



Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, January 23, 2017, 2:15 PM

College Center Building 10, City View Conference Room (Room 401)

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

President James Roe; Vice President Katarina Stein; Finance Director Sennai Kaffl; Secretary Andrew Darzi; Vice Chair Stephen McReynolds; Commissioner of Publicity Laurie Chin; Senators Luke Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Natalia Gomez, Amir Farhan Mat Kamal, Katrina Relos, Colby Riley, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang

Members Absent

Senators Jingwei (Andy) Zhang, Jingwen (Allison) Zhao

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, Dec. 5, 2016, meeting as presented by Senator Topete Eng Goon, seconded by Senator Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Roe welcomed members of the Senate back for the Spring 2017 semester. He also reported that the Senate has lost four members: Senators Maria (Lupe) Ramirez Serratos, Chak Haang (Vina) Wong, Alicia Chan, and Bella Hamzah. He is hoping to fill those positions today. Mr. Roe also stated that the Senate will review participatory governance committee appointments at the next meeting, so if anyone cannot still attend their committee meetings, they need to inform President Roe as soon as possible.

Finance Director Kaffl stated that he enjoyed the Winter Retreat. He also reported that he would still be able to attend all his participatory governance meetings this semester.

Vice Chair McReynolds reported that the first Inter Club Council meeting for the semester will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 1. He encouraged members of the Senate who are in clubs or know club members to have their groups submit their Continuing Club Packets to the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development as soon as possible.

Programming Board Chair Chettipally reported that the Programming Board will have its first meeting of the semester on Wednesday at 2:10 PM. In addition, the Reboot Week event will be next week, Tuesday, Jan. 31 through

Thursday, Feb. 2. He asked that members of the Senate and the boards look out for the volunteer sign-up sheet, which will be sent out via email.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer welcomed the Senate back for the spring semester. He encouraged members of the Senate to give their full support to the Programming Board and Reboot Week. He reminded the group that Reboot Week will be an opportunity to recruit new members for the boards, and that these new recruits will most likely end up as members of the Senate next year. Mr. Schaefer also announced that the delegation for the Washington, DC advocacy trip has been selected. They are: President Roe, Senators Topete Eng Goon and Gomez, and Advocacy Board members Mondana Bathai, Jacob Abney, Nathan Storey, and Kristiana Wolf-Blake.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh welcomed everyone back for the spring semester. He also encouraged members of the Senate to remember to please keep the ASCSM Office in Building 17 clean. Mr. Hamadeh reminded the group that eligibility checks for the spring semester will take place after the last day of the Add/Drop Period, which is Monday, Jan. 30. As a reminder, members of the Senate must be enrolled in at least 6 units of credit at CSM, have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a minimum GPA of 2.0 in their last semester, and must be in good academic standing (have a 50 percent or better completion rate). Finally, Mr. Hamadeh stated that the Student Public Safety Survey had concluded last Friday, Jan. 20, and that he will bring the results to the Senate for review and discussion.

APPOINTMENTS

President Roe made the following appointments:

- Senator Riley as Chair of the Cultural Awareness Board
Motion to approve by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Relos. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Mondana Bathai as a member of the Student Senate
Motion to approve by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Riley. By a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- Nathan Storey as a member of the Student Senate
Motion to approve by Senator Awwad; seconded by Vice Chair McReynolds. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- Kristiana Wolf-Blake as a member of the Student Senate
Motion to approve by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Gomez. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- Georgia Giari as a member of the Student Senate
Motion to approve by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Relos. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ELECTIONS TIMELINES FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE ELECTION AND ASCSM SPRING 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

Mr. Schaefer introduced the proposed timelines for the Student Trustee Nominee Election and the ASCSM General Election. According to District Policies and Procedures, the Student Trustee Nominee Election must take place no later than March 30. Each campus holds an election to select a nominee. Those nominees then meet with the District Student Council, which selects the Student Trustee for the next academic year. According to the proposed timeline, candidate filing will open Monday, Feb. 13; the mandatory candidates meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16; campaigning will begin Monday, March 20; polls will be open Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29; and results will be announced Thursday, March 30.

Motion to approve the Student Trustee Nominee Election timeline by Senator Riley; seconded by Senator Chettipally. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

The ASCSM General Election will be to fill seats for the 2017/18 student government. All positions will be available, including President, Vice President, Finance Director, and Senators. According to the proposed timeline, candidate filing will open Monday, April 10; the mandatory candidates meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20; campaigning will begin Monday, April 24; polls will be open between Tuesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 4; and results will be available on Friday, May 5 and/or Monday, May 8, depending on availability of Student Life staff and the Election Commission.

Motion to approve the ASCSM Spring 2017 General Election timeline by Senator Wolf-Blake; seconded by Vice Chair McReynolds. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING TO ATTEND AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

Mr. Schaefer introduced the item, stating that the Senate has traditionally sent a delegation to the United States Student Association annual conference in Washington, DC. However, as of last check, USSA had not posted any information about this year's conference on the group's website. Therefore, the Advocacy Board is proposing to attend the American Student Association of Community Colleges National Advocacy Conference. The conference will be held between March 11 and March 14. Expenses will be slightly higher for this conference due to additional local travel and increased registration costs.

Motion to approve allocating \$15,000.00 from the Student Representation Fee trust account to send a delegation to the ASACC National Advocacy Conference by Senator Riley; seconded by Senator Storey. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF ASCSM GOALS AND ACTION STEPS FOR 2016/17

President Roe and Mr. Hamadeh led the Senate through a review of the group's goals and action steps for the academic year.

Goal #1: Increase collaboration and insure greater communication among the Advocacy Board, the Cultural Awareness Board, the Programming Board, and the Student Senate.

Action Step #1: Board chairs should provide updates at Senate and Executive Cabinet in order to provide greater awareness of events and activities.

The group felt this action step has been fulfilled and should continue.

Action Step #2: Boards should increase the scope of their events in order to incorporate other groups.

The group felt that there is room for improvement on this goal. The Burmese Light Festival held during Fall 2016 is a good example of an event that involved multiple groups. There was a suggestion to focus on collaborations with the Ambassadors, the Learning Communities, and the Clubs. The Our Voices event was another example, but may not have been fully realized. There was also a reminder that culture doesn't only include ethnicity.

Action Step #3: Board Chairs should make attempts to sit in on meetings of the other Boards.

This can be challenging due to class and personal schedules. Board Chairs will make an attempt to find opportunities to collaborate more, with a special emphasis on how to integrate Advocacy Board into Cultural Awareness and Programming Board events.

Action Step #4: Hold a mixer for Board members and the members of the Senate.

The mixer was held in Fall 2016 and was very successful. Several members of the Senate who were part of the Boards praised the event as an opportunity to learn about the Senators and get to know them. There was interest in the possibility of hold an event at the end of the semester to reward board members for their work.

Goal #2: Increase outreach, communication, and collaboration with campus learning communities, such as EOPS, Mana, Puente, and Umoja.

Action Step #1: Hold a joint event between student government and the learning communities prior to the closing of Building 17 for construction.

Mr. Hamadeh stated that he and Mr. Schaefer have a meeting scheduled later this week to talk about the timeline and other details for moving out of Building 17 in preparation for the remodel of the building. After we have more concrete information about when we will be moving, we can begin to plan the event.

Action Step #2: Designate liaisons between the Senate and the learning communities.

Not completed. Mr. Hamadeh stated that he and Mr. Schaefer may do some outreach to the Learning Communities coordinators to help facilitate.

Action Step #3: Conduct outreach to the learning communities.

Same status as Goal #2, Action Step #2.

Goal #3: Provide greater support for club activities both on and off campus through Senate involvement.

Action Step #1: Members of the Senate who are in clubs should make announcements of club events at the Senate meeting.

The group felt this action step has been fulfilled.

Action Step #2: Members of the Senate should make a commitment to attend club-sponsored events.

The group felt there has been good communication about club events, and that the Senate knows about them due to the funding requests that come before the group. It was suggested that Senators should make an effort to “drop in” at events that are taking place in the quad.

Goal #4: Enhance the marketing and branding of ASCSM through various means.

Action Step #1: Increase the use of social media such as Facebook and Snapchat to promote events and engage students.

There has been more activity on social media, especially on Facebook and Instagram. Snapchat proved to be a tough fit for the Senate’s purposes, so it has not seen as much activity.

Action Step #2: Develop an ASCSM newsletter.

The Center for Student Life needs to work with the Publicity Commissioner to develop a system for developing and providing content, such as upcoming events, etc.

Action Step #3: Ensure that events, programs, and groups receiving ASCSM funding highlight student government support on their promotional materials.

The group felt that it needs to be more proactive in making this happen. Announcements will be made to the clubs at ICC meetings to remind them of this requirement.

Goals #5: Strengthen outreach to promote the goals, the mission, and the role of the Associated Students.

Action Step #1: Educate members of the Boards so they can help students understand the role of ASCSM on campus.

The group felt this action step has been fulfilled. The mixer was a good example and opportunity.

Action Step #2: Develop/update the ASCSM brochure.

Mr. Hamadeh will work with Commissioner of Publicity Chin and Marine Kazaryan, one of the Student Life student assistants, to update the brochure.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE ASCSM SENATE MEETINGS

- Winter Retreat Debrief
- SMCCCD Activists Student Demands document
- Public Safety Survey Results

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:49 PM by Vice Chair McReynolds; second by Commissioner of Publicity Chin. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi
ASCSM Secretary