



Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, June 11, 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.

SWEARING IN

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh administered the ASCSM Oath of Office to the members of the 2018-19 ASCSM Senate. Afterwards, Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer asked the members of the Senate to introduce themselves.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice President Georgia Giari; Finance Director Gabriela Topete Eng Goon; Senators John Burright, Vitor Gabriel de Oliveira Viana, Max Gaines, Dorian King, Sitt Paing, Joseph Park, Ashley Perrilliat, Szymon Ryng, Rosemarie Taylor, Youn Thu, Andrew Young.

Members Absent: President Mondana Bathai; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senator Enya Nava.

Members On Leave: Senators Nuri Illini Ahmad, Nicol Garcia Laura, Stephen Langi, Hadifa Miqailla.

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 Paing; seconded by Senator Thu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, May 7, 2018 meeting by Senator Paing; seconded by Senator Thu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Mr. Schaefer stated that President Bathai is currently traveling out of the country. She will be joining the Senate at its next meeting.

Vice President Giari welcomed the 2018-19 ASCSM Senate and expressed her enthusiasm to work with the group over the next year.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer welcomed the 2018-19 ASCSM Senate. He stated that he and Mr. Hamadeh would be doing a lot of talking at the first few meetings, but that would taper off as the year progressed. Mr. Schaefer explained that the Student Senate has unique role in governance at the College in that the state Education Code mandates that students be involved with the College's decision-making process. Students bring a fresh voice to the table and oftentimes spur faculty, staff, and administrators to think outside the box. Students are considered equal partners at the table, and if there is ever an issue where you as a student representative feel sidelined or otherwise ignored, please reach out to Mr. Hamadeh or Mr. Schaefer so it can be addressed. However, Mr. Schaefer reminded the group that their

most important role on campus is being a student, and that they should not put student government or anything else above their academics. Mr. Schaefer continued that the success of the group will hinge greatly on everyone's commitment, communication, and ability to support one another. Finally, Mr. Schaefer reminded the group that he and Mr. Hamadeh are available to provide advice and support to members of the Senate. Anything that you may share with either Mr. Schaefer or Mr. Hamadeh is considered confidential, unless you share information that indicates you are a danger to yourself or others as College staff are mandated reporters.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh also welcomed members of the 2018-19 ASCSM Senate and echoed much of what Mr. Schaefer already stated. He indicated that members of the Senate have access to the ASCSM Office located in Building 12, Room 213. Members may check out keys to access the office directly from the doors in the hallway. The room is available during the College's normal operating hours. Access is not available on the weekends, on holidays, or at any time that classes are not in session. Mr. Hamadeh also stated that members of the Senate may check out a locker space in the ASCSM Office, but they should not claim a locker without speaking with Mr. Hamadeh to avoid confusion. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh pointed out that a microwave and mini-refrigerator are available in the ASCSM Office. However, it is the Senate's responsibility to keep both clean. Both are subject to removal if this responsibility is not fulfilled.

APPOINTMENTS

On behalf of President Bathai, Vice President Giari made the following appointments:

- Senator Youn Thu as Chair of the ASCSM Programming Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Taylor. By a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.
- Senator Andrew Young as Chair of the ASCSM Advocacy Board
Motion to approve by Senator Paing; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

Mr. Schaefer reminded the group that the position of Cultural Awareness Board Chair is still available. Anyone interested in this role should contact President Bathai.

ASCSM SUMMER LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh informed the group that the annual ASCSM Summer Leadership Retreat would take place between Friday, Aug. 24, and Sunday, Aug. 26. This is a departure from past practice in that the retreat will take place after the fall semester begins. This is because of scheduling and site availability. The retreat will be held at the Granlibakken retreat near Lake Tahoe. All expenses, including transportation, lodging, and food, will be covered by the Associated Students. Every member of the Senate is encouraged and expected to attend.

REVIEW OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh provided the group with an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act and parliamentary procedure. Regarding the Brown Act, the law's open and public meeting guidelines, posting mandates, and other requirements were reviewed. For parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order and the efficient use of parliamentary language were discussed.

OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Due to time constraints, Mr. Schaefer requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Overview of the Role and Function of Student Government
- Funding for Summer Event
- Election of Vice Chair

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. by Senator Young; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant