



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 12, 2018, 2:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Colby Riley; Vice President Katrina Relos; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Senators Jose Barajas, Mondana Bathai, Fatima Briones, Max Gaines, Natalia Gomez Torres, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, Andreas Langenbacher, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid Qobti & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators April (Youn) Thu & Yimin Li.

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; seconded by Senator Briones. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, March 5, 2018 meeting by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Barajas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Vice President Relos reminded members to sign up to help with feminism week through the email that was sent out.

Vice Chair Paing gave a report on upcoming club events, which include

Advisor Schaefer apologized for the late start and urged members to send Secretary Chavez some well-wishes for a speedy recovery.

Great discussion with public safety, and Bill Woods has been a great influence on public safety and encouraged senate to reach out to him. Advisor Schaefer and Hamadeh can bring any input to public safety anonymously, and stressed the importance of

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

UPDATE ON DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY

SMCCD Chief of Staff to the Chancellor at SMCCD Mitchell Bailey, SMCCD Director of Public Safety William Woods, and College of San Mateo Captain of Public Safety Robert Dean, presented the results of the public safety study

conducted by Margolis Healy. They provided background of public safety study and added that the purpose of the study was to get feedback.

The study began in 2016. A public safety committee was established and decided to do a full review of district public safety to assess what was working and what needed to improve. Nationwide decline in confidence in public safety, especially among minority groups, makes this study important as our community is made up of minority groups. Open forums were conducted, surveys were sent out, and anonymous feedback forms were collected. All information gathered was taken into account during the assessment. Trends in best practices both state and nationwide were looked at, and recommendations were made based off of the assessment. Overall, SMCCD campuses are relatively safe.

Seventy-one recommendations were made. Areas of improvement included: campus awareness and clarity of department purpose, locks systems, and improving the emergency planning system. Twenty of the recommendations have been completed so far, with more either in progress or on the way.

Most significantly, a recommendation was made for the Department of Public Safety to transition to a sworn and armed police department. District staff does not agree with this recommendation. Numerous reasons were provided as to why the district does not agree, with a strong emphasis on the district not being in support of this recommendation.

Crimes statistics from the San Mateo Community College District were reviewed from 2013 through 2016. Crimes statistics from Bay Area community colleges were then reviewed.

Four overarching recommendations for the Board of Trustees include: clarification of the mission and role of the Department of Safety; second and most important, the rejection of the recommendation to create a sworn and armed police department; implementation of the remaining recommendations from Margolis Healy Study, and the exploration of alternatives to enhance law enforcement services on or near district campuses. These recommendations will be shared with students, faculty, staff and the community before the final recommendations for the Board of Trustee consideration.

A forum will be held two weeks after spring break.

Questions were then taken and responded to. President Riley emphasized the need for students to be involved in the training, which was unanimously agreed upon. Senator Topete Eng Goon pointed out the need for larger outreach effort because students are still uneasy and unsure of the mission and purpose of security on campus, despite current outreach efforts. Director of Public Safety Woods agreed with this and informed senate that the department is seeking help from students in an effort to connect. CSM Captain of Public Safety Dean mentioned the lack of interaction on the College of San Mateo campus because of the location versus interaction at other campuses, and that it is harder on the CSM campus. Senator Topete Eng Goon added that increase in awareness of crimes been the result of our current political climate, and that there is a concern is that DPS does not know the campus. Director of Public Safety Woods agreed and assured the members that the department is currently at work to address this problem. CSM Captain of Public Safety Dean added that SWAT does drills at CSM, and that DPS will be part of the student radio program to broadcast CSM news and information to students. Senator Meneses added that his experience has been positive but overwhelmingly among students that is not the case. Director of Public Safety Woods asked why Senator Meneses thought that was and Senator Meneses responded by informing the board that most students are unsure of DPS members and whether or not they are police officers. Director of Public Safety Woods informed the senate that the uniforms have been changed and added that if anyone has a problem to email, call or contact them.

Advisor Aaron informed members and the public of the task force lead by President Riley and Vice President Relos. They will be working on a statement from the Associated Students. If any public wish to be there, please talk to them.

FUNDING FOR ROBOTICS SUPPLIES

Due to the absence of a representative from the Robotics Club, this item was tabled.

FUNDING FOR CSM DEMOCRATS' CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

Due to the absence of a representative from the CSM Democrats' Club, this item was tabled.

FUNDING FOR OUTDOORS CLUB CAMPING TRIP

Outdoors club is organizing a camping trip, which will take place during spring break. Activities include camping, hiking, and swimming. Transportation will be provided through use of the school vans.

A total of \$500.00 to cover campsite rental and other equipment for the Outdoors Club camping trip was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account.

Motion to approve \$500.00 to fund the Outdoors Club camping trip by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Paing. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA SPRING 2018 STATEWIDE CONVENTION

The Alpha Gamma Sigma honors society holds a conference every year for chapter members to attend. This year's convention will be on April 13th through 15th, 2018. Advisor Schaefer informed senate that the cost of the hotel was combined with the conference fees because the Alpha Gamma Sigma organization set it up that way. This funding would go toward covering that cost.

A total of \$2,500.00 to cover lodging for the Spring 2018 AGS Statewide Convention was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account.

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 to fund the Spring 2018 AGS Statewide Convention by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR ASTRONOMY CLUB MESSIER MARATHON

Astronomy club is organizing an event on March 16th and 17th, 2018, in honor of the astronomer Charles Messier. 110 Deep Sky objects are visible for only two weeks between March and April. The Messier Marathon will be a night dedicated to finding these objects.

A total of \$350.00 to cover food, drinks, and souvenirs for the Astronomy Club 2018 Messier Marathon was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account.

Motion to approve \$350.00 to fund the Astronomy Club 2018 Messier Marathon by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Briones. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR CYCLING CLUB SAN FRANCISCO TRIP

On March 17th, 2018, at 9:30 AM, the Cycling Club will take the train from Hillsdale to San Francisco for a city bike ride. Bikes will be rented and lunch will be provided.

A total of \$992.00 to cover transportation fees, bike rentals, and lunch for the Cycling Club San Francisco trip was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account.

Motion to approve \$992.00 to fund the Cycling Club San Francisco trip by Senator Wang; seconded by Senator Liu. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR EOPS CLUB SPRING CELEBRATION WITH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

EOPS and the Child Development Center will be holding an arts and crafts event on April 20, 2018, for the children enrolled in the Child Development Center. Children will be able to create arts and crafts in celebration of the changing seasons.

A total of \$215.00 to cover transportation fees, bike rentals, and lunch for the Cycling Club San Francisco trip was proposed to be taken out of the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account.

Motion to approve \$215.00 to fund the Cycling Club San Francisco trip by Senator Briones; seconded by Senator Paing. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR WASHINGTON, DC, ADVOCACY TRIP

During the 2017 annual Advocacy Board trip to Washington, DC, the board's return flight was canceled due to weather conditions. BEcause of this, the Advocacy Board was stuck in Washington, DC, and needed to make last minute arrangements for lodging and food. This funding would be set aside as an emergency fund in the event that this or something similar happens again.

A total of \$5,000.00 in contingency funding for the Advocacy Board Washington, DC, trip was proposed to be taken out of the Student Representation Fee Trust.

Motion to approve \$5,000.00 to fund the contingency funding for the Advocacy Board Washington, DC, trip by Senator Paing; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Feminism Week Debrief
- Textbook Task Force

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Vice President Relos asked that all members sign up to help create posters for the Power of Words event, or contact Senator Topete Eng Goon to learn how to make stencils for t-shirts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 PM by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Langenbacher. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Mondana Bathai
ASCSM Senator