



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 19, 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 2:15 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, Max Gaines, Georgia Giari, Natalia Gomez Torres, Andreas Langenbacher, Yimin Li, Claire (Linfang) Liu, Aaron Meneses, Farid, April (Youn) Thu, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: None.

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 Barajas; 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, March 12, 2018 meeting by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley hoped everyone was doing well; he indicated that he had attended the recent District Participatory Governance Council Committee the week prior, and thus could not be at the Senate meeting. The previous Friday, Mr. Riley took part in the retreat on equity at Cañada College, telling members that it was inspiring; during the retreat, participants discussed the college's five-year mission along with the equity work they were conducting.

Vice President Relos thanked everyone who participated during Feminism Week, especially Senator Barajas for co-ordinating the event; she remarked that many individuals enjoyed and took part in the event. Ms. Relos also attended the recent retreat at Cañada College and told members that if they wanted to be apprised on what happened during it, they could talk to her or to Mr. Riley.

Vice Chair Paing announced that auditions for the World Gala event were now open; he also stated that EOPS Club would be collaborating with the Child Development Center for a future event, and that there would be no Inter Club Council meeting the following week due to spring recess.

Secretary Chavez stated that he was happy to be back after having been sick for some time; he thanked Senator Bathai for producing the prior minutes for the last Senate meeting, and also thanked Advisors Schaefer and Hamadeh for being very supportive throughout his absence. Mr. Chavez told the Senate that he had shared a SignUpGenius for the Power of Words event and encouraged members to sign up; he then encouraged Board Chairs to let him know if there were people no longer on their boards who needed to be taken off the roll call sheets.

Senator Topete Eng Goon indicated that, for the Power of Words event, a lot of help would be needed; she insisted that members sign up to volunteer and help make stencils for the Unity t-shirts, as well. She expressed that she would be more than happy to teach members how to create them for future events. Ms. Topete Eng Goon reported that the Advocacy Board would be attending a trip to Washington, D.C. for advocacy work; she told Senators to bring forward any issues they would like for the board to keep in mind during their trip.

Senator Bathai recounted her attendance of the recent Center for Academic Excellence Committee meeting; she stated that there was a possibility of combining three committees into one, then maintaining the former committees as sub-committees. Ms. Bathai had the opportunity to attend an early stage discussion on the district's housing/security issues; she expressed her disappointment over how advanced Skyline and Cañada Colleges' programs were compared to those of CSM.

Senator Barajas reminded members to sign up for the Power of Words event, and to also help out with making educational boards that would be on display for it.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Georgia Giari to the Senate

Motion to approve the appointments by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Thu. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

Members of the Senate, as well as Advisor Schaefer, praised Ms. Giari for her devotion to ASCSM, having been an active member for several semesters.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

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

- **S. 1531 — Department of Education Accountability Act of 2017**

The purpose of this bill is to require the Secretary of Education to regularly report on recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office. This would enable students to know the reasonings behind decisions that may affect their future educations.

Recommendation: Support

Motion to approve S. 1531 by Senator Thu; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

- **H.Res.514 — Designation of the week of September 11 as “National Family Service Learning Week**

The purpose of this bill is to designate the week of September 11 as “National Family Service Learning Week,” raising awareness on the importance of family service, literacy, community service, and two-generational learning experiences; it would also help other understand the impact of the 9/11 tragedy.

Recommendation: Support

Motion to approve H.Res.514 by Senator Liu; seconded by Senator Briones. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

UPDATE FROM TEXTBOOK TASK FORCE

Several representatives of a task force focused on improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and costs of textbooks and other course-related resources came to hear the Senate's feedback on such issues. Feedback varied depending on the individual,

but overall, some members indicated their affinity for texts that were provided by professors as excerpts from outside sources, some preferred the traditional textbook, and others, even Google. Some of the complications brought up by members of the Senate included having to buy access codes multiple times for the same book, the costliness of textbooks, as well as the fact that learning via online textbooks/resources was not for everybody. One of the concerns regarding the obvious shift towards online texts was its inevitable expensiveness, especially for programs that were needed to submit online homework. Another issue that was discussed was the implementation of Inclusive Access; this program is still in the works, in efforts to make online textbooks and resources more unified under one price. Feedback from the Senate will be further discussed by the textbook task force and brought to the administration for future plans.

FUNDING FOR ROBOTICS CLUB SUPPLIES

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

FUNDING FOR CSM REPUBLICANS' MOVIE NIGHT

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

FUNDING FOR SPRING FLING 2018

This semester, Programming Board will be holding a Spring Fling event (initially April 10th and April 11th) on May 1st and May 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both days, as well as 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 2nd. This event will hopefully raise students' spirits and keep them motivated toward the end of the semester; the theme for this year's Spring Fling will be cherry blossoms. The Programming Board will be partnering with Southeast Asian Culture Club in conducting the event's activities and catering; food, games, and prizes will be included in the Spring Fling event. President Riley suggested the possibility of included activities geared toward those involved in athletics.

Motion to approve \$18,000.00 from the 5150 Programs Account for Spring Fling 2018 by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING TO PURCHASE FOOD CARRIERS/WARMERS

In the past, cleaning up food spills and messes has been somewhat difficult; to prevent and mitigate this issue, Advisor Schaefer recommended purchasing several insulated food bags and storage units for future ASCSM events. These items may also be used by other clubs and student organizations.

Motion to approve \$1,300.00 from the 5181 Fixtures and Equipment Account for the purchase of food carriers/warmers by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Briones. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

DEBRIEF OF FEMINISM WEEK

Vice President Relos thanked those who helped make ASCSM Feminism Week happen, especially Senator Barajas, who also coordinated the event, as well as Senators Bathai, Thu, and Topete Eng Goon; she also expressed gratitude for Programming Board member Enya Nava, who demonstrated exemplary efforts in running the event.

Overall, the event was a success with the help of many members and the participation of students on campus; students seemed to be very engaged and happy with what ASCSM was doing. It was interesting for members to see that many people did not know the answers to questions about gender and sexuality, illustrating how important education on such topics is; the posters for the event were very helpful. Many praised the speaker, Janaya Khan, for a riveting speech on Wednesday. One concern, however, was how to keep the speech within time limits. Another issue was distribution of tasks and organizing sign-ups, especially for members of clubs.

DEBRIEF OF RALLY AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Several members of the Senate lauded President Riley for pulling together this rally/walkout event at last minute, in response to the nation's rampant issue of gun violence. Many students indicated that they felt the support of ASCSM within the issue; the administration also seemed very on board with the message of the walkout, as well. Members stated that the open mic portion of the event was a particular highlight because of how natural it was. Overall, the rally was very well-attended, even with the limited amount of time to plan it.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Movie Night — CSM Republicans Club
- Funding for Origami Materials — Origami Club
- Funding for Spring 2018 Edition of *The Labyrinth* — The Writers' Project
- Funding for Naya Barsha 2075 — Nepalese Student Association
- Funding for Attendance at Los Angeles Model UN Conference — Model UN Club
- Funding for Memorial for CSM Student
- Interview and Selection of CSM Student Trustee Nominee
- Debrief of Power of Words Event
- Debrief of Washington, D.C. Trip

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the Senate were reminded to sign up for the following day's Power of Words event.

Advisor Hamadeh announced that candidate packets for the ASCSM General Election would be available at the Student Life Center on Monday, April 2nd, immediately following spring recess.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSCM Secretary