



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, November 27, 2017

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; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, Mondana Bathai, Fatima Briones, Andreas Langenbacher, Yimin Li, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid Qobti, Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang (*late arrival, 2:20 p.m.*), & Vivian (Qingyan) Xu (*late arrival, 2:20 p.m.*).

Members Absent: Finance Director Mark Helsel; Commissioner of Publicity Natalia Gomez Torres; Senators Effy Li, Karan Soni, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon (*excused*).

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 Bathai; seconded by Senator Meneses. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 20, 2017, meeting Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ellen Young, biology professor and professional development coordinator, told the Senate that, for the next flex day in January, she was seeking more student participation; Professor Young emphasized the importance of having student input during professional development days. Ms. Young also noted that student volunteers were also needed to help run flex days; compensation will be provided, along with food and commendations. For the upcoming flex day, President Riley and several others have drafted a "student bill of rights," one that outlines what is expected of professors; the goal of this document is to illustrate the pressing needs of students and how faculty members can fulfill such needs.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped that everyone had enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and reminded members that the upcoming district AS mixer would be held on Friday, December 8th, at Cañada College; should anyone not be able to attend, they must contact Mr. Riley as soon as possible.

Vice President Relos welcomed members back from the long weekend and hoped that everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving; she encouraged members to stay active through the end of the semester, as there were still several events for ASCSM to put on.

Secretary Chavez told members of the Executive Cabinet to respond to the survey regarding future meeting days and times for the spring semester; he also stated that next Monday would be the last meeting

Programming Board Chair Bathai announced that the Nighttime Treat Event by the Programming Board would take place this Wednesday and Thursday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on both days; gifts, treats, prizes, and hot drinks will be distributed to students taking evening courses. A SignUpGenius was sent out to the Senate and to the boards; Ms. Bathai

urged members to sign up and volunteer for the event. In addition to the Nighttime Treat Event, Programming Board will also conduct Relaxation Week the following week, from Tuesday, December 5th, to Thursday, December 7th, as well as January's Reboot Week during the second week of the spring semester.

Cultural Awareness Board Barajas told the Senate that the Cultural Awareness Board would be holding its Civil Rights Unite Day event this Wednesday, and that he would share a SignUpGenius for members to volunteer at the event.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer reminded the Senate that, once the winter recess began, members would not have access to items they left in the Senate office until the beginning of the next semester. Mr. Schaefer also asked that members respond to the survey regarding the upcoming winter leadership retreat; the number of people planning on attending the retreat was needed as soon as possible. Advisor Schaefer encouraged members to communicate any issues they had with attending board or committee meetings towards the end of the semester, as well as for next semester.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reiterated Mr. Schaefer's request for members to respond to the survey on the winter leadership; he also reminded Senators to partake in the Finance and Marketing Department's "Meet a Senator" initiative. Members of ASCSM were asked to set up a time and day this week to take a photo and answer interview questions about their positions in student government. Mr. Hamadeh conveyed that, after the add/drop period next semester, he and Mr. Schaefer would check the eligibility of members (completion rates, required units at CSM, minimum GPA, etc.).

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR VAKATASI CLUB MUSIC EVENT

Vakatasi Club is planning to sponsor a winter musical showcase with the Mana program on Friday, December 1st, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Bayview Dining Room; this showcase will entail performances from local churches, high schools, and colleges. Musical events and gatherings like the upcoming winter musical showcase are vital to Pacific Islander culture; the goal of this event is to spread the gift of music with the whole community and incorporate Polynesian cultural values into CSM's activities. Funding from Vakatasi Club will cover \$2,500.00 worth of food from Katalina's Island Grill in Hayward.

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 to purchase food from Katalina's Island Grill for Vakatasi Club's music event by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Wang. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Reboot Week by Programming Board
- Debrief of Nighttime Treat Event

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m. by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Barajas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary