



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 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, Mele Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Andrea Morales, Megha Rai, Natalie Zamora

Advisors Present: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

Others Present: David McLain, CSM Communications Manager; Nomin Khurelchuluun

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented 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 March 15, 2021, meeting as presented by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Senator Ito. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Morales shared the flier for the student forum on April 21 and asked that members of the Student Senate help promote the event.

REPORTS

Mr. Hamadeh stated that there would be no Student Senate meeting next week due to spring break. He also asked for volunteers who are interested in providing feedback to the group overseeing the free Wi-Fi in the parking lots program.

APPOINTMENTS

President Nguyen make the following appointments:

- Nomin Khurelchuluun to the Programming Board

Motion to approve Nomin Khurelchuluun to the Programing Board by Senator Liu; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR COMMENCEMENT

David McLain, CSM's Communications Manager, shared plans for virtual commencement ceremonies for the classes of 2020 and 2021. The district has partnered with a company called Full Measure that offer a full suite of services that makes the virtual commencement process much easier. Full Measure offers mobile engagement, such as branded filters and custom messaging, and virtual ceremony production such as photo montages, or live broadcasting. Commencement this year will look similar to a regular graduation ceremony with speakers and grad presentations. If the grad chooses to "opt in" they will have a slide in the presentation with their degrees, certificates, and other accomplishments. Messaging to eligible graduates will begin in later March/early April, speakers will be recorded in late April, and the ceremonies will stream at the end of May.

Mr. Hamadeh reminded the Student Senate that students need to petition to participate in the commencement ceremony, which requires them to meet with an academic counselor. The deadline is April 1. He suggested that members of the Student Senate spread the word regarding the need to book an appointment with a counselor.

ENDORSEMENT OF CSM ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE COUP IN MYANMAR

The Student Senate reviewed the resolution, which originated with the Faculty Academic Senate. The resolution asks that the college and district administration find ways to provide academic, financial, and personal support to students impacted by the coup in Myanmar.

Motion to endorse the resolution by Vice Chair Pellini; seconded by Senator Ikahihifo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ENDORSEMENT OF STATEMENT CONDEMNING RACISM AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN COMMUNITY

The Student Senate reviewed the joint statement developed by Katipunan at CSM and Skyline College's Filipino Club. The statement includes historical context on violence and racist actions against the Asian and Pacific Islander communities, why those actions continue today, and a statement condemning the recent violence aimed at the AAPI communities. The statement also includes a list of ways the district and college administration can support AAPI students.

Motion to endorse the statement condemning racism against the AAPI communities by Senator Ito; seconded by Vice Chair Pellini. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ELECTION PROMOTION

Mr. Hamadeh announced that candidate packets and online registration for the spring 2021 general election will be available on Monday, April 5. The Student Senate discussed ways to promote the upcoming elections to increase participation and turnout. All positions, including president, vice president, and finance director, will be open. In addition, there will be 14 senator seats available. A nominee for the position of student trustee will also be selected in the election.

Senator Ito reported that the PR Board is planning to post election advertising that will showcase various Student Senate members talking about their experiences as a part of ASCSM. Senator Ikahihifo suggested sharing the videos and other advertising material with various student groups. Mr. Hamadeh suggested advertising to learning communities and the Multicultural/Dream Center to help promote diversity and inclusion.

DISCUSSION ON STUDENTS RETURNING TO CAMPUS

The Student Senate engaged in a discussion regarding students returning to campus. Vice President Huaraz suggested that the college let learning communities return to campus so that students may have a place to study. Mr. Hamadeh noted that any plans currently being developed will most likely be implemented for the fall 2021 semester. He also said that the district will be conducting a survey to gauge the level of student interest and comfortability with returning to campus. Mr. Hamadeh suggested that the best way to address direct issues or suggestions would be for President Nguyen and Vice President Huaraz to meet with Interim President Kim Lopez. Mr. Hamadeh indicated that the programs currently on campus are ones that require hands-on experience that cannot be achieved virtually, such as Nursing or EMT. The next phase might be for students and classes that was difficult to have online, such as some science classes, and potentially including some sort of hybrid of in person and online experiences. It was suggested that the option to let clubs “check out” outdoor spaces be investigated. Going forward, hopefully there will be a discussion surrounding taking the best parts of remote education and distance learning to make sure CSM can adequately adapt to the changing wants and needs of students even after we return to campus in a greater capacity. Senator Guanzon talked about student resources and how they should not be left behind as we continue to learn and grow in how we do education. Several members noted persistent difficulties communicating with certain departments and said that issue needs to be addressed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. by Senator Ikahihifo; seconded by Senator Liu. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Livienna Lie
ASCSM Secretary