



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 24, 2020, 2:15 p.m.

Via Zoom | Join link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/97991804404>

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The public is invited and encouraged to attend all ASCSM Senate Meetings. All meetings are open to the public, and are accessible to those with disabilities. Start times are approximate. The public may address the Senate on non-Agenda items during the Announcements and Hearing of the Public items on the Agenda. Members of the public may participate in discussions only when recognized by the Chair.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

V. Announcements and Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)

At this time, members of the public may address the Senate on non-Agenda items.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

i. President	Joseph Nguyen
ii. Vice President	Dyana Huaraz
iii. Finance Director	Anthony Frangos
iv. Vice Chair	Andrianna Pellini
v. Secretary	Livienna Lie
vi. District Student Trustee	Jade Shonette

b. Senators

Including reports from ASCSM boards and committees, ASCSM task forces, College and District participatory governance committees, and reports from other boards, committees, or organizations.

c. CSM Administration

- i. Kim Lopez, Acting President
- ii. Mike Holtzclaw, Vice President of Instruction

d. Advisors

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

VII. Unfinished Business: Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Nguyen

The Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Senate, the Advocacy Board, the Cultural Awareness Board, the Programming Board, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary; possible action to take place.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Co-Chairs Abdelrahman and Guanzon

The Senate shall discuss and consider recommendations from the Advocacy Board regarding positions on local, state, and national legislation that may have an impact on students; possible action to take place.

c. Debrief of ASCSM Events

The Senate shall discuss and review any recent ASCSM events; no action to take place.

d. Update from Equity and Inclusion Task Forces

The Senate shall consider updates from the Equity and Inclusion Task Forces. Possible action to take place.

VIII. New Business: Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Plans for Fall 2020 Welcome Week

The Senate shall discuss and consider plans for the Fall 2020 Welcome Week event. Possible action to take place.

b. Update on COVID-19 Student Support Services

The Senate shall hear and discuss an update on support services for students during the COVID-19 emergency. No action to take place.

IX. Future Agenda Items

At this time, members of the Senate may suggest agenda items for consideration for future meetings.

X. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)

At this time, members of the Senate and members of the public may voice any concluding comments.

XI. Adjournment



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Student Senate Minutes (Unapproved)

Monday, August 3, 2020

Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Joseph Nguyen; Vice President Dyana Huaraz; Vice Chair Andrianna Pellini; Finance Director Anthony Frangos; Senators Zaina Abdelrahman, Kyle Guanzon, Meke Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Htet Naing, Hayden Noe, Megha Rai, Yasmine Scott, Natalie Zamora

Members on Leave: Senators Janice Cheung, HaoNan Ye

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 Abdelrahman; seconded by Senator Mahoney. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Mr. Schaefer explained that CSM's annual Welcome Day event will take place on Wednesday, August 12. The event will be held virtually instead of in-person. Mr. Schaefer highlighted that this year event will be especially important in helping to create connections between new and existing students. Members of the Student Senate will be asked to participate in various breakout sessions to connect with new students and inform them about opportunities to create community in a virtual learning environment.

Mr. Schaefer provided an update regarding the status of the College president position. Because there were two candidates for the interim president position, District Chancellor Claire has decided to hire an interim president from outside the district for the 2020-2021 academic year. Once the interim president is named, Kim Lopez will resume her role as Vice President of Student Services. The process to hire a permanent president will begin in spring 2021.

Mr. Hamadeh confirmed that everyone received their copy of the book, *How To Be An Antiracist*.

Mr. Hamadeh suggested that the Senate move to DISCUSSION WITH ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT ARIELLE SMITH ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN. Hearing no objections, the order of the day was suspended.

DISCUSSION WITH ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT ARIELLE SMITH ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN

Academic Senate President Smith stated that after her conversation with President Nguyen and Vice President Huaraz, there were four issues that were identified as priorities for faculty and for students. The four issues are:

- Decreasing the chance of ignorance, racism, and Eurocentricity in the curriculum.
The Academic Senate has already discussed adding an ethnic studies requirement to the Associates degree curriculum. This would be something to work on for implementation in the 2021-22 academic year. The student voice will be crucial in this effort.
- Communicating to faculty the student preference for asynchronous classes.
President Smith stated that she has encouraged faculty to utilize asynchronous instruction as much as possible, both in multiple meetings and in her welcome back message to faculty. However, it is up to each instructor to determine the best and most effective way to deliver their curriculum. President Smith encouraged the members of the Student Senate to participate in the development of a video that will go out to faculty that will include information about the importance of asynchronous classes.
- Looking at the faculty hiring process to include students.
President Smith noted that conversations regarding this topic are happening on the district level. A specific issue would be student compensation. Mike Holtzclaw, Vice President of Instruction, is in support of this and is confident that they can find a funding source. President Smith noted that Chancellor Claire has made a commitment to having student representation on the search committee for a permanent president of CSM. Mr. Hamadeh noted that another major issue seems to be around the unconscious bias training are required to take and how students would receive the training.
- Institution of a different complaint process
President Smith stated that the current complaint process does not encourage students to put in complaints when needed and appropriate because there is no way to keep them anonymous. An online complaint process was suggested, however the details of that still need to be worked out. For example, who can be a neutral party for students to go to? The concern with complaints being completely anonymous is that there would be no way to do follow up with that student. One solution would be to institute a shielding process with a go-between so a student can stay partially anonymous. The goal is to build a process where the student cans stay safe, that is meaningful, and results in change. As someone who has been involved with the student discipline process, Mr. Schaefer stated that having someone who can guide students through the hearing process would be helpful.

President Smith encouraged those members of the Senate interested in helping develop the welcome video to send her their contributions by August 12.

At the conclusion of this item, the Senate resumed the order of the day.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

UPDATE FROM EQUITY AND INCLUSION TASK FORCES

Senator Mahoney thanked everyone who attended the first movie night, and then conducted a new survey to see when the members of the senate can attend another one.

Vice President Huaraz stated that the video made by Action Task Force #2 had some issues, so they are re-doing it, and encouraged the Senate to fill out the survey related to the video.

Senator Ikahihifo stated that the Cultural Task Force had been attending various clubs and organizations meetings to see what is going on. Mr. Schaefer asked members of the Senate to encourage any of the clubs they know to submit their paperwork for the fall semester.

Senator Mahoney stated that Action Task Force #1 is brainstorming ideas for an educational series of posts surrounding BLM, such as “understanding racism” or a series on student stories.

Mr. Schaefer stated that as we are coming to the end of summer, the task forces should start shifting these plans and ideas to the boards.

SUSPENSION OF ASCSM BYLAWS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Mr. Schaefer noted that the current ASCSM Bylaws require that students be enrolled in a majority of their in-person units at CSM in order to be eligible to serve on student government. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency and resulting campus closure, this is not possible. The proposed revision to the bylaws, which would be in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, would allow students to be enrolled in any combination of in-person or distance education units to. In addition, the requirement that club officers be enrolled in at least 6 units at CSM would be changed to a requirement that club officers be enrolled in at least one for-credit class at CSM.

Motion to approve the suspension of ASCSM bylaws during Covid-19 emergency by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Vice Chair Pellini. The motion carried with 12 voting in favor, 0 opposing, and 0 abstaining.

ASCSM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh presented on effective communication for better group dynamics. They discussed the four types of communication, which are passive, aggressive, passive-aggressive, and assertive, and examples of each. Examples of good and bad communication skills were also discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome Week

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m. by Senator Noe; seconded by Senator Mahoney. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Livienna Lie
ASCSM Secretary