



**Associated Students of College of San Mateo**

**Senate Minutes (Approved)**

Monday, March 6, 2017, 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**

Vice President Katarina Stein, Vice Chair Laurie Chin, Secretary Andrew Darzi; Senators Luke Awwad, Fatima Briones, Ben Chettipally, Georgia Giari, Natalia Gomez, Amir Farhan Mat Kamal, Katrina Relos, Colby Riley, Kira Roman, Nathan Storey, Yaxuan (Mandy) Wang, Kristiana Wolf-Blake.

**Members Absent**

President Stephen McReynolds (excused, attending District Participatory Governance Council meeting), Finance Director Sennai Kaffl (excused, attending DPGC meeting)

**Advisors Present**

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion to approve the prior Senate's agenda presented by Senator Chettipally, seconded by Senator Gomez. With no objections the motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Motion to approve the prior Senate's minutes presented by Senator Chettipally, seconded by Senator Riley. With no objections the motion passes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**REPORTS**

**Vice Chair Chin** Club Fair is taking place March 14th - March-15th

**Senator Relos** Sustainability Committee continues to plan Earth Day, which is taking place on April 19th in Building 10 from 10am-1pm, Cultural awareness will be there as well.

**Student Life and Leadership Assistant Schaefer** We are off to DC, we will be gone all next week.

**Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh** No classes Wednesday. Email went out last week for the Student Trustee election, send anyone interested to us.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

S 2685

Motion to approve Senator Chettipally seconded by Senator Riley  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

S 1106

This would support students that are in middle colleges, allow them to apply for Pell grant up to 4 semester before they make it to college. Access to financial aid that they don't currently have.

Motion to approve presented by Senator Awwad seconded by Vice Chair Chin  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

S 2222

This would provide a grant to community colleges. IT would give you basic training and send you to i.e. an auto shop, paid internship, when you complete it, the auto shop will hire you. This grant would give colleges money to work with local businesses and copy. (Not all specialties, certain things will not be available)

Motion to approve presented by Senator Wang seconded by Senator Riley  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 108

Students coming out of college with student loans, can get into a contract with an employer to get a tax break, and that tax break would go into the student loans.

Motion to approve presented by Senator Wang seconded by Senator Riley  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 3331

Grants for Safe and Drug free schools, bullying included. Counselor offices, peer mentors walking around. They have to report everything.

Motion to approve presented by Senator Storey Seconded by Giari  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 1490

Similar to mental health/bullying. Sexual assault services for victims creates a safe space office, separate to other offices. Services provided counseling, general safe space, a place to report. To get statistics as well ( not their main goal)

Motion to approve presented by Senator Riley seconded by Senator Awwad.  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 3178

Gives money to create a website basically a wiki for all college campuses, takes you to a page on that college, gives you all the stats the college has tuition.

Motion to approve presented by Vice Chair Chin seconded by Senator Wang  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 5528

This maligning the FAFSA simpler for college students that are applying for it.  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Riley seconded by Senator Chettipally  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 5160

Require the Secretary of Education to provide student tax/loan help  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Roman seconded by Senator Awwad  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 3949

Veterans STEM education program, provides money for 9/11 Veterans for STEM  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Riley seconded by Senator Awwad  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 242

Student who have applied for Pell grant only available for Fall and Spring, taking Summer Classes makes it more pricey.  
This bill awards Summer Pell Grants  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Storey seconded by Senator Awwad.  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

S1373

Makes 4 year colleges free (That spend below 70 million) for public schools  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Awwad seconded by Senator Riley  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 5178

Give Vets academic help, training, and a place to do their business  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Awwad seconded by Senator Giari  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

HR 4374

Motion to approve presented by Senator Storey seconded by Senator Riley  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

S 2859

Grant to first generation college students  
Motion to approve presented by Senator Riley seconded by Senator Chettipally  
With 13 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

#### **NEW ACTION, DISCUSSION, AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Psychology Club Tablecloth (\$300): Motion to approve \$300 for the Psychology Club's tablecloth presented by Senator Storey, seconded by Senator Riley. With 12 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining the motion passes.
2. Fine Arts Club Earth Day Celebration (\$200): Motion to approve \$200 by Senator Riley, seconded by Senator Awwad. With 12 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

3. CSM Democrats Movie Night (\$200): Motion to approve \$200 presented by Senator Riley, seconded by Senator Chettipally. With 11 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.
4. Club Fair (\$1200): Motion to approve \$1200 presented by Senator Storey, seconded by Senator Awwad. With 12 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining motion passes.

**BLACK EXCELLENCE DEBRIEF:**

Besides the slow start up and Senator Riley setting up alone, the event went very well. A lot of people from the boards showed up later on, thought the event went really well. Got some sign-ups. Need to improve marketing and branding.

**AGENDA FOR NEXT SENATE MEETING**

1. Support For World Gala
2. Title 9 update

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Roaster with the committees sent to Fauzi

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:13 PM by Vice Chair Chin; second by Senator Riley. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Andrew Darzi  
ASCSM Secretary