



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Andrea Morales; 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, Yoon Wadi Zaw

Members Absent: Vice President Anna Mahoney

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

Others Present: SMCCCD Student Trustee Ashley Garcia; Lita Kavapalu

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 4, 2021, meeting by Senator Barquero; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Morales extended a belated congratulations to everyone involved with the Hispanic Heritage Month event. She also announced that a student panel will be held as part of the college's Flex Day next Wednesday, October 13, and that she is looking for participants. Anyone interested in being on the panel should contact President Morales directly. Finally, President Morales announced that the San Mateo Rotary will be hosting a "fun run" event on Sunday, October 24. CSM President Taylor-Mendoza has offered to sponsor any student interested in participating in the event. Any student who would like to be a part of the run or volunteer at the event should contact President Morales.

Vice Chair Hong reminded the group that volunteers are needed for the flu shot clinics being sponsored by the CSM Wellness Center on Tuesday, October 12, and Thursday, October 14.

District Student Trustee Garcia announced that the District Student Council (DSC) is looking for an at-large student representative to serve on the District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC). DPGC reviews proposed changes to district policies and procedures and provides input into the district governance process. Each student government is being asked to select a nominee to serve as the at-large student representative. DSC will review the nominees and select a representative at its next meeting.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer reiterated Vice Chair Hong's request for volunteers at the upcoming flu shot clinics. He also encouraged folks to get their flu shot to help avoid a potentially severe flu season.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reminded the group that proof of vaccination against COVID-19 will be required for students who wish to take in-person, on-campus classes and who wish to access in-person, on-campus services. Students will have until January 13, 2022, to upload their proof of vaccination or apply for and be granted an exemption. Beginning January 14, 2022, students who do not have an exemption or who have not uploaded their proof of vaccination will be dropped from in-person classes. They will, however, remain enrolled in online remote classes. Mr. Hamadeh asked that the members of the Student Senate help spread awareness about the requirement and deadlines.

APPOINTMENTS

President Morales made the following appointments:

- Christine Morales to the Public Relations Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Khurelchuluun. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- David Nissim to the Advocacy Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Frias. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Lita Kavapalu to the Student Senate
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Javier-Ramos; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. By a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING

None.

PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Members of the Student Senate held a brainstorming session to come up with ideas for centennial events that ASCSM could sponsor or be involved with. Some of the ideas included inviting past members of student government back to campus, holding events themed by decade from the 1920s until today, integrating the spring Club Fair into the centennial, comparing the student experience at CSM from its opening until today, and exploring the history of student groups at the college, such as Alpha Gamma Sigma. Senator Javier-Ramos suggested that the college should put together a time capsule that could be opened in the future. President Morales said she would take the ideas back to the Centennial Activities Planning committee for further discussion.

COMMUNICATION CHECK-IN DISCUSSION

The Student Senate held a discussion to review its current communication methods and to consider ways those methods could possibly be improved. Members of the Student Senate said that their current internal communications were mostly effective, but that some messages were still falling through the cracks. The group discussed moving away from the WhatsApp platform and instead utilizing Discord. Senator Khurelchuluun volunteered to take the lead on setting up the Discord channel for the Student Senate. She will reach out to the rest of the members when the group is ready to make the transition.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Halloween Event
- Review of ASCSM Goals and General Check-In

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Senator Wadi Zaw asked if the ASCSM Canvas shell was active yet. Mr. Schaefer said that Mr. Hamadeh is still working on it.

President Morales reminded the group that there are no classes on Wednesday, October 13, due to the campus Flex Day. She also encouraged members of the Senate to volunteer to be on the student panel for the Flex Day. Finally, President Morales urged folks to participate in the Rotary Club fun run on Sunday, October 24.

Senator Javier-Ramos asked that members of the Senate complete the “Get to Know You” survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:58 p.m. by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Kyaw Myat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh
Student Life and Leadership Assistant