



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Senators Alani Frias (excused), Sofiana Skinas (excused)

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

Others Present: Mike Holtzclaw, CSM Vice President of Instruction; Ashley Garcia, SMCCCD Student Trustee; Carly Ramirez; Aaron Singh

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 20, 2021, meeting were not available. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Morales thanked those who helped clean the Event Prep Room. She reported that she has been contacted by CSM President Taylor-Mendoza regarding the San Mateo Rotary's upcoming Fun Run event. The run is an opportunity to raise money for student scholarships. President Taylor-Mendoza is inviting members of the Student Senate to participate in the event. President Morales also said that she has been invited to help organize a panel of students for the October 13 Flex Day.

Vice Chair Hong reported that the fall 2021 Club Fair will take place this Wednesday and Thursday, September 29 and 30, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fair will be held virtually.

District Student Trustee Ashley Garcia reported that the District Council on Anti-Racism made a presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, September 22. The district has made a commitment to establishing an anti-racist community. To that end, the goal is to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students, especially hyper-marginalized students, and to disrupt any barriers that may prevent that from happening. The council's hope is to infuse anti-racism in the district's mission statement, hiring practices,

curriculum, and more by identifying the flaws in our systems that were created long ago to benefit certain groups. In addition, the council seeks to eradicate structures that normalize racial microaggressions and other forms of anti-Black racism. The council is carrying out its work in three priority areas: Curriculum and instruction; policies and procedures; and equal employment opportunities. Ultimately, the council seeks to reimagine, recreate, and remodel the district to create a positive, all-inclusive educational environment for all students.

Vice President of Instruction Mike Holtzclaw is attending the Student Senate meeting to check-in with the group and hear any concerns or positive news the group may have. He noted that the task force that was reviewing the college's student complaint process needed to resume meeting. The task force as originally called together because of student concerns that the current complaint process is cumbersome, inconsistent, not user friendly, and doesn't cover all the issues it needs to such as microaggressions. Mr. Hamadeh said he would work to arrange a new meeting of the task force.

President Morales said that she was asked by CSM President Taylor-Mendoza how she felt about seeing students not wearing masks in the dining are of Building 10. Ms. Morales noted that while it may not bother her personally, she can understand concerns that other folks may have. Vice President Holtzclaw said that he has been meeting with folks from the District Office as well as from Cañada and Skyline. He said that this appears to be an issue at all three campuses. Mr. Holtzclaw mentioned that current county policy does allow for people to take off their masks while actively eating or drinking. He said that the matter has been referred to Chancellor's Cabinet and that they are discussing posting signs in designated eating areas indicating that folks may be unmasked while seated at dining tables.

President Morales asked Vice President Holtzclaw to help spread the word about the Hispanic Heritage Month event on Wednesday, September 29. Finance Director Farjat also shared that the Student Senate held a successful welcome event and distributed masks to students as well as free food.

Mr. Hamadeh asked if Vice President Holtzclaw could share any information regarding the spring 2022 schedule of classes. Mr. Holtzclaw said that the college is planning to offer more face-to-face and hybrid classes for the spring semester. There will also still be a significant number of online classes available. The goal is to meet student demand by offering as many different delivery modalities as possible. Vice President Mahoney asked if Vice President Holtzclaw could provide any percentages in terms of class delivery options. Mr. Holtzclaw said that he did not have the information readily available but that he would provide it Mr. Hamadeh to share with the Student Senate.

Vice President Mahoney asked if Vice President Holtzclaw is familiar with the general education patterns at Cañada College that include environmental and social justice tracks. Mr. Holtzclaw said that the tracks may be linked to Cañada's Guided Pathways framework. He said that he would reach out to his counterpart at Cañada to get more information.

Aaron Schaefer, student life and leadership manager, said that he will be working remotely for the remainder of this week. He will be reachable via email and will be attending all his usual meetings this week. Mr. Schaefer encouraged members of the Student Senate to be sure to sign up to assist with the Hispanic Heritage Month event this week. He reminded folks to show up at the times they commit to so that they can provide leadership and coordination at the events and to communicate if anything comes up that prevents them being present.

Fauzi Hamadeh, student life and leadership assistant, reminded the group that members of the Student Senate will be required to attend meetings in person starting next week due to the expiration of the governor's emergency executive order regarding the Brown Act.

APPOINTMENTS

President Morales made the following appointments:

Advocacy Board

- Brianna Okonek

Cultural Awareness Board

- Carly Ramirez

Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Sun; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING

Members of the Student Senate expressed surprise that Vice President Holtzclaw had mentioned that a significant number of classes would be offered online for the spring 2022 semester. Mr. Hamadeh noted that the academic divisions are having to make their best guesses regarding class scheduling for the spring but that they have been asked to make sure that the bulk of their course offerings will be in-person. Students will have the option enroll in on-campus, hybrid, or online classes for the spring semester if they have been vaccinated and upload proof of their vaccination status to WebSMART. Students who are not vaccinated or do not upload proof of vaccination will only be allowed to enroll in online classes. And while more hybrid classes will be offered, what constitutes a "hybrid" class is still not very well defined. In addition, there may not be enough classrooms outfitted with the required technology to provide as many hybrid classes as folks may like. Mr. Hamadeh said that based on student surveys, it appears that students at Cañada want to see more online classes, students at Skyline want to see more in-person classes, and students at CSM want to see a mix of in-person, online, and hybrid classes. He said that because each division sets its own course schedules, there may be drastic differences between how many in-person, online, and hybrid classes are offered per discipline. Mr. Schaefer noted that COVID is something that folks are going to have to learn to live with and that even though folks may get comfortable taking classes online, students being on campus and interacting with faculty and staff via extra-curricular activities is an important factor in student success. The availability of events and activities on campus will be an important factor in drawing students back to campus. Mr. Schaefer suggested including information about the vaccination requirements and the pop-up vaccine clinics as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month event on Wednesday.

Mr. Hamadeh said that the district held a briefing for employees last week that outlined the vaccination verification process for students. When spring registration starts in November, students will be reminded to upload proof of their vaccination status via WebSMART. If a student does not upload their vaccination verification or refuses to be vaccinated, they will receive periodic reminders via email and telephone calls. During this time,

students may register for in-person, online, or hybrid classes. However, students who have not uploaded their vaccination proof or who refuse to get vaccinated by January 13, 2022, will automatically be dropped from their in-person classes. Starting January 14, 2022, students who are not vaccinated or who refuse to upload their vaccination status will be barred from enrolling in on-campus classes. They will also be barred from coming to campus to access in-person services. Mr. Schaefer noted that the vaccination requirement will also apply for all ASCSM-sponsored events and activities, including the winter retreat and student clubs and organizations.

UPDATE ON HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENT

President Morales, Finance Director Farjat, and Senators Arriharan, Javier-Ramos, and Wadi Zaw provided updates on the advertisement, decorations and supplies, and food for the Hispanic Heritage Month event scheduled for Wednesday, September 29. In addition to the details regarding the event, Senator Javier-Ramos said that the Public Relations Board will begin posting information about notable Latinx leaders on the ASCSM Instagram account. Finance Director Farjat said that Professor Rudy Ramirez will also be giving a speech at the event. Senator Wadi Zaw asked members of the Senate to volunteer for the open slots on the SignUpGenius for the event.

ASCSM BOARD MIXER

Mr. Hamadeh explained that the Student Senate traditionally sponsors a social mixer that includes members of the Senate as well as members of the ASCSM Boards. The intent is to provide the opportunity for everyone involved with ASCSM to meet one another. President Morales, Vice Chair Hong, Senators Khurelchuluun and Wadi Zaw and Mr. Singh volunteered to serve on a task force to help plan the mixer.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:16 p.m. by Senator Barquero; seconded by Senator Khurelchuluun. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant