



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 30, 2017

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, **Fatima Briones**, Tony (Jose) Herrera, Andreas Langenbacher, Yimin Li, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid Qobti, & Karan Soni.

Members Absent: Senators Effy (Wenfei) Li & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

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 Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 23, 2017, meeting Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone was having a great Monday; he indicated that he had met with CSM President Mike Claire earlier that day, expressing that a task force for the investigation of textbook cost-effectiveness, usage, and accessibility, would be assembled. Those interested in participating on the task force were asked to contact Mr. Riley.

Finance Director Helsel reported that, on average, ASCSM would spend about \$19,000 a month. Mr. Helsel conveyed that, by the end of the month, about \$115,000 in expenditures would be made by the Senate; thus, sufficient funds would still be left for the remainder of the academic year.

Vice Chair Paing announced that Phi Theta Kappa Club was conducting a research project for Honors in Action; new members of the Phi Theta Kappa Club will not only have the chance to develop the research project, but also earn volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and transcript recognition. Mr. Paing notified the Senate that Phi Theta Kappa Club met every Thursday at 2:10 p.m. in Building 14-117; he requested that members spread word about the club.

Senator Topete Eng Goon recalled her attendance of the College Assessment Committee; she told the Senate that they were working on revising different student learning outcomes, as well as ensuring that everyone was fulfilling their general education requirements. The committee hoped to organize events geared towards educating students on different pathways to completion of their general education requirements. Ms. Topete Eng Goon also recounted a recent meeting

for the Committee on Instruction; two new classes, ART 807 and CIS 138, were approved. ART 807 will give students studio time to work on their individual artwork pieces, supervised by a professor; CIS 138, the Internet of Things, will focus on programming for practical situations. A professor is currently being sought out to instruct the class.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer reminded the Senate that Programming Board's Halloween/fall carnival event would begin the following day; he pointed out a tentative schedule of volunteers attached to the agenda packet, and insisted that members sign up to help throughout the event. Mr. Schaefer also requested that members continue to spread word about the event's costume contest, noting that the more participation there was, the more fun there would be.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Jordan Chavez, Mei-Mei Chun-Moy, & April Wei to Advocacy Board

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

Georgia Giari to Cultural Awareness Board & Programming Board

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

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh remarked that board chairs should start discussing possible weekly meeting days and times for the spring semester.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

On behalf of Advocacy Board, Senator and Advocacy Board Chair Topete Eng Goon presented the following legislative bills and recommendations:

- **H.R. 2207 — Community College to Career Fund Act**

This bill was introduced to provide competitive grants for students in the work force; companies can apply for these grants if the money received from such grants are distributed to students, those who work for such companies and attend school. H.R. 2207 has the potential to foster a stronger desire for workers to go back to school, and for students who are working to stay in school.

Recommendation from Advocacy Board: Support

Motion to approve support of H.R. 2207, Community College to Career Fund Act, by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Meneses. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

- **S.B. 3248 — Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2017**

This bill was introduced to provide special regulation and preservation of water, preventing wastage, contamination. Reduction of water usage, as well as encouragement of commissioning infrastructure that fosters more efficient utilization of water (and water-powered energy), will be promoted by this particular bill. S.B. 3248 will also increase regular review of different buildings, landscapes, and services to ensure that standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program are met.

Recommendation from Advocacy Board: Support

Motion to approve support of S.B. 3248, Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2017 Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Qobti. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

- **H.R. 1006 — U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

This bill was introduced to provide individuals in any removal, exclusion, deportation proceeding, or inspection with legal representation by counsel of the individual's choosing. H.R. 1006 accounts for the fact that one's constitutional rights become ambiguous within border territories. Provision of a lawyer at no expense to the government shall be upheld in such cases with this amendment of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Recommendation from Advocacy Board: Support

Motion to approve support of H.R. 1006, U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Enforcement by Senator Langenbacher; seconded by Senator Bathai. By a vote of 14 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 Red Cross Club, this item was discontinued.

FUNDING FOR DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT BY PUENTE LATINX CLUB

Puente Latinx Club's Inter Club Council representatives attended the Senate meeting introduce a proposal for their club's celebration of Día de los Muertos. This event will not only celebrate and honor loved ones who have passed away, but it will also offer the campus a glimpse into Mexican culture.

Several on-campus programs will also partake in the event, including Umoja, EOPS, Vakatasi Club, the Child Development Center, among other groups. Puente's Día de los Muertos event will have several altars, a radio station, arts and crafts, lowriders, performances, food, a band, and an educational portion to present what the celebration is about. Free tamales will be handed out in exchange for stamps earned by visiting different tables. A total of \$2,200 was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC account for the Día de los Muertos event.

Motion to approve \$2,200 to cover the Día de los Muertos celebration by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Meneses. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR GLOBAL FOOD TASTING BY GLOBAL EXPLORERS CLUB

The Inter Club Council representative for Global Explorers Club proposed funding for a food tasting booth during the International Education Program's World Village event on November 15th; unique foods of Indonesian, Middle Eastern, Caribbean, Japanese, and Indian cuisine will be presented to the campus community during the event. The goal of this "global food tasting" is to let the public taste a brief glimpse of other cultures, allowing them to observe the differences from what they are used to eating. All food for the Global Food Tasting event will be ordered from local, certified restaurants. A total of \$600 was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC account for the Global Food Tasting event.

Motion to approve \$600 to fund the Global Food Tasting event by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Soni. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

UPCOMING UNITE DAY EVENT

Cultural Awareness Board was planning on holding an educational event on different civil rights movements, representing groups/causes such as Black Lives Matter, the LGBTQ+ community, women's rights, and indigenous peoples. Each individual table will provide activities and information on a unique cause; one of the goals of this "Civil Rights Day" is to clarify the negative misperceptions that many might have of each marginalized group.

Additional "Unite" t-shirts will be distributed during the event; more stencils will be made for each individual table. Senator and Cultural Awareness Board Chair Barajas told the Senate that a SignUpGenius for the event would be out by the following week. The initial date of the event, November 8, was pushed back a week, to November 15, taking place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A funding request for the event will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM BOARD MIXER EVENT

To initiate more connection between ASCSM board and Senate members, ASCSM typically holds a board mixer; this event will also help board members gain a glimpse of what other ASCSM groups are conducting. One idea for the mixer was to bring 40 members to a pizzeria in Burlingame, though other ideas are being explored. Proposals for potential venues to hold the board mixer at should be forwarded to the board chairs, President Riley, Vice President Relos, and Advisors Hamadeh and Schaefer. \$600 from the 5080 Hospitality account was proposed to fund the board mixer.

Motion to approve \$600 to fund the ASCSM board mixer event by Senator Qobti; seconded by Senator Meneses. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

ASCSM PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Finance Director Helsel and Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres reported that they were seeking board members, club members, and Senate members who were interested in shooting parts for the ASCSM promotional video. Individuals will be expected to provide testimonials on their respective areas; this video will be an opportunity for members to promote their groups' objectives and activities. Members of different learning communities and support programs are also invited to participate in the video. Overall, the video will be between a minute and a half to three minutes, featuring candid shots of members from each group.

Those interested in being part of the video were instructed to contact Commissioner of Publicity Gomez Torres and Finance Director Helsel as soon as possible.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Funding for ASCSM Winter Leadership Retreat
- Halloween Event Debrief

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Riley lauded the film screening of *First They Killed My Father*; he stated that the movie was powerful, and a noteworthy experience along with the panel of survivors that came after it. Senator Bathai reiterated Mr. Riley's point, thanking the Senate for their approval of the event. Senator Briones told members that, if they had any photos of the event, to send them to Christine Su from the International Education Department.

Mr. Riley touched upon the need for more participation from other members of the Senate, noting that Programming Board's Halloween/fall carnival would mark a new period, in which members' activity in ASCSM would be tracked. He conveyed that, tabling for events was not the only way to help out, and that other preparation was highly appreciated; communication between the Executive Cabinet and board chairs or others who organize ASCSM events will be the primary method of checking Senate members' participation. A more formal statement on participation will be issued at a future Senate meeting. Within the topic of participation, Vice President Relos noted that, with the Halloween/fall carnival coming up, members were expected to be courteous when asking for food from the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Langenbacher. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary