



Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, December 5th, 2016, 2:15 PM
College Center Building 10, City View Conference Room (Room 401)

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Vice President Katarina Stein, Vice Chair Stephen McReynolds; Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senators Luke Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Alicia Chiang, Laurie Chin, Natalia Gomez, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Nabila (Bella) Hamzah, Amir Farhan Mat Kamal, Katrina Relos, Maria (Lupe) Ramirez Serratos, Colby Riley, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang, Chak Haang (Vina) Wong, Jingwei (Andy) Zhang, Jingwen (Allison) Zhao

Members Absent

President James Roe (excused, attending District Participatory Governance Council meeting); Finance Director Sennai Kaffl (excused, attending DPGC meeting)

Advisors Present

Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve minutes of the Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, meeting as presented by Senator Topete Eng Goon, seconded by Senator Riley. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh congratulated members of the Senate for making it to the end of the semester and the final ASCSM Senate meeting of the fall. He also thanked those members of the Senate who would be transferring or will not be involved next semester for their contributions. Mr. Hamadeh stated his excitement at what the group will be able to accomplish in the spring.

Mr. Hamadeh reminded the group that finals will start next week. He informed that the Senate that the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development will be open through Friday, Dec. 16. After that, the Center will be closed until Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017. Members of the Senate should take any personal items, including items in lockers, with them over the winter recess. In addition, everyone should remember to empty out the refrigerator and take any files from the computers.

The Winter Leadership Retreat will be held between Monday, Jan. 9 and Wednesday, Jan. 11. Mr. Hamadeh stated that he will be sending out an email with a link so that those planning to attend may RSVP. The invitation will also be extended to members of the boards.

Finally, Mr. Hamadeh stated that the first ASCSM Senate meeting of the spring semester will be Monday, Jan. 23. Additionally, the first Inter Club Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 1. With that, Mr. Hamadeh wished everyone well on their finals and expressed his hope that everyone would have a wonderful winter recess.

FUNDING FOR REBOOT WEEK

Senator Chettipally stated that the Reboot Week event, which is similar to the fall Welcome Week event, is being planned for Tuesday, Jan. 31 through Thursday, Feb. 2. The Programming Board has not totally finalized plans for the event, but is hoping to blend some new ideas with things that have proven popular in the past.

Motion to approve allocating \$8,000.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Spring 2017 Reboot Week event by Vice Chair McReynolds; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. With 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

SUGGESTIONS REGARDING FACULTY EVALUATIONS

Noting the absence of President Roe, members of the Senate discussed ideas for improving the effectiveness of the student evaluation of faculty process. Specifically regarding the student questionnaire, the Senate identified the following suggestions:

- Establish a minimum word requirement for the open-ended response questions.
- Allow students to provide feedback on the effectiveness of resources utilized by faculty, not just identify what kind of resources are utilized.
- Include sample responses for open response questions to provide students an idea of what is being asked.
- Provide additional open-ended response questions.
- Categorize questions into different topics, such as classroom management, teaching effectiveness, discipline knowledge, etc.
- Allow students to rate overall effectiveness of faculty.

Mr. Hamadeh suggested that a task force be formed in order to draft either a resolution or position paper that incorporates the above suggestions. Vice President Stein, Vice Chair McReynolds, and Senators Chettipally and Topete Eng Goon volunteered to be a part of the task force. A draft resolution will be forwarded to Executive Cabinet in January and brought forth to the Senate after review.

PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY

Senator Ramirez Serratos stated that the District Public Safety Services Study Committee had requested feedback from the Associated Students at CSM and Cañada regarding a student-focused survey of Public Safety services. A similar study was conducted at Skyline, and the Committee wants to know if the other colleges would be interested in conducting something similar. After reviewing the questions provided by Skyline, the Senate agreed that they were appropriate and expressed interest in moving forward with a similar survey at CSM.

“OUR VOICES” EVENT DEBRIEF

Senator Wong reported that the “Our Voices” event, coordinated by the Cultural Awareness Board, went well. The event came in under budget and students seemed to enjoy learning about different languages. One challenge was some people who signed up to volunteer did not show up for their shift.

DISTRICT MIXER DEBRIEF

Vice President Stein, Commissioner of Publicity Chan, and Senators Chettipally and Riley reported that the mixer was a good event. The food earned particularly high marks. In addition, the activities that were planned were very well organized and got participants out of their comfort zones.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE ASCSM SENATE MEETINGS

None.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:07 PM by Senator Hamzah; second by Vice Chair McReynolds. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi
ASCSM Secretary