



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 9, 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; 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, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, 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 Assistant; 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, October 2, 2017, meeting Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone was doing well and congratulated the Senate on their hard work throughout the previous week; he also encouraged members to continue to their dedication as the semester goes on.

Vice President Relos recounted her attendance at the last Institutional Planning Committee on Friday, indicating that a representative of CSM President Mike Claire would apprise the Senate on different areas of district and campus-wide student performance (student success and retention).

Vice Chair Paing reported that Steven, ICC rep for EOPS Club, was elected to be the Vice Chair of the Inter Club Council. He also highlighted that, during a Distance Education Committee meeting, discussion of locations for hosting exams for online courses took place.

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres announced that she would start promoting the Halloween event on Facebook and Instagram, and encouraged fellow Senate members to share out the event.

Senator Soni recalled his attendance at the recent Sustainability Committee meeting; he told the Senate that CSM would officially be reinstated as a bee sanctuary campus, that the committee was seeking student input on how to educate the campus on sustainability issues, and that plans for the 2018 Earth Day event were starting to form.

Senator Bathai stated that there would be a costume contest during the Halloween/Fall carnival event, and asked members to spread the word about it to gain participants; she also encouraged members to get more clubs involved with the event.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer lauded the Senate's hard work on the DACA rally/Unite Day and expressed hope for more events of the same nature to come about. Mr. Schaefer insisted on distributing more t-shirts on campus and thanked those who were heavily involved in coordinating the event, particularly President Riley for the complications he encountered while planning it. Advisor Schaefer reminded the Senate that there would be no class on Wednesday; he also encouraged members to keep up with their academics and to start promoting the December leadership conference open to all students. Applicants need only to fill out the application online, print it, and submit it to the Center for Student Life with the \$20.00 deposit.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh asked attendees of the upcoming California Community College Student Affairs Association Conference to stay after the meeting concluded for important information on the trip; he also told everyone that there would be no Inter Club Council meeting on October 11th.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Aida Leonardo to Programming Board

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Meneses. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Lin Xan Han to Cultural Awareness Board

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Soni; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Max Gaines and Nuri Illini Ahmad to Advocacy Board

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

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Senator Topete Eng Goon notified the Senate that there would be legislative bills to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Advisor Schaefer recommended that Senate members look over the legislative bills prior to meetings for the sake of time; they were instructed to prepare any questions or feedback on the bills before meetings.

DACA RALLY/UNITE DAY DEBRIEF

Senator Topete Eng Goon conveyed that she was really happy to see so many board members actively helping out during the event; because of this, she hoped that the Senate would be able to recruit more board members. The CSM community's overwhelming reception to the "Unite" t-shirts was unexpected; t-shirts quickly ran out before the event concluded, and there were not enough stencils to accommodate everyone who wanted to decorate. Ms. Topete Eng Goon stated that she would teach people how to make more stencils for future "Unite Days," during which more t-shirts will be distributed. For these potential events, G-numbers of those who have received t-shirts will be recorded. One issue Senator Topete Eng Goon noted was the lack of attendance at the event by Senate members; she also pointed out that a number of

students brought up concerns about the food pantry and the confidentiality of their information when applying for assistance.

Senator Bathai expressed her gratitude for the determination of Senators Barajas and Topete Eng Goon, as well as President Riley; she also suggested that, for future events, Senate members who have not been able to help out during previous ASCSM activities should try to devote any time they could spare.

Senator Barajas thanked everyone who participated during the DACA rally/Unite Day event; he proposed the possibility of having a day where members of the Senate could decorate their own t-shirts.

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres remarked that, for a change, students were genuinely interested in the purpose of the event; whereas, during other events, many people were only there for the food.

Vice President Relos commended the UC Berkeley speaker for his empowering talk during the DACA rally, indicating that, for future events, more people would be able to stay and listen to speakers. She also highlighted the need for ASCSM to communicate with the rest of the campus community on events, letting them know of what goes on during preparation , what will take place for different activities, and that the events are for them. Concerns were raised when CSM Republicans were unable to attend the Unite Day.

President Riley illustrated the importance of promoting events such as the DACA rally particularly in the classrooms; he also mentioned the substantial turnout from professors on campus, noting several who actually brought their classes to the event.

Senator Meneses underlined the need to keep information on DACA students confidential.

Advisor Schaefer told the Senate that the “Unite” t-shirts were a huge hit with the faculty and staff on campus; he suggested that, when distributing more t-shirts, G-numbers also be taken for the purpose of sending out information on future “Unite Days” and when to wear the apparel. He also reassured everyone that campus security was sensitive to the issues being addressed during the DACA rally, and that they were present only to ensure that no outside groups or agitators would try to disrupt the event.

HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER DEBRIEF

President Riley professed that the hurricane relief fundraiser fell victim to a number of unforeseen circumstances, and thus, its success was hindered. One goal for future fundraisers that Mr. Riley suggested was to have heavier advertising. Another goal was to establish a system of tracking Senate participation in ASCSM events.

Senator Topete Eng Goon reported that, on the day that the hurricane relief fundraiser table was set up next to the front desk in Building 10, the majority of the funds were made. However, she did point out that, overall, coverage of the event by Senate members was subpar, indicating that it was typically the same people who helped out during ASCSM events; Ms. Topete Eng Goon encouraged fellow members to take on larger roles in preparing for events so that the leadership would be more concentrated throughout the Senate. After attending a meeting of the Foster City Rotary Club, Ms. Topete Eng Goon found that the club would be able to provide funds for ASCSM to match in donations.

Secretary Chavez reiterated Senator Topete Eng Goon’s point on the necessity of having stronger Senate participation during events, and also announced that, in total, ASCSM had only collected up to a meager \$48.00 (after accounting for the expenses of supplies for the fundraiser); this total was immensely below the intended goal.

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres proposed conducting a fundraiser similar to that of EOPS Club, where students would be responsible for selling a certain amount of chocolates.

Senator Barajas stated that many people still needed support, and that \$48.00 was not enough for the group to stop with.

Vice President Relos brought up a suggestion made by Ms. Gomez Torres during the Executive Cabinet meeting, reiterating the need for bigger visuals that will attract people to the ASCSM fundraiser table. She also brought up the possibility of foregoing the drawing component for future fundraisers, detailing that many people are only interested in instant gratification (such as candy). Another concern Ms. Relos addressed was the fact that there were numerous people who could not donate because they did not carry cash; there were also many restrictions set by the district on methods of online funding.

ASCSM STATEMENT VIDEO

Vice President Relos shared that the video for the ASCSM statement would have to be presented at a later date due to complications. 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:

- Funding for Project HAVFUN by Stem Club
- Funding for Additional “Unite” T-Shirts
- Unite Day(s) Discussion
- Future Disaster Relief Fundraiser Discussion
- CCCSAA Conference Debrief
- ASCSM Statement Video

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Barajas informed the Senate that EOPS Club was holding a fundraiser and would be selling chocolate for \$2.50.

Vice President Relos stressed the importance of punctuality and attendance at every Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:03 p.m. by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary