



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 23, 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; Senators Jose Barajas, Mondana Bathai, Tony (Jose) Herrera, Andreas Langenbacher, Effy (Wenfei) Li, Yimin Li, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid Qobti, Karan Soni, and Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: Senators Fatima Briones, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon (*excused*), and Vivian (Qingyan) Xu.

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 Vice Chair Paing; 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, October 16, 2017, meeting Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Meneses. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Hearing no objections, the submitted legislative bills were tabled for the next ASCSM Senate meeting.

REPORTS

President Riley recalled his attendance of the last Institutional Planning Committee, explaining that there were several presentations from various learning communities and programs on campus. Mr. Riley also attended the semester's first Educational Equity Committee meeting, telling the Senate that programs would be revising their mission statements to reflect their respective goals.

Vice President Relos, who also attended the Institutional Planning Committee, spoke of a project that Botany Club hoped to launch with Puente Latinx Club and the ASCSM Cultural Awareness Board for the upcoming Unite Day. The club would be presenting different native plants, along with interesting facts, as well as cultural and practical uses. Ms. Relos pointed out that there have not been many reports on Senate members' assigned participatory governance committees; she

encouraged everyone to communicate if they were having problems of attending committees, and to share important information coming from their committees.

Finance Director Helsel told the Senate that he was intrigued by the different programs presented at the Institutional Planning Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Paing remarked that there were two club officer workshops left during the semester: one on Thursday, October 26th at 2:10 p.m., and Friday, October 27th at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Paing also reported that the Red Cross Club would be holding a blood drive in the Da Vinci lot, and that food and drink would be provided at the event; he announced that the Writers' Project had received second place in a national newsletter competition, as well, and mentioned that Phi Theta Kappa Club would be conducting a research project for the Honors in Action program. Mr. Paing encouraged members to attend the club's meetings on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

Senator Bathai attended a Center for Academic Excellence meeting, during which the recent flex day on October 11th was discussed; various workshops on a multitude of topics were conducted for faculty members. Ms. Bathai noted faculty members' interest in having students involved with flex days for a potential panel; she told members to contact her if they wanted to be part of that initiative. A sign-up sheet for Programming Board's Halloween/Fall Carnival event was posted; members were encouraged to sign up and share the event with possible volunteers from clubs and other boards.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer insisted that the Senate keep the meeting moving steadily due to the length of the agenda that day.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh indicated that he had distributed a few keys for the Senate office, though they were keyed incorrectly; Mr. Hamadeh will check in with facilities to ameliorate the issue before handing out the rest of the keys.

FUNDING FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Professor David Laderman, head of the Honors Program at CSM, announced that *The Labyrinth*, published by student-run The Writers' Project, had won second place in a national newsletter competition. (Note: During the consideration of this item, Senator Bathai left the room and Senator Topete Eng Goon was not present because she was attending a participatory governance committee meeting.)

The award ceremony, as well as a national conference for students and faculty from two-years colleges and four-year universities will take place from November 9, 2017 to November 12, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. A variety of workshops, panels under the topics of social justice, equity, and honors programs will occur throughout the conference. Current editor-in-chief of the literary magazine, Senator Bathai, and managing editor, Senator Topete Eng Goon, will have the opportunity to attend the conference and bring back their enriched experiences to campus; Professor Laderman will chaperone the trip, as well. A total of \$2,260 from the 5032 College Program Assistance account was proposed to cover conference registration, hotel fees, meals, and miscellaneous items.

Motion to approve \$2,460 for attendance at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Li.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR BLOOD DRIVE BY RED CROSS CLUB

Due to the absence of a representative from the Red Cross Club, this item was tabled with no objections.

FUNDING FOR WORLD VILLAGE EVENT

Lo Shan (Rosanne) Leung attended the Senate meeting to propose funding for the World Village event, a campus-wide celebration of diversity and cultures from across the globe. This event will be held on November 15, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Building 10, Bayview Dining Room. World Village will entail a variety of performances, presentations/speeches, foods, games, and tables that exhibit unique facets of international cultures; the event will also serve as an opportunity to educate the CSM community on different issues abroad. A total of \$1,200 from the 5050 Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account was requested to fund the event.

Motion to approve \$1,200 to cover the World Village event by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Meneses.

By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR *FIRST THEY KILLED MY FATHER* SCREENING

Christine Su from the International Student Center proposed holding a screening of *First They Killed My Father*, a film depicting a brief glimpse of life under the Khmer Rouge, a radical communist faction that seized power in Cambodia in 1975. The film, directed by Angelina Jolie, conveys the tragedies of war, but also presents the resilience of those who have survived.

The screening of *First They Killed My Father* will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 on campus; CSM will be the only location in Northern California for the film's tour. Special permission from Netflix has been approved to screen the film in a public venue under the condition of free admission. Although admission is free, early reservations have filled up all seating. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. before the screening begins at 6:00 p.m.; this will be followed by a discussion panel with survivors of the Khmer Rouge genocide. Volunteers to usher the event have been requested by Ms. Su.

A total of \$1,000 from the 5050 Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account was proposed to fund the screening event.

Motion to approve \$1,000 for the screening of *First They Killed My Father* by Senator Soni; seconded by Senator Li.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HALLOWEEN/FALL CARNIVAL EVENT

Senator Bathai conveyed that Programming Board had spent up to \$6,000 on food, games, compensation for technicians, and necessary equipment for the Halloween/Fall Carnival event; more funds were requested to cover prizes, canopies, and payment for face-painters. The event will be held the following week on Tuesday and Wednesday. A total of \$4,000 from the 5150 Programs account was proposed for funding.

Motion to approve \$4,000 to fund additional necessities for the Halloween/Fall Carnival event by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Langenbacher.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM PROMOTIONAL STICKERS

Vice President Relos presented the idea of having ASCSM stickers to increase branding; stickers would be utilized at ASCSM events, being placed on prizes, food containers, and other items to show that they are AS-sponsored. A total of \$300 from the 5151 Publicity account was proposed for the purchase of ASCSM stickers.

Motion to approve \$300 for the purchase of ASCSM promotional stickers by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Bathai.

By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUTURE UNITE DAY EVENT(S)

Senator Bathai announced that Cultural Awareness Board would be holding another Unite Day event to distribute t-shirts on November 8, 2017; the board will collaborate with Botany Club and Puente Latinx Club for the event.

Senator Barajas stated that more details on the event would come next week, after Cultural Awareness Board finalized plans.

Vice President Relos explained that Botany Club was interested in holding an educational table with different plants, exhibiting their cultural, historical, and medicinal uses within indigenous and Latinx cultures.

CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Senators Barajas and Bathai apprised the Senate on the upcoming California fire relief fundraiser that would begin during the second week of November. Bags left over from the previous hurricane relief fundraiser would be utilized for this project; more candy will be distributed to those who donate. The task force leading this fundraiser was comprised of Senators Barajas, Bathai, Liu, and Topete Eng Goon.

ASCSM PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

The Senate briefly discussed the status of a promotional video for ASCSM; the purpose of this video is to spark interest in ASCSM, as well as educate the public on its goals and activities. Finance Director Helsel noted that he would start talking to a variety of clubs and ASCSM boards about providing and shooting testimonials for the video. Members of the task force, along with Mr. Helsel, included Vice President Relos, Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres, and Senators Meneses and Topete Eng Goon.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- “Unite” Event Discussion
- ASCSM Board Mixer
- Update on ASCSM Promotional Video

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Student Trustee Alfredo Olguin, Jr. reported that there would be a SMCCD board meeting; agenda items to be discussed at the meeting included a presentation for the ESL program at Cañada College, different district curricula, the formation of five new voting districts, representation from learning communities, as well as a study session for job placement.

Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres asked members of the Senate to submit any photos or videos they had of ASCSM events for posting on Facebook.

President Riley encouraged Senate members to be respectful of those who were presenting at meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Langenbacher. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary