disaggregation of student learning outcome data, and plans for the upcoming 2019 self-study and site visit.

Senator Chettipally reported that the Programming Board had canceled today's Thanksgiving event due to the walk out. Mr. Chettipally stated that he had also attended the walk out and thought it was a beautiful example of students exercising their right to protest.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reminded the Senate that Advisor Schaefer would be out of the office for this entire week. He also informed the Senate that Secretary Darzi was out for the remainder of the day. Mr. Hamadeh encouraged members of the Senate to attend President Claire's meeting on Tuesday in order to hear the concerns of their constituents. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh reminded the Senate that applications for the upcoming Student Leadership Conference are due by 12 PM (noon) on Wednesday, Nov. 23. In addition, the Center for Student Life will be closing at noon on Wednesday, therefore agendas for next week's board meetings will also be due by noon.

Student Trustee Dennis Zheng introduced himself to the Senate and apologized for not being present more during the semester. However, this was due to a class schedule conflict and he stated that next semester it should be easier for him attend ASCSM Senate meetings.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Roe made the following appointments:

- Nuri Illini Ahmad to Advocacy Board  
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Ramirez Serratos.  
Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

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

- **S.1352 – Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act**  
This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to eliminate the expected family contribution (EFC) used to determine financial need in the case of a Pell Grant-eligible student whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty as a police officer, firefighter, or other public safety officer. Such student is eligible to receive an automatic zero EFC and qualify for the maximum Pell Grant award if the student was less than 24 years old or enrolled at an institution of higher education at the time of the parent or guardian's death.

Recommendation from Advocacy Board: Support

Motion to approve support of S.1352, Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act, by Vice Chair McReynolds; seconded by Senator Wang. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

- **S.2859 – College Access Act of 2016**  
This bill establishes a competitive grant program to incentivize States to implement comprehensive reforms and innovative strategies to significantly improve postsecondary outcomes for low-income and first generation college students, including increasing postsecondary enrollment and graduation rates, reducing the need of

postsecondary students for remedial education, increasing alignment of high school and postsecondary education, and promoting innovation in postsecondary education, and for other purposes.

Recommendation from Advocacy Board: Support

Motion to approve support of S.2859, College Access Act of 2016, by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Awwad. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

### **ANATOMAGE TABLE VISIT – MEDICAL SCHOLARS CLUB**

A representative from the Medical Scholars Club explained that the group would like to visit the Anatomage table at Stanford University. The table provides students with an interactive, 3-D model of the human body. The university also has virtual reality equipment and other materials available that visiting students will be able to experience.

Motion to approve \$1,500.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Medical Scholar's Club visit to Stanford University and the Anatomage table by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Zhang. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

### **FUNDING FOR AGS NEWSLETTER AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS – ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA**

A representative from Alpha Gamma Sigma introduced the proposal, explaining that the group would like to print two copies of a newsletter for members and distribution to the campus community. The newsletters will highlight the activities and events that AGS has held over the last semester. In addition, the club would like to purchase promotional banners, stickers, and lanyards.

Motion to approve \$1,000.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to provide support for the AGS newsletter printing and purchase of promotional items by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Chettipally. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

### **FUNDING FOR OUR VOICES EVENT – CULTURAL AWARENESS BOARD**

On behalf of the Cultural Awareness Board, Senator Wong explained that the group will be holding an event on Wednesday, Nov. 30 that will highlight the ways in which language influences culture and culture influences language. The event will focus on languages from around the world as well as different dialects within the United States.

Motion to approve \$1,000.00 from the Cultural and Ethnic Affairs account (#5050) to support the Our Voices event by Senator Relos; seconded by Senator Zhang. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

### **FUNDING FOR CAMPUS OPEN FORUM/HEALING CIRCLE – PROGRAMMING BOARD**

On behalf of the Programming Board, Senator Riley presented the proposal to support an open forum and healing circle event. The event is intended to bring together the campus community in order to share thoughts and feelings after the results of the recent election.

Motion to approve \$250.00 from the Programs account (#5150) to support the open forum and healing circle event by Commissioners of Publicity Chin; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

### **FUNDING FOR DISTRICT MIXER/IN-HOUSE RETREAT – PRESIDENT ROE**

President Roe introduced the item by explaining that DSC is planning to hold a mixer for members of student government from Cañada, CSM, and Skyline. The event will be an opportunity to network, learn about the other campuses, and engage in some leadership activities. Each A.S. is being asked to allocate funds to provide food and other supplies at the event.

Motion to approve \$400.00 from the Hospitality account (#5080) to support the districtwide student government mixer by Senator Ramirez Serratos; seconded by Senator Chettipally. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carries.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Follow-up visit by Vice Chancellor Whitlock regarding the AFT Faculty Evaluation Resolution
- Destress Week Proposal

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 2:58 PM by Vice Chair McReynolds; seconded by Senator Riley. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh  
Student Life and Leadership Assistant