



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, January 25, 2021

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; Secretary Livienne Lie; Senators Janice Cheung, Kyle Guanzon, Alec Guiulfo, Mele Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Htet Thiri Naing, Hayden Noe, Megha Rai, Natalie Zamora

Members Absent: Senator Zaina Abdelrahman

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

Others Present: Tabitha Conaway, Interim Dean of Enrollment and Support Services; Nicole Hong

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Ito; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 30, 2020, meeting as presented by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Senator Naing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Mr. Schaefer reported that the governor announced that the current stay-at-home order is being lifted and that the state would return to the color-coded tiers for re-opening. Mr. Schaefer urged members of the Senate to continue modeling prudent behavior by wearing masks and encouraging their peers to do the same. He also reminded members of the Senate to continue to attend their participatory governance meetings and to report back to the Senate.

Mr. Hamadeh reminded the group that eligibility checks will take place after the end of the add/drop period, which is Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

APPOINTMENTS

President Nguyen reminded the board chairs to contact him directly to coordinate interviews for board applicants.

UPDATE ON STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM: PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Interim Dean of Enrollment and Support Services Conaway informed the Senate of the college's effort to be more inclusive by allowing students to change their personal pronouns in Banner, the system utilized by staff and counselors to look-up student information. Currently, students must use a PDF form to request their personal pronouns be changed, but the ultimate goal is to put the form online as part of the CRM. Students may also change other personal information via the form, such as preferred name, Social Security number, student ID number, etc. Interim Dean Conaway asked for input on how to promote the form and members of the Senate suggested putting information in the Bulldog Bulletin newsletter. The Senate will also explore ways to help inform students.

APPOINTEMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSION

Mr. Schaefer explained that the primary function of the election commission is to adjudicate any disputes that may arise over the course of an election. This happens very rarely, so the commission only tends to meet once or twice. However, the members of the commission must commit to remaining neutral during the election and not endorse or work on behalf of any candidate. The commission is chaired by the vice president, unless they are a candidate in the election, and three to four members of the Senate.

Motion to appoint Senators Guanzon and Liu, and President Nguyen to the Election Commission as presented by Senator Zamora; seconded by Senator Mahoney. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

UPDATE ON SPRING 2021 WELCOME WEEK

On behalf of the Programming Board, Senators Liu and Zamora summarized the events planned for Welcome Week and asked that the Senate continue to spread the word about the event as well as join in on the student forum.

EVENTS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. Hamadeh informed the Senate that CSM will be co-sponsoring a presentation by Prof. Cornel West on Thursday, January 28. The event is open to the entire District community as well as the public. CSM Acting President Kim Lopez hopes to use this event as a kick-off to a robust set of programming for Black History Month. Senator Mahoney suggested that the Senate partner with the Film Club to host a movie night highlighting Black films. Mr. Hamadeh noted that Prof. Frederick Gaines teaches a Black film class and that he may be willing to collaborate with the Senate. Mr. Schaefer and Senator Guanzon stated that the Advocacy Board is planning an event to highlight Black political advocacy and different civil rights movements. Senator Ikahihifo mentioned that the Culture Awareness Board had discussed hosting “wokeshop” events and stated that she would bring up the idea with the committee again.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Black History Month event planning
- Speaker for Black History Month Event
- Approval of timeline for Elections
- Discussion on how the senate can promote new personal pronouns system
- Book Club
- Branching out to new students

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

In response to a question from Senator Morales, Mr. Hamadeh noted that he and Mr. Schaefer are working on a way to streamline the club renewal process for the spring semester. Mr. Hamadeh said that an announcement will be made by the end of the week.

Senator Morales encouraged members of the Senate to join the Cultural Awareness Board and to encourage others to join as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. by Senator Guiulfo; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Livienna Lie
ASCSM Secretary