

District Student Council Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: District Student Trustee Ashley Garcia; Cañada College: ASCC President Xitlali Curincita, ASCC Vice President Jeison Velasquez; College of San Mateo: ASCSM President Andrea Morales, ASCSM Vice President Anna Mahoney; Skyline College: ASSC President Anthony Tran, ASSC Vice President Angel Gomez

Advisors President: Cañada College: Michiko Kealoha, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Joshua Forman-Ortiz, Student Life and Leadership Assistant; College of San Mateo: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant; Skyline College: Alvin Gubatina, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Ryan Samn, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

Others Present: Nomin Khurelchuluun

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by ASSC President Tran; seconded by ASSC Vice President Gomez. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

The minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting were unavailable. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements and Hearing of the Public

None.

Reports

Student Trustee Ashely Garcia had no report.

ASCC Vice President Velasquez said that ASCC will be holding a Halloween Bash event on Friday, October 29. In addition, the ASCC Student Senate will not hold their regular meeting next week so they can hold their leadership retreat instead.

ASCSM President Morales announced that the group will be hosting an event to celebrate Halloween and Dia De Los Muertos on Thursday, October 28. This will be ASCSM's third event on campus for the fall semester.

ASSC President Tran reported that ASSC hosted Latinx History Month and Filipinx History Month events. In addition, ASSC will host a Tonga Day event on November 3. The group is also advocating for the reestablishment of the shuttle from Skyline College to the Daly City BART station and looking at the possibility of adding more stops, including the San Bruno BART station.

Cañada College Student Life and Leadership Manager Kealoha introduced herself and said it was nice to meet everyone.

Fall 2021 Student Body Fee

CSM Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer said that he and Mr. Hamadeh had met with CSM's vice president of administrative services regarding reimbursement of the lost revenue from the student body fee for the fall 2021 semester. They also discussed making sure that an issue like this does not happen again going forward. Mr. Schaefer reminded the group that the district had put into place an automatic waiver of the student body fee for students receiving the California College Promise Grant (CCPG). This was done without any consultation with the student governments, or the Student Life staff. Mr. Schaefer reported that CSM's VPAS has been working with the district to identify a funding source to reimburse the student governments. Unfortunately, due to usage restrictions, the district cannot backfill the lost revenue via Fund 1. The district is currently exploring whether monies from the Foundation can be used to reimburse the student governments. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh suggested that the district use Fund 1 monies but place the funds with the offices of the vice president of student services on each campus. That way, the student governments could charge allowable expenses until the funds were expended.

Mr. Schaefer said that the district has not been prioritizing this matter as it should. At a meeting with the other Student Life staff earlier in the week, Mr. Schaefer relayed a request from CSM's VPAS that the student life managers bring up the issue with their vice presidents again. In addition, the vice presidents are going to ask that the college presidents bring the matter to Chancellor's Cabinet. Mr. Schaefer recommended that the District Student Council consider sending a contingent made up of the student trustee and one representative from each of the student governments to meet with the chancellor about this issue. He feels that meeting with Chancellor Claire will give the matter new urgency. Student Trustee Garcia said that she would speak with the chancellor at the next Board of Trustees meeting about setting up a meeting. Student Life and Leadership Assistant Ryan Samn stressed the importance of resolving this issue and making the student governments whole.

Compensation for Students Serving on Committees

ASSC President Tran said that students at Skyline College have been asked to serve on campus hiring committees, which require a lot of time and outside work. He said that paying student representatives on committees by hiring them as student assistants is challenging because of the 20-hour per week work limit and the fact that some students are already employed as student assistants in other areas. Skyline College Student Life and Leadership Manager Gubatina said that students who are undocumented or have other residency status issues are not eligible to be hired as student assistants, thus limiting their opportunities to participate on committees and be compensated.

CSM Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh shared that student assistants can be allowed to work more than 20 hours per week. However, this exemption must be approved by the vice president of student services at the student's campus. He also noted that student assistants may work a maximum of 37.5 hours per week when classes are not in session. ASCSM President Morales said that she has been doing research to draft a statement formally asking the district to find ways to support undocumented students, including finding ways to allow them to work on campus and receive compensation for serving on campus and district committees. President Morales said she plans to ask the district to reinstate the practice of paying students via stipends. This used to be done at all three campuses, but at some point CSM was told that it was no longer allowable. However, Cañada and Skyline both continue to utilize stipends to compensate student government members who serve on participatory governance committees. President Morales said that she hopes to bring a draft of the statement to the next DSC meeting.

CSM Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer said that he supported ASCSM President Morales' approach because of the limits imposed on student assistants. He noted that the 20-hour per week limit applies to all the hours a student works as a student assistant and that students with multiple jobs may not want to serve on committees because of the potential loss of income.

ASSC President Tran asked if paying students via stipends would be considered a gift of public funds. Mr. Hamadeh said reiterated that Cañada and Skyline have continued to pay students via stipend without any pushback from the district. The practice was halted at CSM when staff changed in the college's Business Office. The reason given was related to tax

reporting. Mr. Hamadeh said that funds generated by the student representation fee were used to pay students, which is an allowable expense. Mr. Schaefer expressed his belief that compensation for students serving on hiring committees should be provided by the colleges and district, just as the district pays faculty and staff to serve on hiring committees.

Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh are going to continue to work with the CSM vice president of administrative services to see if stipends can be reinstated. If they are successful, the student governments at each campus will be able to work with their administrations to develop a process for selecting students to serve on hiring committees.

Because ASCC President Curincita had not yet joined the meeting, the next item, District Student Council Meeting Schedule for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022, was tabled until she arrived.

District Student Council Bylaws

CSM Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh suggested putting together a task force to review the bylaws that were already drafted and recommending any changes. ASSC President Tran and ASCSM Vice President Mahoney volunteered to serve on the task force. Mr. Hamadeh and Student Life and Leadership Manager Gubatina volunteered to work with task force on reviewing and updating the bylaws.

Review of SMCCCD Board of Trustees Packet for Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Student Trustee Garcia shared that at the October 27, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting, the board will hear a presentation on the district's Filipinx support programs; consider revisions to the miscellaneous payrate schedule; review the proposed staffing plan for the San Mateo Athletic Club (SMAC); and discuss the district's application framework for state student housing funds. Ms. Garcia said that the district is planning to move forward with student housing and will be applying for \$38 million in funding from the state to help support the construction of student housing. The board will also be discussing the spring 2022 return to campus.

Student Participation in Return to Campus Discussions

Mr. Hamadeh said that the district has not been incorporating the student voice into discussions regarding plans for the spring 2022 semester. He noted that there is no overarching group outside of Chancellor's Cabinet that is discussing and coordinating the broader return to campus for the spring. Student Trustee Garcia said that she is willing to share thoughts or concerns that students may have directly with the board. Mr. Hamadeh said that there needs to be an opportunity for student input prior to policies or decisions reaching the board so that students may have a say in their development. For example, Mr. Hamadeh pointed out that the board will be discussing removal of religious exemptions for the COVID-19 vaccine for students and that this decision has not been widely discussed or vetted with students. He suggested that this become part of the meeting that will be held with Chancellor Claire.

Review of Campus Nominees and Selection of At-Large Student Representative to District Participatory Governance Council

ASSC President Curincita said that ASSC is nominating Bella Zhang. Ms. Zhang is an active student at Cañada, and currently serves as an ambassador and tutor for the Disability Resource Center (DRC). She is involved with clubs, is a hard worker, and an excellent communicator.

ASSC President Tran said that ASSC would be finalizing their nominee at their executive meeting this afternoon.

ASCMSM President Morales said that ASCMSM is nominating Nomin Khurelchuluun. Ms. Khurelchuluun was a founding member of the ESL Club at CSM and is currently serving as a senator. She has excellent communication skills. Ms. Khurelchuluun said that she is majoring in Mathematics and is serving as the vice president of membership for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). She is also a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

Because ASSC did not have finalized their nominee, Mr. Hamadeh suggested that Student Trustee Garcia select a temporary at-large student representative to attend the Monday, November 1, District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC)

meeting. The nominees from all three colleges can then attend the next DSC meeting so they all can receive an equal hearing and the group can select the permanent at-large student representative to DPGC. Members of DSC agreed to proceed in this manner.

With the arrival of ASCC President Curincita, DSC took up the tabled item, District Student Council Meeting Schedule for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

District Student Council Meeting Schedule for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

After discussing schedules, DSC decided to meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The group will discuss selecting a meeting day and time for the spring 2022 semester at the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- Support for Undocumented Students (ASCSM)
- All-Gender Restrooms (ASCC)
- Inter College Event (ASSC)
- District Student Government Mixer for Spring 2022 (DSC)

Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. by ASCSM Vice President Mahoney; seconded by ASSC President Tran. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh
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