



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 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 Janice Cheung, Kyle Guanzon, Mele Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Htet Thiri Naing, Natalie Zamora

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

Others Present: Frida Arguello, Only Fog at Skyline; Candela Graciarena, The Writers' Project; Mark Heringer, San Francisco Community Health Center; Brandon Wong, Only Fog at Skyline

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Zamora; seconded by Vice Chair Guanzon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 8, 2021, meeting as presented by Senator Liu; seconded by Senator Ito. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President of the Writers' Project Club, Candela Graciarena, announced that the current submission season for *The Labyrinth* is now open. She encouraged members of the Senate to submit their prose, articles, and artwork for consideration.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reminded the members to submit recommendations for Senators as there are some open seats on the Senate to fill.

Senator Guanzon reported that the Curriculum Committee continues to work on implementing the ethnic studies requirement for graduation. He asked for any questions or feedback from the Senate as the Curriculum Committee really wants student input to smoothly incorporate the requirement into the curriculum. Mr. Guanzon also reported that in light of the recent rise in hate crimes, several Asian-American groups are developing a statement condemning hatred against the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Mr. Hamadeh reminded the Senate that if they wanted to officially endorse a statement like Senator Guanzon described, the statement would need to come before the Senate for formal action.

Mr. Hamadeh recognized Vice President Huaraz for her efforts as part of the CSM President Search Committee, including her work as the committee reviewed applications, conducted interviews, and selected finalists. He lauded Ms. Huaraz for her effective representation of the student voice and for her contributions to the discussions around selecting the final candidates.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

UPDATE TO DISTRICT SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

Members of the Only Fog at Skyline student group presented information on their advocacy for a uniform smoking policy across the district. The group is advocating for a policy that completely eliminates smoking, including vaping and other forms of tobacco use, by 2022. Advocates view this initiative as an issue of both health and social justice. They pointed out that many UC, CSU, and community colleges have already taken steps to eliminate on their campuses. In addition to creating a uniform policy across the district, the updated policy would also focus on education for compliance and providing resources for tobacco users who would like to quit.

Only Fog asked that the Student Senate endorse a letter supporting the updated uniform policy. Mr. Hamadeh noted that the letter would have to come before the Senate at a future meeting for action. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh also suggested that the group reach out to some of the other student groups on campus, including Active Minds and the Inter Club Council.

ASCSM 2020-2021 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Hamadeh provided an update on the ASCSM Budget through December 31, 2020. Income totaled \$42,329.06. Expenses totaled \$2,589.35. Compared with the prior fiscal year, income is down 62.49% and expenses are down 97.31%. Mr. Hamadeh said that the Senate should anticipate minimal income for the third quarter. Income should hopefully increase in the fourth quarter when registration for the fall 2021 semester begins.

QUESTIONS FOR CSM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

Mr. Hamadeh stated that the biographies for the final candidates for CSM President have been posted to the College's website. He said that all constituency groups, including ASCSM and the general student body, are being encouraged to submit questions for the candidate forums. Mr. Hamadeh encouraged members the Senate to participate in this process. He noted that the forums will be presented live. They will also be recorded so that folks may view them later. After viewing each forum, members of the campus community will have the opportunity to provide feedback. After the forums are complete, the candidates will meet with the District Chancellor and the Board of Trustees. The chancellor will then make a final recommendation to the Board.

SENATE AND BOARD SOCIAL EVENT

Senator Zamora reported that the Programming Board is planning on hosting an event to build bonds between members of the Senate and the various boards. She asked for suggestions on ice breakers and other activities for the event. Mr. Hamadeh noted that the proposed date of the event conflicts with one of the president candidate forums. He encouraged the Programming Board select another day and time so that members of the Senate may attend the forum.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Advocacy letter from Only Fog group

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Hamadeh reported that the United States has officially passed 500,000 deaths due to COVID-19. He encouraged everyone to continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and adhere to all safety guidelines.

Senator Ito reminded the Senate to spread the word about the Black History Month events sponsored by the Cultural Awareness Board. Information has been posted to the ASCSM Instagram account.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m. by Vice Chair Pellini; seconded by Senator Mahoney. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Livienna Lie
ASCSM Secretary