



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, January 28, 2019, 2:17 p.m.

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

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Mondana Bathai; Vice President Georgia Giari; Finance Director John Burrright; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, Max Gaines, Candela Graciarena, Nuri Illini, Dorian King, Stephen Langi, Taiye Martin, Enya Nava, Ashley Perrilliat, Szymon Ryng, & Vitor Viana; Student Trustee Gaby Topete Eng Goon.

Members Absent: Senators Joseph Park & Andrew Young (*excused, attending CAC*).

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

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Langi; 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, December 3, 2018 meeting by Senator King; seconded by Senator Gaines. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

President Bathai welcomed the Senate back for the spring semester, hoping that everyone had a great break. Ms. Bathai indicated that plans for new furniture in Building 10 would be presented to the Senate at a future meeting. She also stated that construction on Building 17 had begun, and that a series of meetings to discuss the building's new layout would commence.

Vice President Giari recalled her attendance of the recent Institutional Planning Committee meeting, where College President Mike Claire discussed the College's decision matrix, as well as the philosophy of participatory governance.

Finance Director Burrright told the Senate that the College's Finance Committee would try to be more transparent about the College's budget to the campus community and public; parameters on the function of the Finance Committee would be doing will be set in the future. Overall, the committee will oversee CSM's budget and determine whether or not the College will be able to hire more full-time faculty positions. Mr. Burrright noted that the District Finance Committee was undergoing transition in leadership, and would be in charge of similar decisions regarding the District's budget.

Vice Chair Paing announced that the Inter Club Council would be meeting the following Wednesday and reminded members to get clubs to turn in their paperwork. Mr. Paing reported that this semester's Club Fair would take place on February 19 and 20.

Student Trustee Topete Eng Goon recounted the last two District Board of Trustees meetings, noting that Building 20, which had been in litigation for some time, would now be turned into an extension of Building 19, as well as a parking lot;

this change would be met gradually over time. Ms. Topete Eng Goon also remarked that the District was looking into the legal options for future military recruitment on campus due to the country's new ban on transgender peoples' service in the armed forces.

Senator King reported that the Center for Academic Excellence Committee had discussed future plans for this semester's professional development days. Ms. King expressed concern over some of the committee's reluctance to participate during these professional development days due to their importance to students' wellbeing.

Senator Nava reminded the Senate that Reboot Week would take place the following Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by a night event on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A SignUpGenius would be sent to the Senate later that evening. Ms. Nava told the Senate that Maggie from the Child Development Center had conveyed interest in having the Senate visit the children again.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh encouraged the Senate to remain active in their ASCSM duties, noting that the semester would go by quickly. Mr. Hamadeh urged Senators to let him and President Bathai know whether their current participatory governance committee assignments would need to be moved around. He told the Senate that Advisor Schaefer would still be on paternity leave until mid-February. Advisor Hamadeh reminded the Senate that they were required to have at least 6 units (majority) enrolled at CSM, 50% class completion rate, and a 2.0 GPA to maintain their positions. He stressed the importance of helping out during Reboot Week due its opportunities for recruiting Board members.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Bathai made the following appointments:

- Senators Nava & Perrilliat as Programming Board Co-Chairs  
Motion to approve the appointment by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Illini. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Candela Graciarena & Taiye Martin to the Senate  
Motion to approve the appointment by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.
- Senator Martin to Cultural Awareness Board  
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Gaines. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

None.

## **DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS**

President Bathai fondly recalled the recent ASCSM Winter Leadership Retreat at Bishop's Ranch, stating that it had been the best retreat she has attended during her time here. Advisor Hamadeh echoed this notion, indicating that there was a significant amount of personal development, sharing, and bonding.

## **FUNDING FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING**

Gwendolyn Kenny from the Umoja Program attended the Senate meeting to request funds for the upcoming Black History Month Event. Throughout the month of February, the program will be putting on a series of educational events, including an opening event, a poetry and spoken word event, a film series, and Vegan Soul food event. The purpose of Black History Month is to educate the campus community on pertinent issues of African diaspora, social justice, culture and history. Ms. Kenny stated that the lineup for this month's event would match most class schedules, allowing for professors

to have their students attend. She also noted that the selection of Vegan Soul for catering reflected a stark contrast in the diets of black Americans and other people of color compared to those of more privileged upbringing. President Bathai expressed concern over the timing of the funding request, as well as the blurred lines between the involvement of the Umoja Program and club for the event, since these funds could be utilized for Cultural Awareness Board's events, as well. Ms. Kenny acknowledged these concerns and remarked that, with the shift in coordination for Umoja, it was difficult to put together the schedule of events; she indicated that, in the future, more work and time would be put into efficiently planning Black History Month. She also stated that the option to integrate Black History Month planning into certain classes would be brought to fruition, and that this event would mainly be supported by students.

Motion to approve \$4,150.00 from the 5050 Ethnic & Cultural Affairs to fund Black History Month Programming by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CAREER SERVICES "FALL IN LOVE WITH A CAREER" DAY**

Christine Siu from the Career Services Department and International Education Program requested funding for ASCSM's co-sponsorship of "Fall in Love With a Career Day," which will take place on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to explore different career paths based on what inspires them. This event will include a panel of CSM alumni from different career areas, as well as keynote speaker, George Anders; Mr. Anders will discuss the importance of following one's passions regardless of their chosen major. This event will be in the Bayview Dining Room in Building 10. The alumni panel will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the keynote will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Motion to approve \$500.00 from the 5032 College Program Assistance Account to fund the co-sponsorship of "Fall in Love With a Career Day" by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Nava. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **FUNDING FOR ASCSM WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVOCACY TRIP**

The Advocacy Board will be taking a trip to Washington, D.C. to lobby and advocate to lawmakers and their aids from March 15 to 19. Funding will be taken from the Student Representation Trust to cover the airfare, lodging, and meals of eight students and one advisor, Mr. Schaefer. The Board will identify bills to be taken to D.C., practice lobbying, and conduct research on the bills they will bring. Additional funds were included in the request to account for possible travel emergencies.

Motion to approve \$15,000.00 from the Student Representation Trust by Senator Martin; seconded by Senator Ryng. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **ADOPTION OF TIMELINES FOR SPRING 2019 STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE & ASCSM GENERAL ELECTIONS**

The Senate reviewed both schedules for CSM's nomination of District Student Trustee, as well as ASCSM's upcoming General Election. Filing for the election of Student Trustee Nominee will begin on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the mandatory candidates' meeting for those interested in running will take place on March 15, campaigning will commence on March 18<sup>th</sup> with polls opened from March 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> and results posted on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Filing for the ASCSM General Election will begin on April 8<sup>th</sup>, the mandatory candidates' meeting will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup>, campaigning will commence on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with polls opened from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> and results posted on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to approve the timelines for CSM's Student Trustee Nominee and the ASCSM General Election by Senator Taylor; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSIONS FOR SPRING 2019 STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE ELECTION & ASCSM GENERAL ELECTION**

Advisor Hamadeh discussed the function of the ASCSM Election Commission; their role is to oversee any complaints put forward during the election period. The Commission will make rulings on incidents, with the final decision going to Advisor Schaefer. Members of the Election Commission cannot campaign on behalf of any candidates. Volunteers for the Election Commission that will be headed by Vice President Giari included President Bathai, Vice Chair Paing, Secretary Chavez, and Senators King and Langi.

Motion to approve the establishment of the ASCSM Election Commission by Senator Taylor; seconded by Senator Martin. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### **REVIEW OF COLLEGE DECISION MATRIX**

The Senate reviewed a matrix outlining the processes of crucial decision-making for the College, beginning with recommendations/decisions/tasks, to origination, to discussion/review/coordination, to final participatory governancy decisions, all the way up to final recommendations to the College President, Chancellor, and/or Board. These decisions will pertain to different plans, agendas, institutional planning and initiatives, hiring, resource allocation, curriculum and academic policies, and other areas.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Funding for 32<sup>nd</sup> CSM Art & Science Presentation
- Funding for Allan R. Brown Award
- Funding for Transfer Tribute Ceremony
- ASCSM Budget Update
- ASCSM Goal Review 2018-19
- SMCCD District Mixer

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

Vice President Giari encouraged the Senate to promote the upcoming Reboot Week event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 by Senator Taylor; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez  
ASCSM Secretary