



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 5, 2018, 2:17 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice President Katrina Relos; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, Mondana Bathai, Fatima Briones, Max Gaines, Natalia Gomez Torres, Andreas Langenbacher, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid Qobti (*late arrival, 2:23 p.m.*), April (Youn) Thu, & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: President Colby Riley; Senators Yimin Li & Gabriela Topete Eng Goon.

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 Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, January 22, 2018 meeting by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Vice President Relos recalled her attendance of the recent Institutional Planning Committee meeting, during which the committee discussed the campus's mission statement, as well as statements on goals/visions and values. These statements will be brought to the Senate for discussion, recommendations, and approvals. Ms. Relos told the Senate that she and Senator Barajas were working on conducting an event that would showcase the purpose of Cultural Awareness Board; due to the low membership of the board, she emphasized the importance of promoting it on campus. She proposed putting on a three-day event during the week of March 13th, covering various themes within feminism; the event will most likely entail games, prizes, food, educational activities, and speakers.

Vice Chair Paing reported that Outdoors Club was planning a camping trip for this semester and told members to contact them if interested. He also shared that a new club, Sista 2 Sista, had formed, highlighting the empowerment of African American women. Mr. Paing announced that this semester's Club Fair would take place on Wednesday, February 14th, and Thursday, February 15th; he will send a sign-up form to the Senate, ICC, and boards later.

Secretary Chavez reminded members to be on time for Senate meetings; arriving five minutes after the call-to-order constitutes a tardy.

Senator Bathai stated that on February 14th and 15th, the Programming Board would be holding a Valentine's Day/Single Awareness Day event; the board will be handing out goodie bags and treats, and will facilitate decoration of cookies.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer thanked members for attending the meeting and hoped that everyone had a pleasant weekend; he told the Senate to keep up the good work.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh explained the Guided Pathways program that CSM would be adopting; the initiative, which would be new to the campus, entails a more streamlined structure of classes that will help individual students fulfill the degrees they wish to achieve. A workshop on the program will be held in Oakland on March 1st and 2nd; members who are interested in attending the workshop should register before February 27th. This workshop would be particularly useful for those who will not be graduating after the end of this semester.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Max Gaines to the Senate

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Gomez Torres. By a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

Members of the Senate praised Mr. Gaines for his outstanding devotion to ASCSM events as a member of the Advocacy Board.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR 31ST ART & SCIENCE PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR MOHSEN JANATPOUR

Professor Mohsen Janatpour of CSM attended the Senate meeting to speak about an event put on by the campus's Math & Science Department, along with the Arts Department; this event will include an art exhibition, lecture, and observation of the sky through telescopes. The purpose of this presentation is to enrich individuals' educations and help them see the possible connections between art and science. The Math & Science Division, as well as the METaS program will cover publicity for the event. Typically, funding for the event's reception has been granted by ASCSM; ASCSM has also helped run the reception in the past.

A total of \$700.00 from the 5032 College Program Assistance account was proposed for the 31st Art & Science Lecture's reception.

Motion to approve \$700.00 to fund the 31st Art & Science Presentation's reception by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Briones. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR SPRING 2018 CLUB FAIR

For Club Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, February 14th, and Thursday, February 15th—from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both days—food and setup must be covered. The proposed funds will pay for setup costs, as well as costs for pizza; funds will also go towards the Programming Board's food and supplies for their Valentine's Day/Single Awareness Day event. Members were urged to promote the events and volunteer for them by Mr. Schaefer and Vice Chair Paing.

A total of \$2,000.00 from the Club Account Reserve was proposed for both the Club Fair and Programming Board's event.

Motion to approve \$2,000.00 to fund the Spring 2018 Club Fair along with the Programming Board by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Qobti. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP BY ADVOCACY BOARD

Each year, the Advocacy Board attends a trip to Washington, D.C. for lobbying, education, and other related activities regarding advocacy. This spring's trip will take place over five days during spring break, and several Advocacy

Board/ASCSM members, along with an advisor will be allowed to partake in it. Additional funding was requested to take another individual on the excursion to Washington, D.C.

A total of \$2,500.00 from the Student Representation Trust was proposed to fund the attendance of one other person during the Advocacy Board's Washington, D.C. trip.

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 to cover the addition of one person for the Washington, D.C. trip by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Thu. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Advisor Schaefer explained that due to the closing of the campus's gymnasium, relocation for upcoming years' Commencement Ceremonies was necessary. He brought up that, over the past ten years, the number of students participating in Commencement had more than doubled; because of this, it was important to make adequate changes and accommodations to the structure of the ceremony. This year, to increase the amount of floor space available, the band will have to be eliminated from graduation; an alternate viewing area of the ceremony in the smaller gym may also be utilized. Mr. Schaefer told the Senate that, overall, student input for the event would be most highly considered.

Most members of the Senate agreed that holding the graduation ceremony on a Saturday, particularly the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, was amenable. Should the event be held on a Saturday, rather than Friday evening, it will most likely begin midmorning outside. For the most part, having Commencement on a Saturday seemed convenient, though Senator Barajas pointed out that many students might be working weekends, or already have other plans.

Another topic regarding Commencement that Mr. Schaefer mentioned was the keynote speaker. While having a keynote speaker at the ceremony was tradition, President Mike Claire noted the possibility of foregoing a speaker altogether. Keynote speakers at the Commencement Ceremony typically have a limited time frame for their speeches; Advisor Schaefer asked members what they thought would be necessary for the speakers to talk about during that time. He also inquired on the kinds of individuals that speakers should be. Members of the Senate liked the notion of having someone students were familiar with as a keynote speaker, referring to popular faculty or professors on campus. They also agreed with the idea of having an alumnus as the speaker, since the individual was familiar with the various aspects of being a CSM student.

Advisors Hamadeh and Schaefer highlighted that, if anyone was interested in being the student speaker for Commencement, a summary of what would be talked about during one's speech would need to be submitted for review by the Student Life Center and Vice President of Student Services.

CAMPUS SYLLABUS STATEMENT ON EQUITY

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled for the next ASCSM Senate meeting.

EXPANSION OF ASCSM OUTREACH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled for the next ASCSM Senate meeting.

DEBRIEF OF SPRING 2018 REBOOT WEEK EVENT

Senator Bathai reported that, overall, this semester's Reboot Week was a success; much of the feedback was very positive, especially regarding the food and games. The turnout of students attending was more than adequate, though the coverage of the event by ASCSM Senators fell short of expectations; in the future, Ms. Bathai hoped that the Senate would become more active in promoting and volunteering for events like Reboot Week. She also thanked Advisors Schaefer and Hamadeh for pulling strings and putting much effort into negotiating contracts for the event's games.

Senator Briones commended Ms. Bathai for her dedication to the event and congratulated her, as the Programming Board Chair, on its success; she remarked that many people enjoyed the event and were curious about who was behind it.

Vice President Relos also lauded Senator Bathai's hard work; she suggested that, for future events, ASCSM should conduct more promotion and recruitment for the boards. Ms. Relos stressed that volunteers needed to check in with whoever was in charge during their shifts before they left.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer praised Ms. Bathai's and the Programming Board's efforts to put together Reboot Week, especially under such time-sensitive duress. He recalled that, one criticism during the event was due to the games' proximity to the DRC's testing area; the noise from the games had been a distraction for testers at the time. Mr. Schaefer suggested that, to ameliorate this issue, the games be held further away from the area; he also explained that it would be important to have activities set up where more traffic would pass.

DEBRIEF OF DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL MIXER

The majority of the Senate could not attend the District Student Council mixer due to prior commitments and scheduling conflicts. This was also due to the lack of communication from other campuses on the event and its rescheduling. Had the mixer been more deliberately planned and advertised to other campuses, more members may have attended. Vice Chair Paing indicated that one of the difficulties of getting to the event was transportation; he recommended having a better carpool system for members to get to and from the mixer. Senator Gaines reiterated this point, and stated that would be easier to hold the event at CSM because it was in the middle of the three campuses.

On the topic of when to hold the mixer, some members liked the idea of having it on a Friday because it would be at the end of the week, particularly towards the beginning of the semester as it was this year. Others illustrated that it may be more convenient to hold the event in the middle of the week, on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Those who attended the event were, overall, not highly impressed with the organization demonstrated. Having discussion between all three AS groups towards the beginning of the mixer may have been more beneficial in getting everyone acquainted with one another. The teambuilding exercises also needed to be more oriented towards the development of trust and cooperation between members; the possibility of conducting different icebreakers hosted by each group was brought up instead. Student-led workshops did not seem to be as helpful or time-worthy to some members.

Despite this, some members enjoyed the event and indicated interest in attending future mixers. The Senate agreed that it was crucial to maintain connections with fellow campuses in the district, and that this mixer was a good way to achieve that.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Eleanor Brown Award
- ASCSM Budget Report for December 2017 & January 2018
- Updated College Mission Statements
- Campus Syllabus Statement on Equity
- Expansion of ASCSM Outreach and Accountability

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Bathai asked the Senate for their opinion on holding the ASCSM Board Mixer event on next month's flex day, Thursday, March 8th. Members agreed that the date would work for them. A specific location within San Mateo to hold the event at would be confirmed soon.

A representative from the International Education Office briefly spoke about the upcoming World Gala event in April; this event would highlight various cultures, showcase the campus's diversity, and educate the community on different issues going on around the world. This event will take place in Building 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Thu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary