



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Andrea Morales; Vice President Anna Mahoney; Finance Director Tania Farjat; Vice Chair Nicole Hong; Senators Brittany Arriharan, Tito Barquero, Nerissa Chang (remote), Airu Chen (remote), Alani Frias, Jiana Javier-Ramos (remote), Nomin Khurelchuluun, Min Kyaw Myat, Sofiana Skinas, Susan Sun, Yoon Wadi Zaw

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

Others Present: Ashley Garcia, SMCCCD Student Trustee (remote)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Kyaw Myat; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

The minutes for the Monday, August 23, 2021, meeting were not available. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Morales thanked everyone for their commitment to the Student Senate so far. She also expressed gratitude to the welcome event task force for their efforts. President Morales stated that she met with Jackie Santizo, the programs services coordinator for the Multicultural and Dream Center (MCCDC), who is currently looking for a student to serve as the host for The Root, the MCCDC's student podcast. Ms. Morales encouraged anyone interested in participating in the program to contact Ms. Santizo. President Morales reported that the MCCDC is looking for students to help plan the first annual social justice conference. Senator Arriharan is involved in the planning of the event and there is a hope that ASCSM will collaborate on the event. Finally, President Morales announced that the MCCDC will be open two days per week starting October 4.

Student Trustee Garcia reported that the Board of Trustees is currently discussing the fate of the Crystal Springs Cross Country Course. The course, which is managed by the district and used primarily by local middle schools and high schools, has become a point of contention with members of the community due to the number and size of events held there, particularly around issues of traffic and parking. The district has proposed limiting the number of meets at the course and other measures to keep the course operating while also addressing the concerns expressed by neighbors. Ms. Garcia also said that the district commissioned a report that studied three options for

the campus bookstores: Turn over bookstore operations to a contracted management firm; keep bookstore employees on the district's payroll and benefits program under the management and guidance of a bookstore contractor; keep bookstore managers on the district's payroll and benefits program under the management and guidance a bookstore contractor. There are concerns that the bookstores will continue to lose money as the shift to online and zero-cost textbooks continues. The Board expressed interest in keeping bookstore operations in-house. Mr. Hamadeh noted that the district had considered a similar shift approximately 12 years ago, but it was blocked due to concerns from students and faculty.

Aaron Schaefer, student life and leadership manager, reported he would be inviting Acting Vice President of Student Services Kristi Ridgway to a future Student Senate meeting to introduce herself and meet the group. Mr. Schaefer also said that Chancellor's Cabinet did not have the chance to discuss the issue regarding the student body fee at their last meeting, but that it should be discussed at their meeting this week. He said that Micaela Ochoa, CSM's vice president of administrative services, sounded hopeful that the district would find a way to reimburse the Associated Students for the lost revenue. Mr. Schaefer said that he and Mr. Hamadeh met with the Student Life staff from the other campuses and suggested that this may be an issue that District Student Council (DSC) will want to discuss. It will be important to communicate to the district that a situation like this should not happen again and that policy decisions should be implemented before approved by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Schaefer said that everyone will have to be vigilant so that the district does not try to implement a change to the student body fee is assessed in the future. He noted that any such change must go through the participatory governance process. Mr. Schaefer said that although the district may want to find a way to eliminate fees for students, it is important that the programs and services those fees support be maintained. He said that many of the students who had come to the Center for Student Life requesting a student ID card had been recipients of the California College Promise Grant (CCPG). Mr. Schaefer pointed out that the student ID card oftentimes functions as a form of ID for students who do not have access to other official forms of identification.

Fauzi Hamadeh, student life and leadership assistant, reminded anyone who is a member of a student club or organization to turn in the group's updated paperwork as soon as possible. He noted that the first Inter Club Council (ICC) meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 7. Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that Monday, September 6, is the Labor Day holiday so there are no classes and there will be no Student Senate meeting, which also means no Executive Cabinet meeting on Friday, September 3.

Finance Director Farjat asked if the club information packet is posted on the same website as before. Mr. Hamadeh said that the packet is posted on the CSM Club Forms website at <https://collegeofsanmateo.edu/clubs/forms.asp>.

Vice Chair Hong asked if a club should go ahead and submit their club information packet if they are considering adding another advisor. Mr. Hamadeh said that a club may add an additional advisor later in the semester if they wish. Ms. Hong also asked how soon a club may start meeting after submitting their paperwork. Mr. Hamadeh said that Mr. Schaefer must review and approve all club packets. Once they have been approved, the club will receive a confirmation email and may start meeting. If a group is requesting to meet in-person, they must wait until they receive confirmation that their on-campus location has been reserved. Mr. Schaefer mentioned that several packets have been received that are incomplete or have been filled out incorrectly.

APPOINTMENTS

President Morales made the following appointments:

ASCSM Boards

- Senator Javier-Ramos as chair of the Public Relations Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Zahra Haider and Amaan Shafiq to the Advocacy Board
Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Skinas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Participatory Governance Committees

- Campus Centennial Activities Committee: President Morales and Senator Wadi Zaw
- College Finance Committee: Finance Director Farjat
- College Auxiliary Services Advisory Committee: Vice President Mahoney and Senators Javiro-Ramos and Sun
- Committee on Teaching and Learning: Senators Frias and Skinas
- Curriculum Committee: Senator Arriharan
- Distance Education Advisory Committee: Vice Chair Hong
- District Basic Needs Task Force: Senator Chang
- District Committee on Budget and Finance: Finance Director Farjat
- District Participatory Governance Committee: President Morales
- Educational Equity Committee: Senator Chang
- Faculty Academic Senate: President Morales
- Institutional Planning Committee: President Morales, Vice President Mahoney, and Finance Director Farjat
- International Education Committee: Senator Khurelchulum
- Learning Support Centers Coordination Committee: Senator Chen
- Student Discipline Committee: Vice Chair Hong
- Student Services Council: Senator Barquero
- Technology Committee: Senator Kyaw Myat
Motion to approve the above appointments by Senator Barquero; seconded by Senator Kyaw Myat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING

Mr. Hamadeh said that the district is still working on a system so that students can submit their vaccination status. The system should be in place soon. He also noted that there are pop-up drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinics at each of the district's campuses this week.

WELCOME EVENT FOR FALL 2021

Vice President Mahoney reported that the welcome event has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 8, and Thursday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Representatives from the CSM Wellness Center, Active Minds, and the Peer Educators have also been invited to participate. Active Minds and the Peer Educators will be distributing information about Suicide Awareness Month, the Wellness Center will be sharing information about their services, and SparkPoint will be handing out information about the food pantry and financial planning services.

Finance Director Farjat recognized the work of the task force and thanked them for reaching out to collaborate with other campus programs. President Morales suggested reaching out to EOPS and Promise Scholars so that they can promote the event to their students. Vice President Mahoney suggested posting fliers advertising the event around campus. President Morales suggested leaving fliers at the welcome desk in Building 10 and Finance Director Farjat suggested leaving fliers at the checkout counter in the bookstore. Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that information about the welcome event has been posted to Facebook and Instagram. He also noted that the ASCSM branded face masks will be delivered tomorrow and that the group should schedule a “goody bag stuffing party” for some time this week.

ASCSM GOALS AND WELCOME STATEMENT FOR 2021–2022

The members of the Student Senate reviewed the proposed goals for 2021–2022. Senator Skinas asked if it would be possible to add to the goals later in the year. Mr. Schaefer said the group would review the goals again in early spring and update them as necessary. In addition to expanding mental health services for students, Vice President Mahoney suggested adding language about promoting and raising awareness regarding current services. Finance Director Farjat said that highlighting the mental health services in the Bulldog Bulletin and reminding students to read the latest issue is a good idea. President Morales suggested that the Public Relations Board assist in promoting mental health services. The language of the goal dealing with mental health services was updated to include promoting current services. President Morales asked if the goals could be posted to the ASCSM website and Instagram. Mr. Hamadeh said that once the document is finalized and it approved, it will be posted to the website, Instagram, and Facebook.

Motion to approve the ASCSM Goals for 2021–2022 as revised by Senator Skinas; seconded by Senator Khurelchuluun. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

President Morales presented the welcome statement and asked for any final feedback. Once the statement is finalized, Ms. Morales would like to see it published in the Bulldog Bulletin, posted to the ASCSM website and on Instagram. Any final feedback should be directed to President Morales.

STUDENT TOWN HALL

President Morales said that David McLain, acting director of community relations and marketing, attended the last Executive Cabinet meeting to discuss a student-focused town hall on Tuesday, September 7. Mr. McLain asked for suggestions on what should be covered and asked if the Associated Students would like the opportunity to provide any updates.

President Morales initially suggested that the entire Student Senate participate in the event and share why they joined ASCSM, their goals as student leaders, and how they are trying to support CSM’s students. Ms. Morales said that this would be an opportunity to promote the ASCSM Boards, share the Student Senate’s overall goals for the year, and promote the welcome event. It was suggested that a representative from Active Minds or Peer

Educators be invited to attend and share information about the mental health support services available for students. The town hall would also be an opportunity to promote club involvement.

President Morales asked that the board chairs develop a flier for their board and send it to her by this Thursday. Mr. Schaefer said that the board chairs need to send their proposed meeting times to him and Mr. Hamadeh no later than this Wednesday so they can confirm they are available before promoting a meeting day and time.

President Morales suggested that the Student Senate establish a task force to brainstorm topics to be addressed at the town hall. Finance Director Farjat asked if each member of the Student Senate would have a slide that includes their name and title. President Morales said that the slides would include QR codes for the fliers developed by the boards, and that students would be able to contact the board chairs via email. Mr. Hamadeh noted that the town hall has only been scheduled for one hour and that other folks, such as President Taylor-Mendoza, will be speaking. He suggested that rather than including the entire Student Senate that President Morales, Vice President Mahoney, Finance Director Farjat, and Vice Chair Hong present as the ASCSM leadership. Information about the members of the Student Senate—such as pictures and titles—can be included in the presentation so that students know who their leaders are. Mr. Schaefer said that if the fliers are going to include email addresses, board chairs should use a free service like Gmail to create a board-specific email address to avoid sending out their own personal information. Mr. Hamadeh said that he could convert the existing email forwarders to full email accounts so that executive officers and board chairs wouldn't have to use their personal email addresses at all.

Finance Director Farjat suggested highlighting the group's top three goals rather than the full list. President Morales said that she is planning to display the full list of goals on a slide and talk about them all in general terms with a link so that students may review them on their own. Vice President Mahoney noted that the details of the event can be worked out by the task force. Anyone with suggestions regarding topics for the town hall can contact President Morales. Finance Director Farjat, Vice Chair Hong, and Senator Arriharan volunteered to work with President Morales on the presentation for the town hall.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Possible Districtwide Event – “Colts-cella”
- ASCSM Stage 1.0 Budget for 2021–2022
- Update on Masks

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Following up on his earlier report, Mr. Hamadeh noted that Vice President of Administrative Services Micaela Ochoa had contacted him and Finance Director Farjat regarding the issues surrounding distribution of masks on campus. In their communications, two issues were identified: 1.) The lack of any information as to where masks are publicly available on campus; and 2.) The fact that campus employees are not aware of the process for requesting masks that may be made publicly available. Vice President Ochoa indicated that she would follow-up with the deans as well as Facilities to see how both issues may be addressed. President Morales asked that she be kept updated on the issue as she will be meeting with President Taylor-Mendoza and would like to follow-up. She also said that anyone who has topics that they would like her to bring to President Taylor-Mendoza should contact her directly.

President Morales said that the Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) are in the early planning stages of an event inspired by the annual Coachella Music Festival. She asked if there is interest in exploring the possibility of partnering with ASCC for the event. Members of the Student Senate asked for more information.

Mr. Hamadeh indicated that applications for the boards have started coming in. Mr. Hamadeh said that after he blocks out the applicant's student ID number, he forwards the application to President Morales and the board chair so that they may schedule an interview the student. The interview is just a way to get an idea of the applicant's commitment and to them an idea of what they are signing up for. Names are then brought to Executive Cabinet and if there are no concerns, they are forwarded to the Student Senate for approval. Boards need to have at least three members plus the chair to start meeting.

Vice President Mahoney said that Student Trustee Garcia is working to schedule a District Student Council (DSC) meeting. She said that anyone who has issues they would like discussed with the other two campuses should reach out to her or President Morales. Finance Director Farjat asked that President Morales and Vice President Mahoney inquire how Cañada and Skyline are addressing issues around masking.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:37 p.m. by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh
Student Life and Leadership Assistant