



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 16, 2018, 2:18 p.m.

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

### 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, Georgia Giari, Natalia Gomez Torres, Andreas Langenbacher, Claire (Linfang) Liu, April (Youn) Thu, Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: President Riley & Senator Aaron Meneses.

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 9, 2018 meeting by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

Vice President Relos noted that Secretary Chavez had sent out a SignUpGenius for Wednesday's Earth Day Fair, and encouraged members to sign up and volunteer for it. Ms. Relos also told the Senate that current Vice President of the Associated Students of Cañada College, Raghad AbdAlJawad had been selected as the SMCCD Student Trustee for 2018-19; she stated that Ms. AbdAlJawad was very passionate and would get along well with Senate members next year.

Secretary Chavez reminded Senators to volunteer for ASCSM's table during the Earth Day Fair; he and Ms. Relos explained that their table would entail a small activity where students had to guess whether an item belonged to compost, landfill, or recycling.

Senator Topete Eng Goon remarked that the Committee on Instruction was working on possibly combining requirements for English, Communications, or Critical Thinking for AA Degree forms.

Senator Bathai recounted her attendance of the recent Academic Senate meeting; she explained that despite positive feedback on potentially merging three committees, there was an equal amount of pushback on the possibility. Ms. Bathai told the Senate that Programming Board's Spring Fling event would take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and hoped that members would sign up and share the event.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer indicated that Advisor Hamadeh would be returning to the office the following day; he urged Senators to promote the ASCSM General Elections and announced that signatures to be on the ballot needed to be submitted at the mandatory candidates meeting on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

None.

## **UPDATE ON DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY**

Hilary Ego from the SMCCD Sustainability Department attended the Senate meeting to explain the district's current and upcoming initiatives involving sustainability; she told members that students' input on sustainability was vital to their plans for the forthcoming years. Ms. Ego discussed CSM's current developments, including the campus's certification as a Bee Campus, its new composting system, its Earth Day Job Fair, and its work on the Cesar Chavez Community Garden.

Ms. Ego presented the Senate with a preview of the district's sustainability plan for the next few years and outlined its goals: water conservation, reduction of waste, integration of sustainability into curricula, engagement and enrichment of the student body, comparison of progress to the rest of the nation, among others.

Hilary informed the Senate on the campus's progress in diverting waste from landfills and the district's upcoming hired position for research on waste; she also told members of various projects conducted by students that provided the Sustainability Department with grounds for new work in waste and water conservation. For further inquiries, members were encouraged to contact Ms. Ego at [egoh@smccd.edu](mailto:egoh@smccd.edu).

## **FUNDING FOR MIGRATION CELEBRATION — MULTICULTURAL & DREAM CENTER**

The Multicultural and Dream Center is planning on holding an event dedicated to undocumented studies and allies throughout the district; this banquet will be hosted by the SMCCD Dream Center task force. The Migration Celebration will serve as a message of support to the undocumented community, demonstrating that the SMCCD is a safe and welcoming place for them. This event will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> in the Building 10 Bayview Dining Room.

Motion to approve a total of \$1,500 from the 5032 College Program Assistance Account for the Migration Celebration by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Wang. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

## **FUNDING FOR CSM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Prior to the meeting, Advisor Schaefer and President Riley have discussed the possibility of rewarding a yearly scholarship to honor members of the CSM community who have recently passed away. Mr. Schaefer indicated that, during the past academic year, the CSM community unfortunately lost four students. The CSM Memorial Scholarship will be given to different students at \$500.00 each; \$5,000.00 in funds will cover a total of ten scholarship awards. After every three to five years, the name of the scholarship will be changed in honor of another student. Because this reward is a scholarship, it will be managed by the foundation.

Motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the 5010 Awards and Scholarships Account to fund the CSM Memorial Scholarship by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Thu. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

## **FUNDING FOR ADVOCACY BOARD D.C. EVENT**

Senator Topete Eng Goon explained that the ASCSM Advocacy Board would be holding an event inspired by their recent trip to Washington, D.C. Although the Effecting Change Day event was initially planned for the following week, more time would be needed to acquire a speaker. Ms. Topete Eng Goon told the Senate that the Advocacy Board had found a speaker who would discuss the significance and history of Japanese internment camps. The Board's event will include a poster-making station, a voter registration station, catering, and other activities. The date for the Effecting Change Day event has been moved to May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the Student Representation Trust to fund Advocacy Board's Effecting Change Day by Senator Langenbacher; seconded by Senator Briones. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

### **FUNDING FOR RELAXATION WEEK**

This semester, the Programming Board will be holding their Relaxation Week the week before final exams, from Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Like the previous semester's Relaxation Week, this event will take place during the day and evening. One of the goals for this spring's Relaxation Week was to make it even bigger; thus, the original \$8,000.00 funds have been amended to \$9,000.00. During the week, food, beverages, treats, and finals week packages will be distributed to students to help get them motivated as the year comes to a close.

Motion to approve \$9,000.00 from the 5150 Programs Account for Spring 2018's Relaxation Week by Senator Giari; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

### **FUNDING FOR ASCSM END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATION**

Each year, ASCSM holds a banquet in celebration of all the hard work that its members have put in; members of the Senate and three ASCSM Boards are invited to attend this event. Food, festivities, and gifts will be provided throughout this celebratory event. Members of the Boards who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to ASCSM will be honored during the banquet.

Motion to approve \$13,000.00 from the 5080 Hospitality Account to fund the ASCSM End-of-the-Year Celebration by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Funding for DJ at End-of-the-Year Event — Puente Latinx Club
- Funding for My Other Brother CSU East Bay Trip — Sista-2-Sista Club
- Funding for Movie Night — CSM Democrats Club
- Funding for Career Connection Event — EOPS Club
- Funding for Escalation Workshop — Active Minds Club
- Funding for Stress Less Week — Active Minds Club

### **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Briones. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez  
ASCSM Secretary