



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice President Dyana Huaraz; Vice Chair Andrianna Pellini; Finance Director Anthony Frangos; Senators Janice Cheung, Kyle Guanzon, Alec Guiulfo, Mele Ikaiahifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Htet Naing, Megha Rai, Natalie Zamora

Members Absent: President Joseph Nguyen (excused, Senate business); Senator Hayden Noe

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hamadeh requested that New Business Item B, ASCSM Election Timelines, be tabled until the next meeting. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Senator Naing; seconded by Vice Chair Pellini. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, January 25, 2021, meeting as presented by Senator Mahoney; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Bruce Twersky of AppBuilderU requested to be put on a future agenda to discuss his company's offerings for community college students. Mr. Hamadeh asked that Mr. Twersky send him an email so that the Senate's Executive Cabinet could consider his request.

REPORTS

Finance Director Frangos reported that the Finance Committee is continuing to assess the College's ongoing budgetary situation, including several grants that will be expiring in the next year. The Finance Committee is also reviewing the impact that declining international student enrollment will have on the College.

Senator Morales reported that Committee on Teaching and Learning is working on flexibility with grading as well as equity in regard to tests and quizzes run through Canvas. They are trying to find more ways for students to effectively take tests online. Ms. Morales also said that in her role as a community intern for the Multicultural Center, she helps produce a podcast that highlights advocacy and social justice. Ms. Morales would like to see the Student Senate partner with the podcast for the upcoming student forums. Senator Guanzon offered help from the Advocacy Board. The panel will be a collaborative effort and will need the assistance of the whole Senate.

Senator Naing informed the Senate of events happening in Myanmar that are affecting many of the Burmese international students at CSM. She stated that the Myanmar military are staging a coup and attempting to shut down communications, including internet access. Because of this, students in Myanmar may have trouble attending classes as well as accessing course work from CSM. These students are also having trouble paying student fees due to the political climate there.

Mr. Hamadeh stated that the International Students Office will be communicating with students from Myanmar and checking in to see how they can support them as best they can. The students will need to work with their professors to work out solutions and on a case-by-case basis.

APPOINTMENTS

On behalf of President Nguyen, Vice President Huaraz made the following appointments:

- Anna Zaw to the Programing Board
Motion to approve by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Senator Ito. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Zaina Abdelrahman to the Advocacy Board
Motion to approve by Senator Liu; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

Senators Zamora and Ito reported that the Welcome Week events happened, but there was not a lot of student participation. Programing Board is working on more events to come.

FUNDING FOR ACTIVE MINDS MOVIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Mr. Hamadeh noted that club proposals normally go through Inter Club Council (ICC) before coming to the Student Senate. Executive Cabinet may grant an exception to this rule in special circumstances. Active Minds has submitted a request for \$750.00 to cover half the funding for the Movies for Mental Health event in March. Due to the timing of this event and the fact that ICC is having its first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, February 2, Executive Cabinet granted an exception and allowed the proposal to come directly to the Senate.

Senator Guiulfo reported that Active Minds is planning an event titled Movies for Mental Health on Monday, March 17 from 1-3pm. They will be showing videos about mental health, specifically in regard to cultural and race relations. The hope is to start conversations around issues of mental health, destigmatize mental health issues, and provide education on mental health. There will also be a guided discussion hosted by a trained moderator.

Motion to approve \$750.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Active Minds Movies for Mental Health event by Senator Mahoney; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. The motion carried with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

EVENTS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. Schaefer suggested that this item be delayed until the boards have had the chance to meet and discuss plans. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Brainstorming New Events and Activities

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Ito reminded board chairs to submit their board's meeting information so the Public Relations Board can start promoting them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. by Senator Zamora; seconded by Senator Naing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

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ASCSM Secretary