



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 28, 2017, 2:15 pm  
College Center Building 10, Room 194

*The public is invited and encouraged to attend all ASCSM Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public, and are accessible to those with disabilities. Start times are approximate. The public may address the Senate on non-Agenda items during the Announcements & Hearing of the Public items on the Agenda. Members of the public may participate in discussions only when recognized by the Chair.*

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)**
- V. Announcements and Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)**  
At this time, members of the public may address the Senate on non-Agenda items.
- VI. Reports**
  - a. Officers**

i. President	Colby Riley
ii. Vice President	Katrina Relos
iii. Finance Director	Mark Helsel
iv. Vice Chair	Spencer (Sitt) Paing
v. Commissioner of Publicity	Natalia Gomez Torres
vi. Secretary	Jordan Chavez
  - b. Senators**  
Including reports from ASCSM boards and committees, ASCSM task forces, College and District participatory governance committees, and reports from other boards, committees, or organizations.
  - c. CSM Administration**
    - i. Michael Claire, CSM President
    - ii. Kim Lopez, CSM Vice President of Student Services
  - d. Advisors**
    - i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager
    - ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant
- VII. Unfinished Business: Action, Discussion, and Information Items**
  - a. Appointments – President Riley**  
The Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Senate, the Advocacy Board, the Cultural Awareness Board, the Programming Board, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary; possible action to take place.
  - b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Topete Eng Goon**  
The Senate shall discuss and consider recommendations from the Advocacy Board regarding positions on local, state, and national legislation that may have an impact on students; possible action to take place.

**VIII. New Business: Action, Discussion, and Information Items**

**a. Funding for Attendance at CCCSAA Conference in San Jose**

The Senate shall discuss and consider funding for attendance at the annual student leadership conference hosted by the California Community College Student Affairs Association in San Jose, CA, Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th; possible action to take place.

**b. Final Planning for Fall 2017 Welcome Week Event**

The Senate shall review, discuss, and finalize plans for the upcoming Fall 2017 Welcome Week event; possible action to take place.

**c. Support for Victims of Nepal Flooding**

The Senate shall discuss and consider planning a fundraiser to support victims of the recent flooding in Nepal; possible action to take place.

**d. ASCSM Goals for 2017-18**

The Senate shall discuss and consider adopting goals for the 2017-18 academic year; possible action to take place.

**e. Welcome Day Debrief**

The Senate shall review and discuss the recent Welcome Day event; no action to take place.

**f. ASCSM Summer Leadership Retreat Debrief**

The Senate shall review and discuss the ASCSM Summer 2017 Leadership Retreat; no action to take place.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

At this time, members of the Senate may suggest agenda items for consideration for future meetings.

**X. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)**

At this time, members of the Senate and members of the public may voice any concluding comments.

**XI. Adjournment**



## Student Senate Minutes (Unapproved)

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 Thursdays, from 1:10 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 29<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>; 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

# ASCSM Senate - Vote Record for Monday, August 21, 2017

	Additional Funding for Welcome Week Fall 2017									
	Senator Paing as Vice Chair					Confirming Mondana Batha as Senator				
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jose De Jesus Barajas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mondana Bathai	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fatima Briones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Natalia Gomez Torres	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tony (Jose) Herrera	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andreas Langenbacher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Effy (Wenfei) Li	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yimin Li	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Claire (Linfang) Liu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aaron Meneses	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spencer Paing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farid Qobti	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Karan Soni	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gaby Topete Eng Goon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vivian (Qingyan) Xu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Katrina Relos*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
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\* only votes in case of a tie  
Yes-No-Abstain