



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 7, 2017, 2:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Colby Riley; Vice President Katrina Relos; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, Natalia Gomez Torres, Mark Helsel, Effy (Wenfei) Li, Aaron Meneses, Spencer (Sitt) Paing, Farid Qobti, and Karan Soni.

Members on Leave: Senators Fatima Briones, Jose (Tony) Herrera, Andreas Langenbacher, Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

Members Absent: Senators Claire (Lingfang) Liu and Vivian (Qingyang) Xu.

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Advisor Hamadeh requested that Item G, Revision to ASCSM Bylaws, be tabled until the next meeting. Motion to approve the agenda with the above item tabled by Senator Paing; seconded by Senator Barajas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, July 24, 2017, meeting with the recommended correction by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Helsel. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley emphasized the importance for all members to present at meetings and on time; he also hoped that everyone's summers were going well.

Vice President Relos stated that she would be sending out emails for Welcome Week signups, and indicated that participation was vital due to the lack of a Programming Board.

Secretary Chavez expressed his excitement for taking on the new position.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer thanked everyone for coming, underlining that it is crucial for members to communicate with the advisors when they cannot attend meetings. Mr. Schaefer reminded the Senate that Welcome Day would be on Thursday that week, and that everyone was needed to volunteer for the event; he also stated that an itinerary for the upcoming retreat in Los Altos would be sent out soon. Advisor Schaefer referred to Item D, indicating that the teambuilding activity would not be available for the retreat; however, a new date for the activity would be determined later on.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reiterated Mr. Schaefer's words on the retreat itinerary, also noting that the retreat would be much closer to campus than usual, and that members needed to complete their Myers-Briggs assessments by Thursday evening of the same week.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Gabriela Topete Eng Goon to the Senate

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Gomez Torres; seconded by Senator Barajas. With no objections, the motion carried.

By a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to appoint Gabriela Topete Eng Goon to the Senate carried.

Senator Topete Eng Goon as Advocacy Board Chair

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Qobti; seconded by Senator Soni. With no objections, the motion carried.

Senator Barajas as Cultural Awareness Board Chair

Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Gomez Torres; seconded by Senator Meneses. With no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

ASCSM BUDGET 2017-18, STAGE 1.0

The Senate discussed and consider the adoption of a Stage 1.0 budget for the 2017-18 academic year. Student advisor Hamadeh explained that the ASCSM budget increased due to this year's higher student body fee. Mr. Hamadeh also acknowledged ASCSM's main sources of income, and the different allocations for the budget. Within the budget, non-discretionary funds keep up various operations for students, and discretionary funds are utilized for other services. Throughout the year, Finance Director Mark Helsel will work with Advisor Hamadeh to track spending and adjust allocation of funds as needed.

Motion to approve the Stage 1.0 budget for the 2017-18 academic year by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Gomez Torres.

By a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried to approve the Stage 1.0 budget for the 2017-18 academic year.

FUNDING FOR MULTICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE TRAININGS

Jackie Santizo from the Multicultural Center and Dream Center came to propose a \$1,500 budget to fund Multicultural Representative trainings. Ms. Santizo expressed her desire to promote collaboration with ASCSM; she also stated that students interested in becoming Multicultural Representatives would be trained in social justice work, cultural education, and event coordination. There will be 10 to 15 positions open for training, which will take place over a 2-day period.

Motion to approve \$1,500 to fund Multicultural Representative trainings by Senator Gomez Torres; seconded by Senator Qobti.

By a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried to approve \$1,500 to fund Multicultural Representative trainings carried.

ELECTION OF SENATE VICE CHAIR

Advisor Schaefer briefly explained the responsibilities of the Senate Vice Chair. However, no nominations were placed for the role, and he thus suggested tabling the election to the next meeting. Mr. Schaefer encouraged the Senators to consider taking on this position, and nominating themselves for the election.

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

FUNDING FOR TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITY

Mr. Schaefer explained to the Senate that the date for a teambuilding activity would be moved from the last day of the summer retreat to another day during the semester. This teambuilding activity constitutes a ropes course that would help foster communication, critical thinking, and teamwork among the Senate members. Advisor Schaefer predicted that, for the whole Senate to participate in the ropes course, it would cost \$3,000.

Motion to approve \$3,000 to fund the teambuilding activity by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Li.

By a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion to approve the \$3,000 fund for the team building activity carried.

UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR FALL 2017 WELCOME WEEK EVENT

Discussion for the upcoming Fall 2017 Welcome Week event took place; this week-long event would span August 22nd to the 24th. The task force comprised of Vice President Relos and Senators Meneses and Li. For Tuesday, a video game truck was proposed along with Asian-inspired food, for Wednesday, possibilities included casino games and a laser tag truck, along with food from Cuban Kitchen, and for Thursday, oversized games along with Middle Eastern and Mediterranean food.

Vice President Relos brought up that this event would initiate a larger social media presence from ASCSM. Several giveaways conducted via social media would take place during Welcome Week. Students who complete surveys sent out through social media will be eligible for various raffle prizes. Ms. Relos asked the Senate for suggestions on prizes and potential survey questions.

ASCSM GOALS FOR 2017-18

President Riley proposed tabling this item until the next meeting, when the entire Senate would be present to discuss the matter. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

REVISION TO ASCSM BYLAWS

Advisor Schaefer suggested that this item be postponed for discussion until the next meeting. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

WELCOME DAY TRAINING

Mr. Schaefer conducted a quick training session for Thursday's Welcome Day event. All members were expected to attend and hold icebreakers within their group before giving incoming CSM students a campus tour. The roles of volunteers also entailed setting up for the event, answering any questions students had about the campus and college in general.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were recommended for the next ASCSM Senate meeting:

- Welcome Day Debrief
- Retreat Debrief
- Election of Vice Chair

- Bylaw Changes
- Welcome Week for Fall 2017 Planning and Discussion
- Senate Goals for 2017-18 Year
- Participatory Governance Overview

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer told the Senate that other students could attend the retreat if they were certain on joining one of the ASCSM boards; such students needed to submit an online application for their boards of interest by Wednesday evening. He also instructed the Senate to seek out volunteers for the Welcome Day event; prospective volunteers were to contact Mr. Hamadeh with their full names and G-numbers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. by Senator Qobti; seconded by Senator Barajas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary