



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, July 6, 2020

Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Joseph Nguyen; Vice President Dyana Huaraz; Vice Chair Andrianna Pellini; Finance Director Anthony Frangos; Senators Zaina Abdelrahman, Kyle Guanzon, Meke Ikahihifo, Suzy Ito, Jessie Liu, Anna Mahoney, Andrea Morales, Htet Naing, Hayden Noe, Megha Rai, Natalie Zamora

Members on Leave: Senators Janice Cheung, Yasmine Scott, HaoNan Ye

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

Others Present: Kim Lopez, Acting President

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Mr. Schaefer stated that thankfully San Mateo county is not one of the areas on the watch list for Covid, and that our area is doing a better job at following the directions of the state. He stated that if we want to get back to normal then we need to keep taking the rules and regulations seriously.

Mr. Schaefer discussed the meeting he attended with the Executive Council as well as conversations with Mr. Hamadeh regarding the summer senate retreat. He stated that we can not have in person retreat, however there are still trainings to be had. Because of this, Mr. Schaefer proposed that the senate start meeting every week, where every other meeting would be a training. This is also so the senate does not have to attend a training over zoom that is a daylong over the span of a day or two. This was backed up by the Executive Cabinet. There still will be a training over the retreat but they will be shorter.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

There were no prior ASCSM events.

FUNDING FOR STUDENT SENATE SUMMER TRAINING

As part of the Senate's summer training and in response to the current nationwide movement to address systemic racism, Mr. Hamadeh proposed purchasing copies of the book *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi for each member of the Student Senate. This will also tie in with the College's and District's efforts to address racism and discrimination. The Senate would also discuss the book together how the practices can be applied to the Senate's work. Part of the Senate training would be discussion of the book. The Senate discussed the pace at which to read the book.

Motion to approve \$500.00 to fund the Student Senate Summer Training by Senator Noe; seconded by Senator Pellini. By a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

FALL 2020 WELCOME DAY AND WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

Mr. Schaefer explained what welcome day is or has been in the past. It is a day to welcome students and parents to the school, and the students get a little more information on the school through the presentation given and the tour of the campus its self. About 1/3 of the incoming population attend this event, and one of the great things about this event is that the new students get a chance to meet people and the senate so they know people coming into college. Mr. Schaefer discussed alternatives in structure for welcome day due to the fact that we can not be on campus this fall. Welcome day will most likely still happen online but be potentially shorter. This can still provide very helpful information to new students. While we don't need tour guides, the senate can still help as facilitators during these zoom sessions and break out rooms.

Senator Mahoney suggested providing contact information to the new students that the senate meets at welcome day, so they have at least on contact, especially in a time where it is difficult to connect with fellow class mates online. Mr. Schaefer also suggested that we set up some sort of email or communication system, similar to texting, so the Senate isn't giving their numbers to just anyone.

Mr. Schaefer also prompted the senate to start thinking about what the ASCSM could do regarding welcome week. He also encouraged the senate to think outside of the box.

UPDATE FROM EQUITY AND INCLUSION TASK FORCES

Vice President Huaraz, chair of Action Taskforce #2, brought up the idea of make a video with all of the ASCSM. Everyone would make an individual clip of themselves and then it would be edited all together and put on to Instagram or the ASCSM website. Senator Pellini mentioned the idea of having a town hall where CSM partners with the Cañada and Skyline college.

Senator Ikahihifo, chair of the Cultural Taskforce, discussed what they talked about in their meeting. This consisted of talking about the different clubs and organizations they would reach out to.

Senator Mahoney, chair of Action Taskforce #1, stated that they have not had a meeting yet, but there were great ideas that people already have like using social media to education people, or using resources to help.

Secretary Lie, chair of the Professional Development Taskforce, stated that they also have not met as a group yet but will very soon.

Senator Noe discussed the resent ruling regarding ICE and international students. Among other things, this stated that if a student was not enrolled in at least one in person class, then they would need to return to their country of origin. Mr.

Hamadeh advised international students to contact International Education Office for more information on what CSM is doing in response.

Senator Guanzon gave more details regarding the Townhall and more information for students wanted to be a panelist for that.

DISCUSSION WITH CSM ACTING PRESIDENT KIM LOPEZ

Mr. Hamadeh introduced this agenda item and why the senate wanted to have Acting President Lopez attend the meeting. Ms. Lopez introduced herself and talked about her background. The senators introduced themselves as well. Acting President Lopez discussed and answered questions regarding CSM's actions in response to the current climate. CSM has made a public statement but needs to do more. She addressed the internal racism within the institution of CSM and how we can change it. There have already been some actions taken but there will be plans to do more. Ms. Lopez discussed how summer is strange due to the change in student amounts and staff absents. Senator Mahoney discussed the want for more transparency with what the administration is doing. Mr. Schaefer suggested having some sort of a student newsletter, which is also a goal of President Nguyen. Acting President Lopez said she would discuss this with the College's Communications Manager.

Acting President Lopez and the Senate discussed the experience of the senate members transitioning to online learning. She stated that the classes will mostly be online for the fall. Members of the senate expressed varying levels difficulty in the transition and the learning itself. The benefits to having experiences online was also discussed. What does it look like to take what we have been doing, like zoom meetings, and apply it to when we do go back in person? This can look like keeping certain meetings online if there are people who live far from campus.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update from Equity and Inclusion Task Forces
- Introduction to the CSM Senate
- A Model for Social Change
- Participatory Governance at CSM

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m. by Senator Morales; seconded by Senator Guanzon. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Livienna Lie
ASCSM Secretary