



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, November 26, 2018

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 John Burright; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Student Trustee Gabriela Topete Eng Goon; Senators Jose Barajas, Max Gaines, Nuri Illini, Dorian King, Stephen Langi, Hadifa Dinda Miqailla, Joseph Park, Ashley Perrilliat, Szymon Ryng, Rosemarie Taylor, April (Youn) Thu, Vitor Viana, and Andrew Young.

Members Absent: Senator Enya Nava.

Advisors Present: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 5, 2018, meeting by Senator Young; seconded by Senator Thu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

President Bathai reported that she had attended the District Student Council meeting on Nov. 9. The group discussed several issues, including student housing concerns. Cañada is currently exploring ways to address this challenge. Ms. Bathai also reported that the Districtwide Mixer will take place on Friday, January 25, at 2 p.m. here at CSM. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan the mixer should contact President Bathai, Vice President Giari, or Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon. Finally, following up on the campus closures due to the unhealthy air quality, President Bathai let the Senate know that she had been in contact with CSM President Claire and SMCCCD Chancellor Galotolo regarding the concerns students had with the colleges being open on Monday, Nov. 19. The College and District administration were both aware of the student-generated petition that was started to close the campuses, and the voice of the students was taken very seriously in the considerations whether or not to remain open.

Vice President Giari reported that she had attended the Institutional Planning Committee meeting on Nov. 7. At that meeting, the group began assessing the Program Reviews submitted by the college departments and programs. Following up on President Bathai's DSC report, Ms. Giari added that the group also discussed transportation issues, particularly the possibility of establishing a shuttle between the three campuses. The council also briefly touched on the Chancellor's proposed free meal initiative.

Finance Director Burrig reported that the Finance Committee of IPC recently held its first meeting. The mission of the Finance Committee is to create more transparency around the College budget so that anyone can see how funds are being allocated and spent. The group will also be looking at budget and economic trends and settings forecasts for a few years out. In order to start this process, the committee is discussing holding an all-college meeting focused on the budget during an upcoming Flex Day.

Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon reported that the Board of Trustees held a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14. At that meeting, the Board approved the revisions to the Policies and Procedures that were recommended by the District. Ms. Topete Eng Goon also reported that Trustee Tom Mohr had lost his re-election bid, and that the Wednesday, Dec. 12, Board meeting will be dedicated to him as a special tribute.

Senator Ahmad reported that she had attended the Distance Education Committee meeting. The group discussed the single sign-on system for Canvas, WebSMART, and other District online services. Students can opt-in during the testing phase using a link at the bottom of the SMCCCD Canvas page.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reported that Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer's daughter, Maia Abigail Schaefer, was born on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 17. Mother and child are doing well, and Mr. Schaefer sends his thanks for all of the congratulations sent by the Senate. Following up on President Bathai's statements regarding the campus closures, Mr. Hamadeh noted that there is no rule or policy that outlines when a campus should be closed due to poor air quality. The College and District administration were using the threshold of 150 as the cut-off for when the campuses would be closed. In order to address any rumors, Mr. Hamadeh stated that the administration has already communicated that the semester would not be extended to make up for the days lost due to the closures. Faculty have been asked to take into account the impact of the lost days to students' academic work, but it will ultimately be up to each faculty member to decide how address the lost instruction time. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh noted that due to the recent rains, ants have started to find their way in the Student Life and Associated Students areas in Building 12. He reminded folks not to leave any food or other items that may attract ants out in the ASCSM Office.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Bathai made the following appointments:

- Vice President Giari and Senators Nava and Perrilliat to the PR Team.  
Motion to approve by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Young. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

## **DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS**

### *Camp Fire Donation Drive*

Senator Taylor reported that this event had started out as the De-Stress Event, but due to the fires and some complications getting supplies for the original event, it was shifted to a fundraising drive for victims of the Camp Fire. The turnout of volunteers and donations was excellent. Senator Thu noted that the group should reach out to professors that require service hours in their classes, such as Prof. Rudy Ramirez, for student volunteers.

### *SparkPoint Grand Opening*

Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon reported that the SparkPoint grand opening event had gone well. She thanked everyone who volunteered at the event and noted that there was quite a bit of student and community participation. Following up on the previous item, Ms. Topete Eng Goon reported to the Board that the A.S. had started fundraising donations for fire victims, and the Board was very impressed by the group's efforts. Vice President Giari stated that she was impressed by the number and variety of the community services that were at the SparkPoint event.

## **FUNDING FOR SEND SILENCE PACKING EVENT**

On behalf of the Personal Counseling and Wellness program, Mr. Hamadeh stated that the Send Silence Packing event is intended to raise awareness of the number of suicides that take place among college students every year. The event is an exhibit of backpacks and personal stories from individuals who have lost loved ones to suicide. The Personal Wellness

and Counseling program would like to bring the exhibit to campus in April 2019. So far, the program has secured funding for the exhibit from a District grant and the Diversity in Action Group. The A.S. is being asked to fund the remaining balance.

Motion to approve allocating \$1,750.00 from the College Program Assistance account (5032) to support the Send Silence Packing event by Senator King; seconded by Senator Langi. The motion carried with 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

#### **FUNDING FOR EOPS AWARENESS DAY**

A representative from the EOPS Club explained that the event is a way to draw attention to the benefits of the EOPS program on campus. It will provide an opportunity to promote the program and encourage students to sign up for next semester. Due to the campus closures, it was noted that the event date has been changed to Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Motion to approve allocating \$300.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) for EOPS Awareness Day by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Taylor. The motion carried with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

#### **FUNDING FOR OPEN MIC NIGHT AND LABYRINTH COVER LAUNCH**

On behalf of the Creative Writing Club, a representative explained that the event would be a joint ventured between Creative Writing and Writers' Project. It would be an opportunity for the two groups to share creative works on campus and showcase the next cover for The Labyrinth. It was noted that, due to the campus closures, the date of the event had changed to Wednesday, Dec. 5, instead of Thursday, Nov. 29, as stated on the proposal form.

Motion to approve allocating \$700.00 from the Club Assistance account (5031) to the Creative Writing Club for the Open Mic Night and Labyrinth Cover Launch by Senator Young; seconded by Senator Barajas.

President Bathai noted how pleased she was to see two clubs working together, particularly Creative Writing Club and the Writers' Project, especially on an event like this. Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon, who is involved with both groups, stated that it was a way for the groups to split responsibilities for the event while also bringing greater exposure to each club.

After this discussion, the motion carried with 14 voting in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

#### **FUNDING FOR OPEN MIC NIGHT AND LABYRINTH COVER LAUNCH**

On behalf of the Writers' Project, Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon echoed much of what was said regarding the prior proposal. Mr. Hamadeh noted that clubs may present joint events this way, but that the Senate must consider each proposal separately. Ms. Topete Eng Goon noted that the decorations budget for the event was significant due to the quality of the blow-up prints of the Labyrinth covers.

Motion to approve allocating \$700.00 from the Club Assistance account (5031) to Writers' Project for the Open Mic Night and Labyrinth Cover Launch by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Thu. The motion carried with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

#### **DONATION FOR FIRE RELIEF SUPPORT**

Mr. Hamadeh stated that the Senate had already raised almost \$1,300.00 just from asking for donations from the campus community. The proposal would provide matching funds up to \$1,500.00, in addition to a donation of \$1,500.00. The total potential donation from ASCSM is \$4,500.00. The funds will go to groups that are directly helping the victims of the Camp Fire, particularly students of Butte College.

Motion to approve allocating up to \$1,500.00 in matching funds and \$1,500.00 in donations from the Programs account (5150) for the victims of the Camp Fire by Senator Barajas; seconded by Senator Langi. The motion carried with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

### **FUNDING FOR RELAXATION WEEK**

Relaxation Week, which will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 4, and Wednesday, Dec. 5, is an opportunity for students to take a break before the start of finals. The Programming Board is planning to have the video game truck on campus, give out free food, and distribute free ScanTrons and Blue Books. Senator King recommended that the group also continue to accept fire relief donations during the event.

Motion to approve allocating \$8,000.00 from the Programming account (5150) for the Fall 2018 Relaxation Week by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. The motion carried with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

### **FUNDING FOR SPRING 2019 REBOOT WEEK**

The Programming Board has just started to make plans for the Spring 2019 Reboot Week event. However, given that Winter Recess is coming up, the group needs to be able to make arrangements and have agreements processed prior to the break. Reboot Week, which is similar to Welcome Week in the fall, will be an opportunity for students to come back to the campus with games and free food.

Motion to approve allocating \$10,000.00 from the Programming account (5150) for the Spring 2019 Reboot Week by Senator King; seconded by Senator Young. The motion carried with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

### **CHANCELLOR'S STUDENT MEAL PLAN PROPOSAL**

President Bathai, Vice President Giari, Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon, and Mr. Hamadeh explained that the District Chancellor had approached District Student Council with the idea of establishing a student meal plan at the Colleges. The program, which would be open to students based on need, would provide funds to students on a daily basis to purchase meals from the campus food service. Funds would be loaded on an upgraded Student ID Card outfitted with RFID or similar technology. In order to facilitate this program, the Chancellor has asked the Associated Students groups at each campus to consider waiving the Student Body Fee for eligible students. While hunger is a serious issue that is facing students, there was concern regarding the lack of a definition for eligibility. There was also concern that the program had the potential to balloon and become unsustainable given the possible impact on the A.S. budget. President Bathai and Vice President Giari will take the Senate's concerns back to the next DSC meeting for discussion.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF PR MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Members of the PR Management Team were appointed under the Appointments portion of today's agenda, therefore this item is unnecessary.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items were suggested for a future Senate meeting agenda:

- Budget Update

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

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m. by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Taylor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh  
Student Life and Leadership Assistant