



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, November 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Joseph Nguyen; Vice President Dyana Huaraz; Finance Director Anthony Frangos; Secretary Livienna Lie; Vice Chair Andrianna Pellini; Senators Zaina Abdelrahman, Janice Cheung, Kyle Guanzon, Alec Guiulfo, Mae Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Htet Thiri Naing, Hayden Noe, Megha Rai, Natalie Zamora

Members Absent: Senator Natalie Zamora

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

Others Present: Hannah Hersey

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Senator Morales. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 28, 2020, meeting by Senator Mahoney; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 5, 2020, meeting by Vice Chair Pellini; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 19, 2020, meeting by Senator Ito; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 26, 2020, meeting by Vice Chair Pellini; seconded by Senator Noe. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 2, 2020, meeting by Senator Guiulfo; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reminded the Senate that the TEDxCSM event is taking place this Friday, Nov. 13, starting at 3:30 pm. He invited members of the Senate to attend.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reminded the group that Wednesday, Nov. 11 is a holiday in recognition of Veterans Day.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK PRIZES

On behalf of the International Education Program, Senator Noe presented the request for funding for gift cards for the International Education Week event, taking place Nov. 16-20. The request is for five Amazon gift cards of \$25.00 each. The gift cards will be awarded to students as prizes for interactive activities that are part of the event.

Motion to approve \$125.00 for five \$25.00 Amazon gift cards from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) by Senator Mahoney; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

AFT CLASSROOM SIZE QUESTIONNAIRE

On behalf of the AFT Anti-Oppression Committee, Hannah Hersey presented a survey that would gauge how students felt about class size. The information would be used to advocate for smaller class sizes. Vice Chair Pellini said that she thinks distributing the survey is a good idea as it came up at the student forum over the summer. Senator Mahoney recommended posting a link to the survey on the ASCSM Instagram account. Mr. Hamadeh noted that the Student Senate does not have the capability to directly send out a mass email to all students regarding the survey, but that members of the Seante can promote it in classes, to the clubs, among their friends, and via social media. Mr. Schaefer suggested that President Nguyen put in a request with the Public Relations and Marketing Department to see if sending a mass email would be a possibility. Ms. Hersey mentioned that the Anti-Oppression Committee has a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, with the College Administration to discuss the survey, so getting it out this week is a priority.

Motion to endorse the AFT Anti-Oppression Committee Class Size Survey by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Senator Abdelrahman. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ENDORSEMENT OF PETITION REGARDING ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE

Senator Mahoney presented a petition that would urge the District to provide free access to the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite of programs available to students. Ms. Mahoney explained that the suite of programs, including Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, and Illustrator, would be helpful to students, particularly during remote instruction. She mentioned that students would be able to easily convert and fill PDF documents, that students in music and digital media programs would be able to create videos and music projects, and that students in photography classes would be able to edit and enhance their photos. Ms. Mahoney noted that students had free access to the Creative Cloud suite during the spring 2020 semester, but that access has ended. Mr. Hamadeh pointed out that this free access was provided directly by Adobe and not by the District. He also said that students have access to Creative Cloud at a discounted rate through CollegeBuys.org. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that he had spoken with District ITS staff about this matter, and they are working to get access to students in the digital media programs.

Motion to endorse the petition in favor of free access to Adobe Creative Cloud Suite by Vice Chair Pellini; seconded by Senator Noe. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

DEBRIEF OF CSM STUDENT PRE-ELECTION FORUM

On Monday, Nov. 2, CSM held a student forum. At the forum, students shared how they were feeling and what they were concerned about in the lead up to the Nov. 3 Presidential Election. In addition, students shared some of their concerns regarding their classes and the fall semester. Students mentioned that they are maintaining connections with their peers via

student clubs and organizations, as well as via programs such as Promise and EOPS. Many students pointed out that taking 12 units of credit via remote learning was very different than doing so in-person. In addition, students noted that faculty have not altered their grading systems to accommodate the nuances of remote learning. The Student Senate discussed ways to use this information to advocate for students, including taking the information to the Academic Senate and other venues.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- ACCJC Follow-Up Report regarding distance education

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:09 pm by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Vice Chair Pellini. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant