



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 21, 2017, 2:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Colby Riley; Vice President Katrina Relos; Finance Director Mark Helsel; Commissioner of Publicity Natalia Gomez Torres; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Student Trustee Alfredo Olguin, Jr.; Senators Jose Barajas, Fatima Briones, Tony (Jose) Herrera, Andreas Langenbacher, Effy (Wenfei) Li, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Spencer (Sitt) Paing, Farid Qobti, Karan Soni, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang, & Vivian (Qingyan) Xu.

Members Absent: Senator Yimin Li.

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 Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, August 7, 2017, meeting by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Qobti. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone was able to enjoy the solar eclipse earlier that day; he also stated that he was happy to see all the members present for their first meeting of the school year. Mr. Riley asked the Senate to email him their top three participatory governance committees of interest and any potential scheduling conflicts with such committees.

Vice President Relos welcomed the Senate back to school and indicated her eagerness in working with everyone this year.

Senator Topete Eng Goon declared that Advocacy Board would be meeting on **Tuesdays** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senator Meneses stated that the Science Department would be holding a speaker series and was hoping to find women in the field of technology as part of their series; Mr. Meneses told the Senate he'd share more information on the event soon.

Senator Paing let the Senate know that students were inquiring where they could find a list of clubs and student organizations on campus; Advisor Hamadeh indicated that a tentative list could be found on the CSM website under the club page, but also noted that, clubs would be fully determined once all club information packets were submitted.

Student Trustee Olguin, Jr. expressed his desire to attend all of the Senate's subsequent meetings throughout the year; he also hoped to inform everyone on his role in the district as Student Trustee, as well his goals and projects.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer welcome everyone to the new school year. He then told the Senate that he would send out an email regarding introductory meetings with everyone soon. Mr. Schaefer stated that keys to the Senate office would not be given out yet, but the room would be available as long as either advisors or a student assistant was present; lockers in the Senate office would have to be reserved with Advisor Hamadeh before being claimed. Advisor Schaefer noted the importance of the Senate's participation during Welcome Week, asserting that when members sign up for events, it is imperative for them to commit to helping out.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh announced that the Student Life Center's ID card machine was not working, but a new machine would arrive hopefully by the end of the week or start of the following week; a mobile ID card machine was also on the way, but would probably arrive later in the semester.

Project directors from METaS, a new learning community at CSM, attended the meeting to discuss their goals, events, and programs on campus; they hoped to promote their project to all students. METaS provides services for students who are STEM majors or are taking science classes at CSM, helping them achieve their academic goals. The project aids and celebrates the achievements of Latino students and low-income students in the fields of science. The program provides tutoring, transfer services, local internship opportunities, and numerous other services.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Mondana Bathai to the Senate

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Paing. With no objections, the motion carried.

By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to appoint Mondana Bathai to the Senate carried.

Senator Bathai as Programming Board Chair

Motion to approve the appointment by Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres; seconded by Senator Paing. With no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

ELECTION OF SENATE VICE CHAIR

Advisor Schaefer briefly explained the role of the Senate Vice Chair and the election process before nominations were opened. He remarked that the Vice Chair was responsible for chairing weekly Inter Club Council meetings, facilitating communication and collaboration among clubs, reporting the goings-on of the Inter Club Council to the Senate, representing the Senate in the Executive Cabinet, standing in for the Vice President when necessary, and taking on the role of Vice President if the position was left open.

Motion to open the floor up to nominations for the ASCSM Senate Vice Chair position by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Briones. Hearing no objections, the floor is open to nominations.

Senator Paing nominated himself for the position of ASCSM Senate Vice Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Senator Topete Eng Goon motioned to close the floor for nominations; seconded by Senator Meneses.

Due to there being only one candidate, members of the Senate were instructed to vote, yes, no, or abstain to confirm Senator Paing as Senate Vice Chair.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposing, and 0 abstaining, Senator Paing was elected for the position of Senate Vice Chair.

ASCSM GOALS FOR 2017-18

Vice President Relos started the discussion of the Senate's goals by explaining that their goals served as a pathway for what ASCSM hoped to achieve this school year. The following suggestions were made and reviewed by the Senate:

Senator Topete Eng Goon suggested that promotion of communication between the three ASCSM boards would help AS conduct events more efficiently.

Vice Chair Paing explained the need for ASCSM to build their social media presence and utilization.

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres expressed interest in promotion of athletics on campus; Advisor Schaefer observed, however, that the relationship between ASCSM and athletics may take much effort to establish.

Senator Soni proposed launching a communication system reflective of a weekly newsletter, noting its usefulness to programs for international students.

Senator Liu recommended a more active relationship between the school's clubs and ASCSM.

Vice President Relos advocated for more inclusive and creative programming from the Senate; she hoped that, this year, ASCSM would be more representative of the campus's student body. Ms. Relos also made note of how important it was for the Senate to reflect the needs, interests, and diversity of all students, particularly during this time of political strife nationwide.

Advisor Schaefer reiterated the Senate's responsibility in organizing events and bolstering club relations to the fullest; he also hoped for the Senate to engage to the Inter Club Council more effectively.

Advisor Hamadeh conveyed the significance of reevaluating how the ASCSM budget was allocated and utilized.

Participation of Senate members at ASCSM events was a focal point of the discussion; more effort from the Senate would be needed to hold events for the rest of the student body. Senator Topete Eng Goon encouraged fellow members to ensure that others were maintaining an active participation role in events.

Further discussion of the Inter Club Council and its relations with the Senate, as well as action steps for ASCSM's goals will take place in later meetings.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND PLANNING FOR 2017 WELCOME WEEK EVENT

The Welcome Week event for Fall 2017 was moved from this week to August 29th to August 31st; Vice President Relos explained what each day of the event would entail: Tuesday would have a video game truck and Filipino food, Wednesday would have party games by Aces Up Casino Parties and Cuban food, and Thursday would have oversized board games and Mediterranean food. Vice President Relos and Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres are composing surveys for a special giveaway; any potential survey questions were to be sent to Ms. Relos as soon as possible. The pair are also working on a social media giveaway, allowing students the chance to win a prize if they follow ASCSM on different social media platforms.

An additional \$2,000 for the initial \$8,000 budget was needed to fund the event; this would make the total budget \$10,000.

Motion to approve an addition of \$2,000 to the Fall 2017 Welcome Week Event by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Meneses. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the additional \$2,000 funds were approved for the Fall 2017 Welcome Week Event.

PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

Advisor Hamadeh conducted a presentation on participatory governance, expounding on its importance to student involvement in policy development and decision-making, and what it typically entails. The Senate's activeness in participatory governance committees is vital to ASCSM's role in representing the needs of the students.

Advisor Schaefer went over the functions and meeting times of each committee, and also described the process of being appointed to a committee. Senators were asked to email President Riley their committees of interest; they were instructed to choose committees that would not have time conflicts with their other responsibilities.

WELCOME DAY EVENT DEBRIEF

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled for the next meeting.

ASCSM SUMMER RETREAT DEBRIEF

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled for the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Welcome Week 2017 Final Planning
- Participatory Governance Committee Appointments
- California Community College Student Affairs Association Conference
- ASCSM Summer Retreat Debrief

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:01 p.m. by Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary