



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 10, 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 Mondana Bathai; Vice President Georgia Giari; Finance Director Gaby Topete Eng Goon; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas John Burright, Max Gaines, Nuri Illini, Dorian King, Stephen Langi, Hadifa Dinda Miqailla, Enya Nava, Vitor Oliveira, Joseph Park, Ashley Perrilliat, Rosemarie Taylor, April (Youn) Thu, & Andrew Young.

Members Absent: Senator Szymon Ryng.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Langi; 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, August 27, 2018 meeting by Senator King; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Bathai told the Senate that an event promoting CSM's Grab-n-Go program would be held on November 14th. Volunteers who would assist in guiding students to the food pantry and other services will be needed in the future; this will be an opportunity for students to earn club service hours. Ms. Bathai recounted her attendance of the recent Institutional Planning Committee, stating that the Committee had discussed the possibility of providing a shuttle to campus. President Bathai also noted that Academic Senate was working on its goals for the year, as well as a potential ethnic and cultural studies requirement and classroom caps for the campus.

Vice President added that a new committee on finance would be formed, and that more information on Guided Pathways would be provided at a future Senate meeting.

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon elaborated on SparkPoint, a new on-campus program that not only helps coordinate the Grab-n-Go program, but also provides different financial assistance service for students.

Vice Chair Paing announced that the Inter Club Council had met unofficially the prior week. Both he and Finance Director Topete Eng Goon explained the functions, expectations, and requirements of the Inter Club Council. Mr. Paing indicated that, while many prospective ICC members showed up, numerous clubs still needed to turn in their paperwork. He also reported that the position of Vice Chair for the Inter Club Council was open and would be up for election soon.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh pointed out that there were new computers in the Senate office; he encouraged members to be mindful while using them, ensuring that nothing gets damaged or lost.

APPOINTMENTS

President Bathai made the following appointments:

- Jose Barajas to the Senate
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator King; seconded by Senator Young. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- Hlwan Aung Htoo, Diana Juarez, Ta Thu, and Senators Nava & Perrilliat to Programming Board
Motion to approve the appointments by Senator King; seconded by Senator Burrighat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Finance Director Topete Eng Goon to Advocacy Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Young. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- The following participatory governance committee assignments:

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM LEADERSHIP RETREAT TRANSPORTATION

Due to last minute conflicts, as well as the large number of members attending the recent ASCSM Leadership Retreat at Granlibakken Tahoe, the Senate would have to retroactively fund the transportation utilized for the trip. After much contemplation, Advisors Hamadeh and Schaefer decided that it would be better for the group to use a bus, rather than two of the school vans to travel to Tahoe City.

Motion to approve \$4,000.00 from the 5033 Conferences Account to cover transportation for the recent ASCSM Leadership Retreat by Senator Taylor; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FORMATION OF ASCSM GOALS 2018-19 TASK FORCE

To discuss and revise the recently approved goals for this academic year, a task force comprised of President Bathai, Vice Chair Paing, and Senators Barajas & Langi was formed. Within the next few weeks, this task force would forward any improvements or suggestions to the Senate.

Motion to approve the ASCSM Goals 2018-19 Task Force by Senator Nava; seconded by Senator King. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

FORMATION OF PROJECT TRUTH RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Advisors Schaefer and Hamadeh told the Senate that Project Truth, a group fervidly against abortion rights, would be on campus the following week, on Monday, September 17th, and Tuesday, September 18th. The group is currently traveling to different colleges around Northern California; they have recently visited Skyline College, where 20-30 members were posted across the campus, distributing leaflets and holding large banners of graphic images. Concerns about Project Truth's presence at CSM stem from the emotional distress that may be elicited by their methods. By law, the group must be allowed to exercise their free speech on campus despite any backlash or opposition. To provide support for students who may feel targeted, ASCSM will hold a small event geared towards bettering mental health. A task force comprised of Senators Langi, Nava, Park, Perrilliat, Taylor, Thu, & Young, as well as Vice Chair Paing and Finance Director would be in charge of coordinating this event.

Motion to approve the Project Truth Response Task Force by Senator Burrig; seconded by Senator Gaines. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

FALL 2018 WELCOME WEEK DEBRIEF

President Bathai thanked everyone for the success of Fall 2018 Welcome Week, specifically Senator Thu and Finance Director Topete Eng Goon for their coordination of the two-day event. She also thanked Vice Chair Paing for packing the majority of the gift bags that were distributed to students during the event.

Senator King suggested holding a meeting that would go over the logistics of future events to minimize any confusion. In the future, an item on the Senate meeting agenda would be solely dedicated towards any event that may take place during that week.

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon reaffirmed Senator King's concerns, also stating that, under some circumstances, the best the group could do was improvise. Ms. Topete Eng Goon also reminded the Senate that they could not take any of the food while actively volunteering and serving it. For future events, volunteers would have a portion set aside for them that they could take after they finish their shifts.

Senator Thu expressed her happiness for the success of the event. She also cited issues with getting the game truck on campus.

EVENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled for a future ASCSM Senate meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- ASCSM Budget Update
- ASCSM Goals 2018-19
- Review of Health Codes for Events
- Presentation on Guided Pathways
- Presentation on CSM Educational Master Plan & Five-in-Five Initiatives

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m. by Senator Langi; seconded by Senator Gaines. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary