



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Joseph Nguyen; Vice President Dyana Huaraz; Finance Director Anthony Frangos; Vice Chair Andrianna Pellini; Secretary Livienna Lie; Senators Kyle Guanzon, Alec Guiulfo, Mele Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Natalie Zamora
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 Mahoney; 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, February 1, 2021, meeting as presented by Senator Zamora; seconded by Senator Ito. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Responding to a question regarding the situation in Myanmar and international students who are there, Mr. Hamadeh said that there is no new information to share, but he will check with the International Education Program Office to see if there are any updates. Mr. Schaefer noted that internet service has been cut off, so it has been difficult to get in contact with anyone in the country.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

ASCSM ELECTION TIMELINES

Mr. Hamadeh introduced the proposed timeline for the spring 2021 ASCSM General Election and Student Trustee Nominee Election. Mr. Hamadeh said that District Board Policy 1.05 requires that the election of the student trustee nominee from each college take place by April 30 and that the selection of the next student trustee take place by May 15. In order to avoid running two separate elections, both elections are run concurrently. According to the proposed timeline, election packets will be available beginning Monday, April 6; the Mandatory Candidates Meeting will take place on Friday, April 16; and the polling dates will be Tuesday, April 27, through Thursday, April 29.

Motion to approve the ASCSM General Election and Student Trustee Nominee Election Timeline as presented by Senator Zamora; seconded by Senator Guanzon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF DISTRICT BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Hamadeh explained that the District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC) reviews proposed changes to District Board Policies and Procedures, which outline how the District operates. Mr. Hamadeh stated that the Senate could also send their thoughts to President Nguyen to bring to the council. These policies included:

SMCCCD Communications Policy (replacing Board Policies 2.35 Use of District Communications System and 2.36 Policy on Use of Student Email Addresses): Replaces and updates existing policies to include emergency messaging system, Canvas, CRM, and other categories of mass communications. Mr. Hamadeh highlighted the “Political Use” section for questioning as it could prevent ASCSM and other governance groups from communicating the endorsement of candidates or propositions. Senator Mahoney inquired as to if the change would also affect endorsing things like Black Lives Matter, as well as if the Senate could ask the student population their thoughts on the matter. Mr. Schaefer gave some clarifications on what would be considered a “political issue” or what endorsing might look like and what a violation of established rules would look like.

Board Policy 2.7 Policy on Smoking: Would eliminate smoking on all District property. Mr. Hamadeh noted that there has been a slow trend towards this model. Senator Mahoney voiced concerns on how the policy would be enforced. Mr. Schaefer mentioned his feedback on the policy in regard to who would enforce it. Vice President Huaraz and Senator Zamora voiced concerns about faculty and staff smoking. Mr. Schaefer noted that the policy would apply to faculty and staff as well as students. Mr. Schaefer stated how the policy needs to be further tweaked and have a procedural component because there is an issue with it in how it will be equally enforced amongst students. The Senate discussed the disciplinary process connected with the policy and what could happen if a student were to smoke on campus.

Board Policy 6.05 Academic Calendar: No feedback.

Board Policy 8.66 Solicitation of Funds: Cleaning up the language of the policy. Organizations aren’t able to fundraise unless they get approval from the chancellor or the Board of Trustees. It is unclear if this policy applies student organizations as well as employee organizations.

Board Policy 8.74 Exemptions and Waivers from Fees: Clarifies language to require that students enrolled in remote education and off-campus courses pay the health fee. Mr. Hamadeh noted that this was the policy that caused the problem with the collection of the student body fee for the spring 2021 semester and that language regarding the fee should be inserted. Senator Mahoney asked about the fee waiver for international students and how the District set the limit at 10% of currently enrolled international students. Mr. Hamadeh noted that international students bring in a significant amount of income to the District and that the limit may be a way to ensure that the program remains financially effective. He also theorized that the percentage may be set by the Education Code.

DISCUSSION ON ONLINE EXAM PROCTORING

Vice Chair Pellini reported that the Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) is interested in collecting feedback from students regarding online test proctoring. The Senate reviewed some of the proposed questions, most of which had to do with Proctorio. DEAC would like to collect student feedback on different methods of online proctoring. Senator Morales noted that most STEM faculty favor Proctorio. Senators Ito and Mahoney volunteered to work with Vice Chair Pellini on this project.

EVENTS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Senator Ito reported that the Public Relations Board is planning to post information about African-American history. Senator Ikahihifo stated that the Cultural Awareness Board will be putting on three events: A soul food event, an “activism” event, and a movie night. Senator Guanzon stated that the Advocacy Board is trying to get in contact with

former San Mateo Mayor Claire Mack to have her talk about Black History. Advocacy is also planning on putting together an event focusing on Black activism, important historical events, and African-American history.

Returning to appointments, Mr. Schaefer noted that the District's Bond Oversight Committee is looking for a student representative. The Oversight Committee reviews the expenditures related to the District's construction bonds. Senator Mahoney volunteered to serve on the committee. Mr. Hamadeh also mentioned that the District Academic Senate is establishing up a task force to look into the possibility of compressing the 18-week semester into a 16-week semester and needs a student representative. President Nguyen volunteered to serve on the task force.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of Cultural Awareness Board student town hall

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Guanzon reported that the District Academic Senate has endorsed a resolution calling for a districtwide ethnic studies requirement for graduation. He also reported that the Vice Mayor of Daly City thanked students like the ones in ASCSM for their support in establishing an ethnic studies requirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m. by Senator Guanzon; seconded by Senator Ito. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Livienna Lie
ASCSM Secretary