



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 5, 2018, 2:18 p.m.
College Center Building 10, Room 195

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 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 (*late arrival, 2:40*), Andreas Langenbacher, Yimin Li, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid Qobti (*late arrival, 2:25*), April (Youn) Thu, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: President Colby Riley (*excused*) & Senator Natalia Gomez Torres.

Advisors Present: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.

Advisors Absent: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 26, 2018 meeting by Senator Briones; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Vice President Relos reminded Senators of the upcoming ASCSM Feminism Week to be held Tuesday, March 13th through Thursday, March 15th; so far, everything seemed to be going smoothly in terms of planning for the event. Ms. Relos encouraged members to take a look at the SignUpGenius and volunteer for shifts, as well as to promote the event itself through Facebook and in their classes. A sign-up sheet for creation of educational poster boards on various topics was passed around to members; all were expected to help out in getting these posters made by the morning that their particular topic would be presented. Ms. Relos recalled her attendance of the recent District Student Council meeting; members discussed a walkout in protest of the nation's issue of gun violence. This walkout will take place on Wednesday, March 14th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. District Student Council members also proposed drafting a statement to bring to administration in regards to difficulties with obtaining contracts due to insurance restrictions.

Vice Chair Paing told the Senate that the CSM Democrats and CSM Republicans Clubs would be holding a debate, possibly on March 16th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Secretary Chavez reported that, during the recent District Committee on Budget and Finance meeting, members talked about the Promise Program, how to implement it, allocate and utilize funds for it, as well as increase distribution of it. Mr. Chavez reminded Senators to pick up their ASCSM jackets from the Student Life Center if they had not already done so, and also encouraged members to promote the Student Trustee Nominee election.

Senator Briones reported that the International Education Office would be hosting a screening of a Filipino comedy on Wednesday, March 8th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Building 10, Room 195. She also indicated that open auditions for the upcoming World Gala event would be held on March 9th, 13th, and 16th; those interested had the option of auditioning as a group or individual act. Ms. Briones then promoted the International Education Program's photo contest, noting that the deadline for submissions would be March 21st; winners would receive up to \$100.00, and be published in the *Labyrinth*.

Senator Bathai announced that the Power of Words event would be moved to the week before spring break to allow for more preparation time; she also urged members to RSVP for the March 8th ASCSM Board Mixer as soon as they could.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Senator Barajas to Advocacy Board

Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Thu; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR ROBOTICS CLUB SUPPLIES

Due to the absence of a representative from Robotics Club, this item was tabled for a future ASCSM Senate meeting.

FUNDING FOR CSM DEMOCRATS' MOVIE NIGHT

Due to the absence of a representative from the CSM Democrats Club, this item was tabled for a future ASCSM Senate meeting.

"COLLEGE FOR ALL" INITIATIVE

Dan Kaplan, representative of the California Federation of Teachers, discussed the "College for All" initiative, which would make undergraduate education free for all California students. The purpose of this initiative is to make education more accessible and equitable for Californians. To achieve this, a high value estate tax on only the top 0.2% highest earning families would be enacted; overall this tax would accumulate up to millions and millions of dollars in student aid for those enrolled in both the California State University and University of California systems, as well as California Community Colleges. This initiative would also increase living expense aid for working class students.

Overall, the Senate agreed with the initiative's goals and execution; Mr. Kaplan thus distributed petition packets to the Senate, indicating that a total of 150,000 signatures was needed for the "College for All" initiative to be included on the November 2018 ballot. Signatures must be obtained from registered California voters only. Finished circulation packets should be returned to Mr. Kaplan.

ASCSM BUDGET UPDATE

Advisor Hamadeh told the Senate that, overall, the Inter Club Council had spent less than half of their allocated budget, about \$19,000.00 out of \$45,000.00. In the future, both Mr. Hamadeh and Mr. Schaefer will work on devising a way to raise the limits of funding requests (which are currently \$2,500.00 per request, and \$3,500.00 per year).

UPCOMING ASCSM EVENTS

A calendar of ASCSM's upcoming events throughout the remainder of the semester was attached to the agenda. For the Power of Words event, tasks will be split up between members of the Senate and three ASCSM boards next week. Those

who knew anyone interested in joining the Cultural Awareness Board to help out with its future events were encouraged to contact Senator Barajas.

Advisor Hamadeh indicated that, overall, motivation to conduct events during the spring semester typically declines within the Senate; he insisted that members try to keep themselves interested in contributing to ASCSM's events, and to stay on top of their other responsibilities, as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on District Public Safety Study
- Funding for Robotics Club Supplies
- Funding for CSM Democrats Movie Night
- Funding for Outdoors Club Camping Trip
- Funding to Attend Spring 2018 AGS Statewide Convention by Alpha Gamma Sigma
- Funding for Refreshments and Souvenirs at Messier Marathon by Astronomy Club
- Funding for San Francisco Cycling Trip by Cycling Club
- Funding for Spring Celebration with the Child Development Center by EOPS Club
- Contingency Funding for Advocacy Board's Washington, D.C. Trip

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. by Senator Langenbacher; seconded by Senator Topete Eng Goon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSCM Secretary