



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 25, 2017, 2:19 p.m.

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

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 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: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.

Advisors Absent: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Topete Eng Goon; 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 18, 2017, meeting Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone had a great weekend, and noted that the weather this week was pleasant; Mr. Riley thanked those who had worked on preparing for the hurricane relief fundraiser. He stated that the Senate should be proud of all that they were doing so far.

Vice President Relos wished Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres a happy belated birthday. She then recounted a meeting she and Mr. Riley had attended with student government representatives from Cañada College and Skyline College; Ms. Relos remarked that they had all hoped to develop more collaboration between each college in the future, and that any suggestions to achieve this were welcome. Vice President Relos reminded the Senate that filming for the DACA support video would commence soon, and that, if anyone had feedback on the draft of ASCSM's official statement, to let her know as soon as possible. Included in the agenda was a filming schedule for the DACA support video; members of the Senate were expected to show up at their allotted times to recite their parts of the statement.

Finance Director Helsel reported that ASCSM had allocated \$35,000 to a multitude of events, clubs, and programs for the campus; he also indicated that \$6,000 was charged for attendance at the CCCSAA conference, \$83 to supply ASCSM's

hurricane relief fundraiser, and \$3,082 for production of Unity t-shirts. Mr. Helsel noted that, so far, ASCSM had spent a total of \$6,411.

Vice Chair Paing announced that Club Fair would take place on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days. Tables for ASCSM, the three ASCSM boards, and the hurricane relief fundraiser would all need volunteers throughout the event.

Secretary Chavez stated that he would create a signup sheet online for the ASCSM table at Club Fair, and encouraged fellow members of the Senate to continue to help out with the ASCSM hurricane relief fundraiser.

Senator Xu recalled her attendance at the recent International Education Committee meeting; she reported that events coordinated by the committee were open to all students. Such events include the weekly World Chat, the World Village—which would take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Building 10 and entail dance, food, and art from different countries—as well as the World Gala in April. Ms. Xu pointed out that there were several study abroad and international internship programs for students who wanted to immerse themselves in other cultures to enhance their academic experience; she also remarked that changes would be made to the international student orientation. Senator Xu briefed the Senate on Photography Club's upcoming photography exhibition that would take place throughout the campus.

Senator Topete Eng Goon reminded the Senate that the ASCSM hurricane relief fundraiser was still going on, and encouraged members to seek donations even if they were not currently tabling; she told the Senate that, if they had any questions, they could talk to herself, Senator Bathai, or Secretary Chavez. Ms. Topete Eng Goon reiterated Vice President Relos's point, asserting that everyone needed to show up to their scheduled times for filming ASCSM's statement in support of DACA. While filming, members would be asked to present what they stand for.

Senator Bathai told the Senate that Programming Board had just had their first meeting, and that plans for a Halloween/fall festival were currently beginning to roll; the event will take place on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that any help from Senate members and potential board members would be appreciated.

Senator Soni declared that Alpha Gamma Sigma would conduct fundraising to help host a fall leadership conference at Cañada College; he asked Senators to see if they could help out during their fundraiser.

Senator Meneses notified the Senate that EOPS Club was planning a fundraiser to support those affected by the earthquake in Mexico, and that they were still researching organizations to donate funds to.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh told the Senate that he might not be on campus on Wednesday for accreditation training. Advisor Hamadeh encouraged members to attend the retirement party for Dr. Henry Villareal, former Dean of Enrollment Services, on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in Building 10. Mr. Hamadeh asked members to get clubs to register for the Club Fair as soon as possible, and remarked that, all clubs needed to get their presidents and treasurers to attend the mandatory club officer orientation. He also underscored the importance of punctuality, insisting that members show up to the Senate meetings on time.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Riley made the following appointments:

Andrea Guzman and Richie King to Cultural Awareness Board

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

Nicole Black and Senator Meneses to Advocacy Board

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

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

Senator Topete Eng Goon declared that Advocacy Board would soon have bills for the Senate to discuss; she motivated fellow Senate members to let her know if there were any bills they wanted to bring to Advocacy Board.

### **FUNDING FOR MEDICAL SCHOLARS' FAMILY SCIENCE DAY EVENT**

Chris from CSM's Medical Scholars Club proposed \$170 in funds to have the club participate in Family Science Day on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The club was planning on hosting a phantom limb experiment and a human brain experiment, as well as giving out organ-shaped candy. \$100 would fund the human brain experiment, and the remaining \$70 would go towards the candy. This event would take place in the Anatomy/Physiology Lab in Building 36.

Motion to approve \$170 to fund the Medical Scholars' Family Science Day event by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Meneses.

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

### **FUNDING FOR BRANDED ASCSM CANOPIES**

The Senate discussed funding canopies branded with the ASCSM logo to utilize during events; this would help promote ASCSM's presence on campus. Advisor Hamadeh noted that the canopies were a bit pricey because they included both the canopies, as well as the frames to hold them up; he told the Senate that they were planning to purchase steel frames along with the canopies because they would be durable. In the future, only the frames would need to be replaced. A total of \$5,000 was proposed to buy four canopies/frames.

Motion to approve \$5,000 to purchase four canopies and their frames by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Meneses.

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

### **FUNDING FOR ASCSM APPAREL**

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh lodged \$5,000 to fund the purchase of more ASCSM t-shirts and polo shirts; he indicated that shirts would be made for both the Senate and for the three ASCSM boards. Mr. Hamadeh also conveyed that the Senate would be able to decide what kind of winter apparel they wished to purchase; several options included windbreakers, hoodies/sweatshirts, and quarter zip-up sweaters. The topic would be further discussed at a future Executive Cabinet meeting.

Motion to approve \$5,000 to fund the purchase of ASCSM apparel by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Briones.

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

### **APPROVAL OF ACTION STEPS FOR ASCSM GOALS 2017-18**

A list of the action steps to fulfill ASCSM's goals for this academic year was presented to the Senate. Once adopted, the action steps would be further discussed by the Executive Cabinet.

Student Trustee Olguin, Jr. encouraged the Senate to include connections with the district's Board of Trustees in their list of action steps for communication. This would open ASCSM up to more district-wide initiatives, as well as opportunities to collaborate with Cañada College and Skyline College. Mr. Olguin, Jr. also encouraged the Senate to get ASCSM more involved in local events to increase its presence in the community.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Approval of Action Steps for ASCSM Goals 2017-18
- Update on Campus Unity Event
- Hurricane Relief Fundraiser Debrief
- Club Fair Debrief

## **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Student Trustee Alfredo Olguin, Jr. told the Senate that he would share the Board of Trustees agenda with them to keep them in loop.

Senator Herrera revealed that he spoke with fitness director at CSM, Andreas Wolff, and Mike Schmidt, about launching an outdoor fitness/recreational area on campus.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:18 p.m. by Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez  
ASCSM Secretary