



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 9, 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, Yimin Li, Aaron Meneses, April (Youn) Thu, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: Senators Andreas Langenbacher, Claire Liu, & Farid Qobti.

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 Topete Eng Goon; 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, April 2, 2018 meeting by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Thu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley reported on the District Student Council's fruitful meeting the prior Friday; members discussed the possibility of having a representative from each AS attend DSC meetings due to the difficulties of scheduling for Presidents and Vice Presidents.

Vice President Relos indicated that, during the last Institutional Planning Committee meeting, members voted on and approved CSM's new mission, vision, and values statements; they also discussed an update on the college's master educational plan for accreditation, as well as developments for the campus's sustainability procedures over the next couple of years. Ms. Relos stated that on Wednesday, April 18th, CSM would be holding its Earth Day Fair; the theme of this year's event will revolve around careers within the field of sustainability and environmental science. Ms. Relos brought together a task force to conduct a small educational portion for the event, as well.

Vice Chair Paing announced that the Nepalese Student Association would be holding a celebration for Naya Barsha 2075, the Nepali New Year, on April 11th; he also told the Senate that the Active Minds Club was planning an event to promote mental health resources and issues. Mr. Paing explained that the Distance Education Committee had discussed several issues regarding online classes, including textbooks, and proctoring exams; they also planned on doing Canvas training for professors, as well as students.

Secretary Chavez expressed his enjoyment of the NSLDC Pride Conference in Chicago over the weekend. He told the

Senate that the trip covered issues on handling conflict and teamwork, recognizing and addressing privilege, creating on-campus inclusivity, promoting intersectionality and being proud of one's identities, and other topics. Mr. Chavez indicated that, while these subjects had already been touched upon during prior retreats, it was still very motivating and helpful to partake in the discussions and workshops; he stated that he felt more confident in applying what he had learned. Secretary Chavez commended Senator Gomez Torres, as well as Chyna Mangubat, who also attended the trip, for their participation; he expressed that they all loved the city, despite the cold, and thanked Advisors Hamadeh and Schaefer for putting the trip together.

Senator Topete Eng Goon remarked that the Committee on Instruction was working on revising forms for confirmation of AA or AS degrees to ensure that all courses were covered only once. She also stated that the College Assessment Committee looked at its goals, and reviewed the possibility of combining several committees, as well as student participation within such committees. Training will be held for new members of committees to help them grow accustomed to what entails the positions.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh also attended the recent NSLDC Pride Conference in Chicago; he recounted that, although there were only a few workshops, it was interesting to gain unique perspectives of student leaders and their advisors from across the country. Mr. Hamadeh indicated that, while California may be perceived as a highly progressive state, there is still work to be done for the state to be on par in certain issues. He also stated that the conference entailed numerous, profound discussions within small groups on various topics. Advisor Hamadeh told the Senate that he would not be present at the office on Thursday, and on Friday, would be attending Alpha Gamma Sigma's Conference in San Jose; he encouraged Senators to remain active as representatives of the student body, despite the year coming to a close. He told members to check in on each other and with themselves to see if they needed anything.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR MOVIE SCREENING REFRESHMENTS — PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

The Psychology Club will be holding a film screening of *A Beautiful Mind* on Tuesday, April 17, 2018; funds have been requested to cover food, beverages, as well as supplies for the event. The showing will be open to all.

Motion to approve of total of \$400.00 from the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account for Psychology Club's movie screening by Senator Thu; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR EARTH DAY PRIZES

CSM's Earth Day Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 18th, in the Building 10 Bayview Dining Room; the theme of this year's event will revolve around careers within the field of sustainability and environmental science. Students have the opportunity to explore numerous opportunities by going to different educational tables. Students who receive stamps and write a pledge to sustainability or pursuit of a career within the field will receive pizza and also be entered into a drawing. Prizes for the drawing will be five \$50.00 Amazon gift cards.

Motion to approve \$250.00 from the 5032 College Program Support Account to fund prizes for Earth Day by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

DEBRIEF OF POWER OF WORDS EVENT

Senator Bathai thanked everyone for coming out and participating in the event, especially those who stayed and worked on educational posters in the Senate office.

Senator Topete Eng Goon noted that, due to the weather, conducting tables for t-shirt decoration was difficult; Ms. Topete Eng Goon thanked President Riley and Senator Barajas for learning how to make stencils that would be utilized for the t-shirts.

Senator Giari recommended producing stencils much earlier for future events.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh indicated that the idea for this event stemmed from the recent ASCSM Winter Leadership Retreat, after having visited the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

DEBRIEF OF WASHINGTON, D.C. EVENT

Senator Topete Eng Goon stated that, during this year's Washington, D.C. Trip for Advocacy Board, five appointments were made with staffers of congressional representatives, one of whom (from Santa Clara County) expressed interest in meeting with Ms. Topete Eng Goon and Board member, Ayelesha Gibson. Ms. Topete Eng Goon remarked that one of the issues throughout the trip was getting rides to the hotel. She also announced that the Advocacy Board would be holding an event to present what the Board had learned throughout their work in Washington, D.C., and requested that members of the Senate help out if they could; this event will most likely take place on Wednesday, April 25th.

Senator Bathai told the Senate that she thoroughly enjoyed her time in Washington, D.C. She recounted the Advocacy Board's opportunity to explore the Smithsonian's African American History and Culture Museum, sharing how powerful it was. Ms. Bathai made note of how different it was to speak with staffers of Representatives, rather than Senators; she explained that there was much more interest and listening involved on their part. Senator Bathai insisted that members join Advocacy Board the following year to gain this unique experience.

President Riley expressed how great of a learning experience the Washington, D.C. Trip was; he, too, suggested that members attend the trip if they had the opportunity to next year. Mr. Riley reiterated Ms. Bathai's statement, conveying how open the staffers were to what Advocacy Board members had to say.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on District Sustainability
- Funding for Migration Celebration — Multicultural & DREAM Center
- Funding for CSM Memorial Scholarship
- Funding for Advocacy Board D.C. Event
- Funding for Spring 2018 Relaxation Week
- Funding for ASCSM End-of-the-Year Celebration

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Riley asked members to, if they had time after the meeting, to assist him in a brief survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. by Senator Thu; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary