



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: President Andrea Morales (excused, Senate business)

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Chang; seconded by Senator Sun. 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 by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Barquero. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 27, 2021, meeting by Senator Chang; seconded by Vice Chair Hong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Vice President Mahoney reminded that Senate that the weekly food distribution held at CSM on Fridays is still looking for volunteers. She also reminded the group about the San Mateo Rotary's Fun Run event on October 24.

Vice Chair Hong invited members of the Senate to participate on a student panel as part of the college's Flex Day activities on Wednesday, October 13. The panel will be an opportunity for students to share their experiences with remote instruction and the college's transition back to in-person classes and services. Ms. Hong asked that those who are members of student clubs to also announce the invitation to their groups.

Fauzi Hamadeh, student life and leadership assistant, asked that the Senate remember that the ASCSM Office in Building 17 is only to be used by members of the Student Senate. Members of the Senate may have friends in the space, but it is limited to one guest per member, and the member of the Senate must be present while the guest is in the office. If the member of the Senate leaves for a class or because they are leaving campus, the guest must also leave the space.

Following up on Vice President of Instruction Mike Holtzclaw's visit at last week's Student Senate meeting, Mr. Hamadeh announced that the task force that was reviewing the college's complaint and grievance procedure is looking for a new student representative. Finance Director Farjat volunteered to serve on the task force.

Finally, Mr. Hamadeh reported that Vice President Holtzclaw has provided a breakdown of class delivery modalities for the spring 2022 semester. According to Mr. Holtzclaw, 48% of courses for the spring 2022 semester will be offered face-to-face, 14% will be offered in a hybrid format, and 38% will be online. Mr. Hamadeh stressed that these numbers reflected the current state of the spring class schedule and that the percentages will change as the divisions adjust the schedule based on student demand and feedback.

APPOINTMENTS

On behalf of President Morales, Vice President Mahoney made the following appointments:

Advocacy Board

- Joshua Kelso

Cultural Awareness Board

- Basilio Rico Serrano

Programming Board

- Sofiana Skinas
- Roman Rodriguez
- Seini (Jane) Petelo
- Gabby Oberes-Padre

Public Relations Board

- Melody Pan
- Katherine Errington
- Dawit Bairu

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

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

Hispanic Heritage Month

Members of the Student Senate said that the setup of the event was well thought out and that the informational posters about Hispanic leaders were extremely inspiring. The group also said that the pinata was well received. Vice President Mahoney said that it was great to see so many members of the various boards involved in the event. Finance Director Farjat thanked everyone who stayed to help clean up after the event.

FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING

None.

FUNDING TO SUPPORT FREE FLU SHOT CLINICS

Mr. Schaefer said that Emily Barrick, director of the campus wellness center, is asking for support from the Associated Students for the upcoming free campus flu shot clinics that will be held on Tuesday, October 12, and Thursday, October 14. The clinics will have free flu shots available for students and employees. The shots will be administered by students from the Nursing program. Ms. Barrick is asking the Associated Students to provide funding for food and drinks to encourage student participation and to provide some equipment to support the event. In addition, anyone who is available to volunteer, including members of clubs, is encouraged to participate.

Motion to allocate \$2,000.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Skinas.

Finance Director Farjat asked what kind of equipment the Wellness Center has requested. Mr. Schaefer said that they have asked to use tables, chairs, and ASCSM canopies for the event. Mr. Schaefer noted that the last flu season was relatively mild due to the mitigation measures taken to stem the COVID-19 outbreak. However, there is fear that this year's flu season may be especially virulent. Given the ongoing strain placed on the health system by COVID-19, it is important that measures are taken to minimize the spread of flu.

The motion carried with 11 voting in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

GET TO KNOW A MEMBER OF ASCSM CAMPAIGN

On behalf of the Public Relations Board, Senator Javier-Ramos said that the board would like to start a promotional campaign so that students can get to know the members of the Student Senate. Senator Javier-Ramos will be distributing an online form that will ask members of the Senate some basic information (age, major, transfer plans, etc.). That information, along with photos, will be used to create posts for the ASCSM Instagram account. Vice President Mahoney suggested adding a video component to the campaign. Mr. Schaefer said that videos are something that the Senate should start working on now with the plan to launch them in the spring.

COMMUNICATION CHECK-IN DISCUSSION

Due to the absence of President Morales, it was requested that this item be carried over to the next meeting. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Communication Check-In Discussion

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Schaefer shared that the district has decided to modify the free drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinics that are scheduled for the remainder of the semester. He said that instead of being held at all three campuses, the clinics would now only be held at CSM. In addition, the members of the task force brought together to provide input on the clinics overwhelmingly said that scheduling them on Fridays was not ideal. The district will work with its outside vendor to look at alternate days but is currently moving forward with Fridays. The task force also suggested moving the pop-up clinics to another part of campus that is more prominent and accessible. Finance Director Farjat said that while she was volunteering as part of the food distribution, people looking for the pop-up clinics were being misdirected, which caused a lot of confusion. Mr. Schaefer said he would share that feedback with Acting Vice President of Student Services Kristi Ridgway.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. by Senator Chang; seconded by Senator Khurelchuluun. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant