



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 12, 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 Colby Riley; Vice President Katrina Relos; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, Mondana Bathai, Fatima Briones, Max Gaines, Natalia Gomez Torres, Andreas Langenbacher, Yimin Li, Aaron Meneses, April (Youn) Thu, & Gabriela Topete Eng Goon.

Members Absent: Senators Claire (Linfang) Liu, Farid Qobti, & Mandy (Yaxuan) Wang.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Topete Eng Goon; seconded by Senator Bathai. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 5, 2018 meeting by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Briones. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Riley thanked everyone for their hard work during the beginning of the semester; he also encouraged members of the Senate to support Umoja's Black History Month events. Mr. Riley recalled a very poignant film that was screened for the event, and hoped that others would be able to attend other similar events during the month.

Vice Chair Paing reported that the Writers' Project was postponing submissions for a while; the new deadline for submissions is March 16th. Anyone interested in submitting their creative work was encouraged to do so. Mr. Paing told the Senate that the Inter Club Council had elected Cami del Rio from Psychology Club as their Vice Chair, and also reminded Senators that Club Fair would take place that week; the Spring 2018 Club Fair would be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th, and Thursday, February 15th. The deadline for clubs to register to partake in the event would be Tuesday, February 13th.

Secretary Chavez announced that filing for CSM Student Trustee Nominee candidates had begun; election packets for anyone who interested in running needed to be picked up at the Center for Student Life. Mr. Chavez reported that the Sustainability Committee would hold their meetings on the second and last Wednesdays of each month, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in City View Conference Room. He also reported that Botany Club had started to meet, and that the club was doing research on various native plants that could be grown on campus. Lastly, Mr. Chavez reminded Senators that both Friday, February 16th, and Monday, February 19th, were holidays, so class would not be in session; thus, there would be no Senate meeting the following week.

Senator Briones promoted the International Student Office's upcoming annual photo contest in March; she requested that individuals join if they were interested, and help spread word about the contest to others.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer indicated that, because of the four-day weekend, the next Senate meeting would take place in two weeks, on February 26th; he emphasized that attendance was particularly important at the next meeting. A report on the recent study on campus safety will be brought to the Senate.

APPOINTMENTS

President Riley made the following appointments:

Simon Ring to Advocacy Board

Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Briones; seconded by Senator Langenbacher. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

On behalf of the Advocacy Board, Senator Topete Eng Goon presented the following legislative bill and recommendation:

- **H.R. 4585 — Save Net Neutrality Act of 2017**

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the Federal Communications Commission's recent decision to revoke net neutrality. This will uphold the protection of equal internet access and prevent internet service providers from charging extra fees to promote certain websites over others. The Advocacy Board agreed that this bill would help enable a free and open internet that is necessary for information, academics, and other aspects that involve the lives of students.

Recommendation from Advocacy Board: Support

Motion to support H.R. 4585, Save Net Neutrality Act of 2017, by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Thu. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR SPRING 2018 WORLD GALA EVENT BY INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

For the past few years, the International Education Program has put on the popular World Gala during the spring semester, showcasing the diversity and uniqueness of cultures on campus. The event also highlights a number of international issues that the community may not be aware of, and exhibits a variety of performances, foods, and other activities originating from different backgrounds. The World Gala, which will be held in Building 10 on the evening of Friday, April 27th, 2018, will be free for CSM students and \$10.00 for others; food at the event will be free for those who bring their student ID's.

Due to last year's drastic increase in attendance at the World Gala, it is expected that more individuals will come to the event this April. Because of this, the International Education Office has requested more funds to cover catering, decorations, supplies, and a number of other activities.

A total of \$4,800.00 from the 5032 College Program Assistance Account was proposed to fund the event.

Motion to approve \$4,800.00 to fund the International Education Program's World Gala event by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR ARCHITECTURE CLUB SUPPORT FUNDS

Due to the absence of a representative from Architecture Club, this item was tabled for a future ASCSM Senate meeting.

FUNDING FOR WORLD CHAT DAYS BY GLOBAL EXPLORERS CLUB

This semester, the Global Explorers Club will be sponsoring several World Chat events on February 28th, March 7th, and March 14th, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m; these World Chat Days will be, respectively, on Malay, Korean, and Portuguese languages and cultures. Each day, the Global Explorers club will provide different snacks from each country for attendees and presenters.

A total of \$400.00 from the 5031 Club Assistance Account was proposed to cover catering and utensils for the Global Explorers Club's World Chat Days.

Motion to approve \$400.00 to fund the purchase of utensils and food for Global Explorers Club's World Chat events by Senator Bathai; seconded by Senator Barajas. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM FEMINISM WEEK

From March 13th to March 15th, the ASCSM Cultural Awareness Board will be putting on a Feminism Week, highlighting various issues of women's rights. One of the goals of this three-day event will be to promote the Cultural Awareness Board for potential members. Tuesday will focus on education of different aspects of sex and sexuality, Wednesday, a Janaya Khan, a founder of the Black Lives Matter movement in Canada, will come to speak on campus along with hopefully other female speakers in different professional areas, and on Thursday, the focus will be on transgender awareness. Various educational opportunities, tables, and food will be served throughout the event.

A total of \$16,200.00 to cover food, speaker(s), and other supplies for Feminism Week was proposed to be taken out of the 5050 Ethnic and Cultural Affairs Account.

Motion to approve \$16,200.00 to fund ASCSM's Feminism Week by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Meneses. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

COLLEGE MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES STATEMENT(S)

A draft of the college's mission statement, along with statements of its values and visions was presented to the Senate for discussion and approval. A new mission statement for the college was drafted to better emulate the college's current state, rather than simply covering the requirements of accreditation and other slightly vague goals; the new statement also aimed to be more aspirational. Along with the updated mission statement of the college, a draft of various visions and values were also presented to the Senate. To better capture the scope of the mission statement, four of the college's visions and values (equity, academics, community, and governance) were explained in an accompanying statement. Each of these ideals were included to give more context to the mission statement.

After reviewing both documents, the Senate approved the college's updated mission, vision, and values statements by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

CAMPUS SYLLABUS STATEMENT ON EQUITY

A statement on equity to be included on class syllabi was explained by President Riley. To illustrate the importance of equity to students, and to demonstrate that they would not be discriminated against, or denied equal access to resources they needed for success, a statement presented by faculty to their classes may be presented in each syllabus. Mr. Riley indicated, however, that after presenting a draft of the statement to administration and faculty, it was met with quite a bit of contention. Many faculty members felt that the statement threatened their freedom to educate in ways they saw fit and challenged it.

Members of the Senate agreed about its importance to the wellbeing of students, not just as a statement, but as a promise of giving students equal opportunity and tools to excel. Advisors Schaefer and Hamadeh noted that, for the college as a whole, the retention rate was 72%; when accounting for people of color, that rate was reduced to 30%, thus highlighting the difference in success. This statement will address ways to bridge that gap, and hopefully list resources that students may turn to when they feel that their teachers fail to provide equitable environments in the classroom.

Aside from helping faculty members understand the imperativeness of this statement, another suggestion was to make it more concise.

EXPANSION OF ASCSM OUTREACH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

President Riley noted that, this year, overall participation from the Senate has not met expectations. To ameliorate this issue, the possibility of setting a requirement to table, recruit, and promote for ASCSM was discussed. The option of having Senate office hours was also brought up, as well. Another crucial issue that was brought up included the scarce

committee reports from members of the Senate. Advisor Schaefer emphasized the importance of attending and reporting on participatory governance committee meetings as required by their Senator roles.

Should any issues arise that prevent members from tending to their duties as Senators, including volunteering for events or attending committee meetings, such issues needed to be communicated to President Riley, Vice President Relos, or either advisor.

FUNDING FOR ALLAN R. BROWN AWARD

The Allan R. Brown Award is a scholarship that recognizes six students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and involvement on campus and off campus. Nominations may be made by any member of the campus community and will be reviewed by a committee; the selected candidates will be recognized at CSM's Scholarship Awards Convocation this May. Each awardee will receive a grant up to \$500.00 each.

A total of \$3,000.00 to fund the Allan R. Brown Award for six recipients was proposed to be taken out of the 5010 Awards and Scholarships Account.

Motion to approve \$3,000.00 to fund the Allan R. Brown Award by Senator Meneses; seconded by Senator Bathai. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Southern California University Tour by Transfer Club
- Funding for Stanford University Clinical Anatomy Lab Tour by Medical Scholars Club
- Funding for Robotics Supplies by Robotics Club
- Funding for *Labyrinth* Reception by the Writers' Project
- Funding for ASCSM Power of Words Event
- Report on Campus Safety
- Study of CSM Educational Master Plan

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Bathai reminded members to RSVP for the upcoming Board Mixer on March 8th, at Gyu Kaku in San Mateo.

President Riley told members to forward names of potential Finance Directors to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Thu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,
Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary