



ASCSM Student Senate Meeting Minutes

(Unapproved)

Monday, April 24, 2006
2:15 p.m.
College of San Mateo, Building 5, Gallery Room

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 p.m.

Members in Attendance

President Mario A. Medina; Vice President Karina Orocio; Secretary Yasha Rezaeihaghghi; Finance Director Dima Khudari; Senators Julieth Cifuentes, Leila Hajkazemshirazi, Sylvia Hie, Tonia A. Lovrin, John Majoubi, Deborshi Mondle, Hugo Mora, Alvaro Pirir, Sandra Rivera, Harry Simms,.

Associates in Attendance

Associate Tony Arteaga.

Student Activities Office (SAO) Staff in Attendance

Steve Robison, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities.

Visitors

Sharon Bartels, RN, CSM Health Services Coordinator; Noe C. Chavez, Co-President, CSM Business Club; Kalon Forrest, CSM Student; Miah Kim; CSM Student; Ella Powers, CSM Student.

Members Absent

Information unavailable.

Student Activities Office (SAO) Staff Absent

Fauzi Hamadeh, ASCSM Program Assistant.

Approval of the Agenda

Hearing no objections, the Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Simms motioned and Senator Majoubi seconded approving the Minutes of the Monday, March 6, 2006, meeting. Hearing no objections, the Minutes were approved.

Senator Simms motioned and Senator Majoubi motioned to approve the Minutes of the Monday, March 13, 2006, meeting. Hearing no objections, the Minutes were approved.

Approval of the Minutes (continued)

Senator Rivera motioned and Senator Mondle seconded to approve the Minutes of Monday, March 20, 2006, with the corrections of adding “Durhan” to the Funding for Raza Day item (page 4), adding that the Student Senate recessed at 3:50 p.m. to attend the open forum with State Chancellor Drummond (page 4), and adding that the Student Senate returned at 4:28 p.m. to adjourn the meeting (page 4). Hearing no objections, the Minutes were approved as amended.

Finance Director Khudari motioned and Senator Simms seconded tabling the approval of the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, March 27, 2006. Hearing no objections, approval of the Minutes was tabled.

Senator Simms motioned and Senator Mondle seconded approving the Minutes of Monday, April 17, 2006, with the corrections of Senator Simms being the maker of the motion and Senator Rezaeihaghghi being the maker of the second under Item D, State Student Senate General Assembly Conference (page 5) and the additional correction of the vote being 12 in favor, 2, opposed, and 0 abstaining. Hearing no objections, the Minutes were approved as amended.

Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Sharon Bartels, RN, Coordinator of the CSM Health Services, provided the Student Senate with a breakdown of expenses for the CSM Health Fair. The event cost a total of \$11,234.55, with \$4,000 of that total being covered by the Student Senate. Ms. Bartels stated that she was very satisfied with the outcome of this year’s Health Fair, and that attendees seem more engaged than in previous years. said that she was very satisfied with the outcome of it. Thanks to the Student Senate, a total of 75 cholesterol tests were done for students. In contrast, only one staff member paid the \$15 required to cover the test. Ms. Bartels emphasized that this fact showed how the Student Senate helped to remove a barrier for students.

Ms. Bartels again thanked the Student Senate for all the support. She also reported that a part-time health educator would be hired in the fall. Finally, Ms. Bartels said that anyone with questions could contact her personally.

Special Presentations

None.

Senator Simms motioned to move Unfinished Business Item B-1, U.S. Congressional District 12 Debate (Business Club), to before Executive Reports. This motion was seconded by Senator Mondle. Hearing no objections, the Agenda was amended.

New Business

Item B: Items Forwarded by the Inter Club Council (ICC)

Item 1: U.S. Congressional District 12 Debate – Business Club

Noe Chavez, co-President of the CSM Business Club, introduced this item. He said that the club is spending a total of \$1,800 on the debate. The clubs has purchased five (5) permanent

New Business (continued)

Item B: Items Forwarded by the Inter Club Council (ICC) (continued)

Item 1: U.S. Congressional District 12 Debate – Business Club (continued)

banners at a cost of \$140 each, plus shipping. Mr. Chavez said that the banners they bought can be used in the future.

Vice President Orocio mentioned that the Senate can not reimburse for items that have already been purchased, but that funds from the Senate can be used for future expenses related to the event. Senator Majoubi stated that there is support for the event, but because of the A.S. budget is so tight, information regarding the necessity of each item would be helpful. The Business Club indicated the funds are needed for refreshments.

President Medina stated that he understood the group's point about a lack of support. Mr. Medina also said that he was interested in the impact the debate will have on the students at CSM. Mr. Chavez said that the voices of students are not usually heard in the political arena, and that this would be an opportunity for students to bring concerns to political leaders. The debate is scheduled for next Monday (May 1).

Senator Majoubi indicated that amount of the proposal had been cut from \$1,600 to \$908.45 at ICC. There were some clarifying questions about how the budget looks. Mr. Robison indicated that the Senate has enough money to cover the expenses for this event as well as the potential "Taste of Culture" event that the Multicultural Club has been discussing. After that, however, there will be no funds left for the remainder of the semester.

Senator Cabrera said that the group had already gone to ICC, where the proposal was approved. Now the group is coming to the Senate, where they waited to see if there was money available.

Senator Simms called the question Hearing no objections, the item was taken to a vote. The motion to approve \$908.45 for the Business Club political debate, coming from ICC (#5175) passed with 8 in favor, 4 against, and 2 abstaining.

After the conclusion of the preceding item, Associate Arteaga indicated that appropriate language should be used during the discussion of items.

At 3:25 p.m., Senator Khudari motioned to recess for 15 minutes. Hearing no objections, the Senate recessed for 15 minutes.

Executive Reports

President Mario A. Medina reported that as part of the CSM for Service event, Bev Madden recognized the hard work and volunteer time of the Student Senate over the past year. As part of that recognition, the ASCSM was presented with an award, and the group's volunteer hours will be recognized nationally. Finally, Mr. Medina wished everyone good luck with Spring Fling and good luck during the upcoming A.S. elections.

Executive Reports (continued)

Vice President Karina Orocio had no report.

Finance Director Dima Khudari reported that she attended the last CSM Academic Senate meeting. The group was unable to reach quorum so they couldn't hold a meeting. Ms. Khudari encouraged members of the Student Senate to attend the Academic Senate meeting in Building 18, Room 206 tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. She also encouraged members of the Student Senate to attend the upcoming District Shared Governance Council (DSGC) meeting.

Secretary Rezaeihaghghi thanked Finance Director Khudari and Senators Pirir and Simms for their assistance during the Get Linked Career & Volunteer Fair. Ms. Rezaeihaghghi reported that the table was a great way to raise the visibility of the Student Senate, and that a lot of students were informed about the ASCSM. Finally, Secretary Rezaeihaghghi encouraged everyone to volunteer during Spring Fling.

Senator Reports

Senator Cifuentes reported that the next issue of *The Verb* would be available next Wednesday.

Senator Majoubi asked the members of the Student Senate to promote the upcoming Spring Fling event, especially in the academic sections of the campus, preferably during classes.

Senator Cabrera stated that the Student Senate needed a new barbecue because the old one is broken.

Advisor Reports

In response to Senator Cabrera's statement regarding the barbecue, **Steve Robison, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities**, stated that no group had done an event that required the barbecue since it had broken, so that's why one had not yet been purchased.

Mr. Robison reminded the Student Senate that Gary Dilley, CSM Dean of Athletics, is retiring, and that his retirement reception was occurring at this time in Building 18.

Mr. Robison also requested that members of the Senate arrive as early as possible tomorrow (Tuesday) morning to assist with setup for Spring Fling.

This Friday at 2 p.m. there will be a Region 3 meeting at _____.

Mr. Robison mentioned that he had the opportunity to attend the Literary Society's Poetry Slam in the Theatre, and that the event was excellent.

Finally, Mr. Robison asked that Senate members attending the State Student Senate General Assembly conference fill out the necessary paperwork at return it to him prior to the end of today's meeting.

Vice President Karina Orocio thanked everyone for their support of Raza Day.

Unfinished Business

Item A: Appointments.

President Medina appointed Kalon Forrest to the position of Associate. Hearing no objections, the appointment was approved.

New Business

Item A: Budget Action – Stage 2.0 ACSM Student Senate Budget

Mr. Robison said that the Finance & Administration committee should go through the budget and send their suggestions to the Senate. Since the District no longer requires students to pay their fee balance from previous semesters before registering, there is less money coming into the Student Senate from Student Body Fees.

Item B: Items Forwarded by the Inter Club Council (ICC)

Item 1: A Taste of Culture – Multicultural Club

The Agenda was passed out in ICC, but it wasn't voted on. There was also no proposal available. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled.

Discussion & Information Items

Item A: Spring Fling

Senator Palza passed around a sheet for people to sign up to volunteer during Spring Fling. Mr. Palza encouraged everyone to come and help. Specifically, Senator Palza asked for volunteers for the dunk tank. Associated Arteaga volunteered to assist with coordinating cars and entertainers.

Item B: ASCSM Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship includes \$250 to student leaders, usually for up to two winners. Secretary Rezaeihaghghi motioned and Senator Lovrin seconded opening discussion on this item. There was a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining to allocate funds for this scholarship. However, since this item was placed on the Agenda under Discussion & Information Items, the vote had no effect.

Item C: Stage 1.0 Budget Recommendation to 2006/2007 Student Senate

Mr. Robison explained that the Stage 1.0 Budget for next year is what the current Student Senate recommends to next year's Senate based on the needs of this year's activities and events. Next year's Senate may change it as they see fit. A proposal will be on the next agenda for you to approve.

Committee Reports

KARE Committee

Senator Rivera reported on the latest activities of the KARE Committee. She said that the money needs to be distributed before Monday, May 8. She also reminded the Senate that the committee is planning to present the recipients of the grants at the annual appreciation luncheon. Ms. Rivera encouraged all the members of the Senate to attend the luncheon.

Committee Reports (continued)

ASCSM Election Committee

Vice President and Election Commissioner Orocio reported that she encouraged everyone to vote during the elections while at the ASCSM table at the Career & Volunteer Fair.

College Council

Senator Mondle reported that College Council discussed the request for a smoke-free area around Building 36. The Council felt that they have been rushed to make a decision. A final determination regarding this request probably is not going to happen this semester.

Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

A student speaker has been selected for Commencement: Vice President Orocio.

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

The next meeting of the ASCSM Student Senate will be Monday, May 1, 2006, at 2:15 p.m. in Building 5, Gallery Room at College of San Mateo.

Submitted by:

/s/ Yasha Rezaeihaghghi

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