



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, January 30, 2017, 2:15 PM

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

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 (late arrival); Vice Chair Stephen McReynolds; Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senators Luke Awwad, Ben Chettipally, Georgia Giari, Natalia Gomez Torres, Amir Fahan Mat Kamal, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Katrina Relos, Colby Riley, Nathan Storey, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang, Kristiana Wolf-Blake

Members Absent

Senators Laurie Chin, 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 Senate's agenda as presented by Senator Chettipally, seconded by Senator Wang. With no objections the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve the minutes of Monday, January 23, 2017, meeting by Senator Awwad; seconded by Senator Wolf-Blake. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Vice President Stein announced that President Roe would be resigning after today's meeting. Ms. Stein has chosen not take on the presidency, which means that Vice Chair McReynolds will take over as president.

Vice Chair McReynolds stated that he would fulfill the duties of Vice Chair until a new person is elected by the Senate. Mr. McReynolds also announced that the first ICC meeting of the semester will be this Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Finance Director Kaffl apologized for being late to today's meeting. Mr. Kaffl also stated that he will be attending the Institutional Planning Committee meeting this Friday.

Senator Riley reported that the Cultural Awareness Board held its first meeting of the semester today and that the group is excited about the rest of the year.

Senator Natalia Gomez reported that she attended a Committee on Instruction meeting last week. The group approved adding two new course and discussed a new class that helps bridge the transition from high school to college.

Senator Chettipally announced that Reboot Week would be taking place Tuesday through Thursday of this week. He encouraged members of the Senate to sign-up to help with the event.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer thanked President Roe for his service to the A.S. in his role as president. Mr. Schaefer stated that Mr. Roe is one of the best student body presidents that he has had the pleasure of working with. Mr. Schaefer also thanked Vice Chair McReynolds for stepping into the role of president and taking on the responsibility of the office.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh echoed Mr. Schaefer's comments and thanked President Roe for his service.

APPOINTMENTS

President Roe announced that Senator Topete Eng-Goon would be stepping down from the Senate, and therefore we need a new Advocacy Board Chair. Mr. Roe nominated Senator Wolf-Blake to take on the position.

Motion to approve Senator Wolf-Blake as Advocacy Board Chair by Vice Chair McReynolds; seconded by Senator Storey. The motion carried with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSION FOR SPRING 2017 STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE ELECTION AND ASCSM GENERAL ELECTION

The Election Commission assists the Student Life and Leadership Manager and the Center for Student Life in conducting the election for Student Trustee Nominee and the general election for next academic year. The Vice President, if he or she is not running, is chair of the commission by virtue of their position. Other members of the commission are drawn from the Senate as long as they are not running in either election.

Motion to approve Vice President Stein, Finance Director Kaffl, Vice Chair McReynolds, Senator Chin, and Senator Chettipally as members of the Election Commission by Senator Wolf-Blake; seconded by Senator Awwad. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FACULTY EVALUATION RECOMMENDATION TASK FORCE

At the end of the Fall 2016 semester, the Senate established a task force to formulate a recommendation regarding the issues around faculty evaluations. This group never met and needs to be reconstituted. Vice President Stein, Senator Relos, Vice Chair McReynolds, and Senator Chettipally volunteered to serve on the task force. Motion to approve members of the task force by Senator Riley; seconded by Senator Awwad. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SMCCCD ACTIVISTS STUDENT DEMANDS DOCUMENT

The Senate reviewed the list of demands formulated by the district activist group Rise Up. The Senate aligned the demands with the group's already established goals and discussed ways to advocate for the student needs at various participatory governance committees. Members of the Senate will reach out to the Rise Up group in order to invite them a future a Senate meeting for further discussion.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SMCCCD STUDENT PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Hamadeh presented results of the district-wide survey of students regarding Public Safety. The survey is based on the questions that the students formulated and agreed upon at its December meeting. The results were overall positive but showed that students are very concerned about the possibility of Public Safety Officers being armed.

The survey results have already been shared with the District Public Safety Committee and will be used as part of the report Margolis-Healy is compiling.

SWEARING IN

Mr. Hamadeh administered the ASCSM Oath of Office to Mr. McReynolds as ASCSM President.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE ASCSM SENATE MEETINGS

The following items were suggested for the next ASCSM Senate meeting:

- Election of Vice Chair
- Winter Retreat Debrief
- Reboot Week Debrief
- Invitation to District Director of Public Safety

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President McReynolds thanked President Roe for his service. Mr. McReynolds stated that the Senate is a great team and that he takes his new responsibilities seriously. He will do his best to lead by example, give all the support he can, and continue on the path Mr. Roe has started the Senate on. Mr. McReynolds thanked Mr. Roe for all he was able to learn from him, and stated that if he can do half as good a job as Mr. Roe, he would consider himself a success.

President Roe encouraged members of the Senate to reach out to the Multicultural Center to learn more about the unique needs of AB540 students.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:45 PM by Senator Chettipally; seconded by Senator Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi K. Hamadeh
Student Life and Leadership Assistant