



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 18, 2017, 2:16 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 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.

Members Absent: Senators Aaron Meneses & Vivian (Qingyang) 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 Soni; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 11, 2017, meeting Senator Wang; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone had a productive weekend and thanked the Senate for their hard work; Mr. Riley commended Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres for her contributions in creating flyers for ASCSM events throughout the semester. He also encouraged the Senate to stay collected, as the school year would inevitably get busier.

Vice President Relos reminded the Senate that they needed to send her their availabilities in order to film ASCSM's video in support of DACA. She noted that a concrete filming schedule, as well as more information on video procedures, would be sent out to members by Wednesday. A draft of ASCSM's official DACA statement was to be completed before filming could commence.

Finance Director Helsel indicated that there would be a budget report for the Senate to review at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Paing reported that Red Cross Club would be present at Family Science Day to hand out baked goods, and that CSM Democrats' DACA support rally would take place on October 4th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m; he stated that CSM Democrats was open to suggestions on making their event more creative and inclusive. Mr. Paing announced that

Southeast Asian Culture Club's meetings would take place on Thursday afternoons, and that their first event would celebrate the Burmese Light Festival. He went on to convey that the Writers' Project was still seeking submissions for this semester's issue of *The Labyrinth*, and that MMA Club, a new club intended to teach students self-defense and the culture behind martial arts, planned on meeting every Thursday afternoon.

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres stated that she was working on promoting ASCSM's hurricane relief fundraiser, as well as the upcoming Club Fair.

Secretary Chavez insisted that members of the Senate sign up to volunteer at the forthcoming hurricane relief fundraiser.

Senator Topete Eng Goon announced that t-shirts for the DACA event were already ordered; she also prompted fellow Senate members to go to their classes and seek donations as part of the hurricane relief fundraiser. Ms. Topete Eng Goon remarked that, since the fundraiser was an ongoing event, donations would still be accepted even without tabling.

Senator Bathai told the Senate that final determination for an organization to donate hurricane relief funds was still open, and that if anyone had any suggestions, they could contact those on the event task force.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer commended the Senate for their good work during the past few weeks and reminded them to keep volunteering for ASCSM events.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

John Burreight, Ayelesha Gibson, & Vice Chair Paing to Advocacy Board

Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Qobti; seconded by Senator Briones. With no objections, the motion passed.

Ayelesha Gibson to Cultural Awareness Board

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

Ayelesha Gibson, Enya Nava, Kevin Maschio, Vice Chair Paing, Sara Rommerskirchen, & Andrew Young to Programming Board

Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Qobti. With no objections, the motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR LOUISE PIPER, DR. HENRY VILLAREAL, & JENNIFER HUGHES

Resolutions for Louise Piper, former coordinator of the Child Care Center, Dr. Henry Villareal, former Dean of Enrollment Services, and Jennifer Hughes, former Vice President of Student Services, were presented to the Senate by Advisors Schaefer and Hamadeh. Both advisors lauded them for their undying contributions to the CSM community, and hoped for students to recognize the commitment they have demonstrated over the years.

Motion to approve the resolution of Louise Piper by Senator Qobti; seconded by Senator Bathai. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the resolution of Dr. Henry Villareal by Senator Langenbacher; seconded by Senator Wang. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the resolution of Jennifer Hughes by Senator Barajas; seconded by Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR THE SOUL MUSIC EXPERIENCE BY PROFESSOR RUDY RAMIREZ

Rudy Ramirez, an Ethnic Studies professor at CSM, proposed \$4,148 in funds for the Soul Music Experience; Professor Ramirez has traditionally coordinated various music festivals each semester. For the current Fall 2017 semester, he planned on hosting the Soul Music Experience, an educational celebration of the rich history and culture of soul music. This event will take place on November 8th, 2017, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and feature a presentation on notable contributions to the genre of soul music, as well as a band to provide accompaniment and entertainment throughout the evening. Mr. Ramirez stated that, although the event would be an extra credit opportunity for students from different classes, the Soul Music Experience was open to everyone. Advisor Schaefer noted that funding from the event would come from the College Assistance account, and not from the 5050 Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account.

Motion to approve \$4,148 for the Soul Music Experience by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai.

By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 abstaining, and 0 opposed, the motion to approve \$4,148 for the Soul Music Experience carried.

FUNDING FOR CLUB FAIR

Vice Chair Paing declared that the Club Fair event would take place on Wednesday, September 27th, and Thursday, September 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days. A budget of \$1,000 was proposed for both set up and food; an additional \$200 was added to the initial funds to compensate for candy. Because the event will be held inside Building 10, more funds would be needed than previous years to account for movement of furniture and other preparation. Funding for the Club Fair would be taken out of the Club Account Reserve.

Motion to approve a total of \$1,200 for the Club Fair by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Langenbacher. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

PLANNING ACTION STEPS FOR ASCSM 2017-18 GOALS

The following potential action steps for the 2017-18 ASCSM goals were discussed by the Senate:

Under participation goals:

Increase and encourage participation in both Senate and board events (by Senate members).

- The Executive Cabinet will hold everyone accountable for the number of hours they contribute to ASCSM events.
- Members will be required to reach a set number of volunteer hours at ASCSM events during the semester.
- Signups for ASCSM events will be sent to boards.
- A possible reward system will be implemented throughout all ASCSM bodies.

Under communication goals:

Find innovative ways to advertise the Senate, clubs, and ASCSM activities.

- Members will promote the role of ASCSM and ASCSM events/activities to classes.
- Members will be more active in sharing information on ASCSM events/activities via social media.
- Monthly emails from Student Life on various ASCSM and club events will be sent out.
- More branding will be utilized to increase interest in ASCSM's purpose, as well as its activities.

- Advertisement through social media, signage, and potentially on-campus televisions will be promoted.
- ASCSM will tap into the current concerns of students, and seek opportunities to reach out to students; student surveys will be conducted to gain a better grasp on the issues students may have.
- A stronger relationship with the CSM learning communities will be formed.

Improve communication between the boards.

- A board mixer/dinner will be held to bolster enthusiasm about the boards and increase connections among all board members.
- Board chairs will be responsible for apprising their respective boards on what other ASCSM groups are doing.
- Emails will be sent out regularly to board members, apprising them on what the Senate and other ASCSM groups have planned.

Under Senate goals:

Plan more creative and inclusive programming.

- ASCSM will conduct events that might not have been done before; for example, inviting more guest speakers to join events.
- More events will support the underrepresented groups on campus, as well as local establishments.
- More events will be ongoing to give students something to look forward to, as well to promote continuity in ASCSM's presence on campus.
- More events will be geared towards fostering more connections with students who take night classes.
- Open areas will be utilized for physical/recreational activities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- ASCSM Budget Report for September 2017
- Funding for Branded ASCSM Canopies
- Approval of Action Steps for ASCSM Goals 2017-18

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Riley remarked that he was part of a project that would hopefully open students up to anonymous submissions on different microaggressions or macroaggressions within the classroom.

Senator Liu hoped to provide students with more hands-on knowledge on how to prepare for emergency situations such as earthquakes; Advisor Schaefer pointed out that a pending earthquake drill would take place on October 19th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
 ASCSM Secretary