



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## **Senate Minutes (Approved)**

Monday, November 28th, 2016, 2:15 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:23 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, Laurie Chin, Natalia Gomez, Nabila (Bella) Hamzah, Amir Farhan Mat Kamal, Katrina Relos, Maria (Lupe) Ramirez Serratos, Colby Riley, Jingwen (Allison) Zhao,
Members Absent	Chak Haang (Vina) Wong, Alicia Chiang, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang, Jingwei (Andy) Zhang,
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 Riley; seconded by Senator Chettipally. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Motion to approve minutes of the Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, meetings as presented by Senator Serratos, seconded by Senator Gomez

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **REPORTS**

Finance Director Kaffl reported that he will be attending the institutional Planning Committee meeting on Friday, Dec. 2.

Senator Serratos reported that she had just attended a meeting of the 2016 Public Safety Services Study Committee. The committee's work is ongoing, and it will soon be distributing an online survey. The committee is seeking feedback from the campus community and will integrate that feedback into its final report.

Senator Awwad reflected on the fact that there are only a few weeks left in the fall semester. He wished members of the Senate well on their upcoming finals.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer welcomed everyone back from the Thanksgiving break. He reminded the Senate that the next meeting will be the final meeting for the fall semester, and that members are still expected to be present. Regarding the Winter Leadership Retreat, Mr. Schaefer stated that Mr. Hamadeh will send out an email with additional information in the next few weeks. We will also be opening the retreat to members of the boards, so please encourage folks to attend. As the end of the semester approaches, Mr. Schaefer reminded members of the Senate to clean out their lockers, save files that may be on the computers in the ASCSM Office, and remove all perishable items from the refrigerator.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reiterated that next week's meeting will be the final meeting for the semester, and informed the group that the meeting will be held in the City Conference Room (Building 10, Room 401) instead of in College Heights.

## **FACULTY EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND AFT CONTRACT**

SMCCCD Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources and Employee Relations Eugene Whitlock returned to the Senate to clarify some misconceptions or confusion around the proposed resolution regarding faculty evaluations and the AFT contract. Mr. Whitlock clarified that the Senate may adopt the resolution as proposed, may adopt its own resolution, or may take no action whatsoever. Mr. Whitlock reiterated that the District is not asking the Senate to take sides between the District and the Faculty, but is asking for student input and feedback into the process. If this is a matter that is important to students, Vice Chancellor Whitlock encouraged members of the Senate to attend the Board of Trustees meetings and make their opinions heard. The proposal is not about the Administration versus the Faculty, but about creating the best learning experience for students.

Vice Chair McReynolds stated that the Senate had reviewed the resolution and after soliciting input from both sides, decided that it was not the best avenue to pursue change in the evaluation process. The Senate will be holding a discussion about faculty evaluations and would like to review the current student questionnaire to see how it may be changed to be more effective.

## **FUNDING FOR EVENT FOR EVENING STUDENTS**

Motion to approve \$300.00 from the Programs account (#5150) for the event for evening students by Senator Riley, seconded by Senator Awwad. With 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

## **FUNDING FOR DESTRESS WEEK**

Motion to approve \$4,100.00 from the Programs account (#5150) for Destress Week by Vice Chair McReynolds, seconded by Senator Gomez. With 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Funding for Spring 2017 Reboot Week
- Faculty Evaluation Suggestions
- General Demands from SMCCCD Student Activists
- Psychology Club Proposal (ICC)
- Budget Report (possibly)

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

Senator Serratos reminded the members of the Senate to be on the lookout for the email from the District regarding the Public Safety Survey.

President Roe reminded the group that the District Mixer will take place on Friday, Dec. 2 at Skyline. He asked everyone to please RSVP.

Finance Director Kaffl announced that the Business Club will be holding a Business Plan Competition on Friday, and that free food and a drawing would take place.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:11 PM by Vice Chair McReynolds; second by Senator Chettipally. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi  
ASCSM Secretary