



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 11, 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 2:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Briones. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, August 28, 2017, meeting Senator Qobti; seconded by Senator Xu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone had a great weekend, and also noted that there was a lot on the table for the Senate to take on this week.

Vice President Relos recounted her attendance at the college's Institutional Planning Committee; during the meeting, plans to send out a survey regarding housing and transportation in October was discussed. She also reported that beach volleyball would be introduced to campus athletics. Ms. Relos apprised the Senate on Sustainability Committee's efforts in launching a Sustainability Network, which would attempt to integrate concepts of sustainability into different classes; the committee was seeking student input, specifically during flex days. Ms. Relos attended the Dream Center meeting, and reported that they were keen on helping DACA students getting their DACA renewal fees of \$500 by the October 5th deadline. The Dream Center is currently open to donations, and is looking for legal advisors to provide guidance for DACA students.

Vice Chair Paing reported that the Red Cross Club will be launching a fundraiser for hurricane relief soon; he also indicated that CSM Democrats will be holding a support rally in front of Building 10 in a few weeks. Mr. Paing notified

the Senate that Botany Club, as well as Robotics Club, would both be participating in Family Science Day on September 30th. Vice Chair Paing then announced that the Writers' Project was seeking submissions for their upcoming issue.

Secretary Chavez stated that Botany Club would be meeting every other Friday, starting September 15th, at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., in Building 36, Room 200. He also noted that CSM Democrats Club was hoping to get an ASCSM representative to speak at the DACA support rally.

Senator Topete Eng Goon declared that Advocacy Board had 5 members, and could thus conduct official meetings on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Board inductions were planned for the following Monday. Ms. Topete Eng Goon also asked Senate members to go into the Senate Office and write their birthdays on the board, so that they could be celebrated.

Senator Bathai indicated that Programming Board was still in need of members. Ms. Bathai then recounted her attendance of the Center for Academic Excellence meeting; the Center for Academic Excellence wanted to open more dialogue with students for flex days. Inclusion of a student panel and workshops for student assistants to attend was discussed during the meeting.

Senator Liu recalled her attendance of the Learning Support Center's meeting, revealing that the Learning Center would be open during late hours, from 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m, and that for this semester, Writing Center drop-in hours would be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Ms. Liu remarked that the Learning Center was seeking anyone who could provide aid in writing personal statements for transfer applications.

Senator Meneses revealed that Puente Club was holding a campus-wide event for Dia de los Muertos on the following Thursday.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer commended the Senate for the work they've done so far, and encouraged them to keep up communication with both himself and Advisor Hamadeh; he also insisted that members start visiting the Senate Office more often.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reported that, during the Institutional Planning Committee meeting, CSM President Mike Claire hoped to improve the campus by addressing systemic issues within the school this year. He also desired to foster a more supportive, inclusive community at CSM for all students.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Participatory Governance Committees

- Senator Langenbacher to Accreditation Oversight
- Senators Bathai and Qobti to Center for Academic Excellence Committee
- Senators Wang and Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres to College Auxiliary Services Advisory Committee (CASAC)/District Auxiliary Services Advisory Committee (DASAC)
- Senators Yimin Li and Topete Eng Goon to College Assessment Committee
- Senator Topete Eng Goon to Committee on Instruction
- Vice Chair Paing to Distance Education
- Finance Director Helsel to District Committee on Budget and Finance
- Senators Barajas and Meneses to Educational Equity
- President Riley, Vice President Relos, and Finance Director Helsel to Institutional Planning Committee

- Senator Xu to International Education Committee
- Senator Briones to Library Advisory
- Senator Herrera to Safety Committee
- Senator Meneses to Student Discipline
- Senator Wenfei Li to Student Services Council
- Senator Soni to Sustainability Committee

Motion to approve the above list of participatory governance committee appointments by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Briones.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passed.

April (Youn) Thu to Programming Board

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

Ms. indicated that she was excited to be a part of the group and to work with everyone; both Senator Bathai and President Riley commended April for her responsibility and creativity.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Michael Galisatus, Director of Bands at CSM, attended the Senate meeting to request \$2,100 in funds for the 21st annual CSM Jazz Festival, a non-profit event hosted by the school's music department open to high school jazz bands throughout the Bay Area. High school jazz bands perform during the festival, undergo workshops, and receive recorded critiques of their performances, as well as a free concert by Grammy-nominee, John Santos. The \$2,100 funds will cover costs for adjudicators, all college music professors who will be critiquing each band during the event.

Motion to approve \$2,100 to cover the CSM High School Jazz Festival by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Briones.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passed.

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDRAISERS

Due to the multitude of natural disasters that have occurred worldwide, specifically Hurricanes Irma and Harvey, the Senate began to discuss ways to provide support for victims through fundraising. All funds collected by the Senate would be sent to an organization already aiding victims on site. President Riley suggested creating a task force that would come up with ideas for and coordinate the fundraiser; Senators Bathai and Topete Eng Goon, as well as Vice Chair Paing and Secretary Chavez volunteered to work on the task force.

Student Life and Leadership Advisor Schaefer recommended increasing the budget of the requested funds; \$300 would be utilized for buying event supplies, \$1,000 for the Senate's donation, and \$2,500 for matching funds. In order to have a successful fundraiser, Mr. Schaefer stated, it was necessary to be creative.

Motion to approve \$300 for event supplies, \$1,000 as a donation for hurricane relief, and \$2,500 in matching funds, by Senator Langenbacher; seconded by Senator Bathai.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR CAMPUS UNITY EVENT

Over the past week, President Riley had been in contact with all the learning communities on campus, as well as the Multicultural Center and CSM Democrats Club. An event in support of DACA students after the government's recent repeal of the program was originally set in motion for September 27th; this event would somewhat parallel the student rally that was organized the prior year. Several speakers were invited to give empowering speeches throughout the event, and legal advisors were sought out to provide guidance for DACA students.

Mr. Riley proposed setting up a task force to conceive a statement that would profess ASCSM's advocacy for DACA students, organize student body education on the DACA program, as well as help coordinate the upcoming support rally; the task force was comprised of Vice President Relos, Senators Barajas, Bathai, Herrera, Meneses, Paing, and Topete Eng Goon. The Senate's backing of the DACA program would be further professed through a video that Ms. Relos planned on filming; this video would feature members of ASCSM, each delivering a different line of the Senate's statement in support of DACA. Vice President Relos requested that Senate members send her times they would be available to film their parts for the video as soon as possible.

In regards to the upcoming event, Senator Herrera expressed interest in conducting an open mic to allow students to voice their perspectives and to let others know that they are not alone.

Senator Topete Eng Goon announced that t-shirts with the theme of unity were to be given out during the event. These shirts will symbolize a sense of solidarity within the CSM community, and will hopefully serve as the basis for a weekly "Unity Day," in which students and staff on campus will wear their shirts. Advisor Schaefer recommended having the CSM logo incorporated to the shirt, as well. Printing on the t-shirts will be conducted by Custom Ink. Total costs for the shirts would sum up to over \$3,300, on top of \$1,000 in funds for speakers at the Unity Event, as well as music by Rudy's band, and other miscellaneous items.

Motion to approve \$5,500 for the Campus Unity Event (including funding for t-shirts) by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Qobti.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres expressed her hope in developing a stronger presence for ASCSM through social media. A request for \$500 to be utilized throughout the academic year would enable amplified promotion of ASCSM events and updates on Facebook. Ms. Gomez would decide which posts needed to be boosted, and use funds to get these posts out to more people.

Motion to approve \$500 for social media promotion by Senator Briones; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon.

By a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

PLANNING ACTION STEPS FOR ASCSM 2017-18 GOALS

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled for future meetings, when time would permit active discussion on the topic.

FALL 2017 WELCOME WEEK EVENT DEBRIEF

Members of the Senate discussed the recent Fall 2017 Welcome Week Event held from August 29th to August 31st. Vice

President Relos conveyed that she was proud of how the three-day event went down, but pointed out that on Wednesday and Thursday of the event, there were no activities along with food and tabling. This was unfortunately due to difficulties in getting contracts signed with the district and with different companies for approval of the event; Ms. Relos stressed the importance of getting contracts established as early as possible to avoid cancellation of events. She also highlighted that, for future events, more food needed to be ordered due to high demand, and that the social media giveaway could have been more successful. Participation in the social media giveaway, as well as the survey, were low, and not many students were able to complete the process of following ASCSM on all social media platforms.

Secretary Chavez claimed that the event went smoothly, for the most part, though more help would be needed for future events during set-up shifts. He also underlined the substantial number of sign-ups for interest in boards.

Senator Topete Eng Goon reported that, because of outreach during Welcome Week, five members signed up for Advocacy Board, and that numerous people received and opened the board invitation she had sent out earlier; she encouraged fellow Senate members to keep sharing word on the boards. Ms. Topete Eng Goon relayed positive feedback on the social media giveaway and survey drawing. She also emphasized that members needed to be honest about their commitments to events.

Senator Barajas underscored the responsibility of Senate members to share out events on social media.

President Riley thought that the event went really well, and noted that it got many students excited, and that the board outreach was successful. Mr. Riley told the Senate that, during events, they needed to be mindful of fellow volunteers.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Update on Hurricane Relief Fundraiser
- Update on Campus Unity Event
- Funding for Ethnic Studies Film Screening
- Planning Action Steps for ASCSM Goals 2017-18

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reminded the Senate that all activities request forms from clubs must be completed digitally.

Student Trustee Alfredo Olguin, Jr. reported that the SMCCD Board of Trustees meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The meeting for that week would entail various discussions, including the approval of the district's salary schedule, the final budget for the academic year, military recruitment on campus, the recent revocation of the DACA program, and contracts for the KCSM radio station, to name a few.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:43 p.m. by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez

ASCSM Secretary