



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 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, Airu Chen (remote), Alani Frias, Jiana Javier-Ramos, Lita Kavapalu, Nomin Khurelchuluun, Sofiana Skinas, Susan Sun

Members Absent: Senators Brittany Arriharan, Min Kyaw Myat, Yoon Wadi Zaw

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 Khurelchuluun; seconded by Senator Skinas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Minutes of prior meetings were not available. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Lia Thomas, assistant professor and librarian, announced that the CSM Library is conducting a survey of users to help determine its service hours and levels for the spring 2022 semester. Ms. Thomas distributed a flier and a QR code that linked to the survey.

Due to the presence of Ms. Thomas, the Student Senate suspended the orders of the day and took up New Business Item A, Zero Textbook Cost and Open Educational Resources Presentation.

ZERO TEXTBOOK COST AND OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION

On behalf of Gloria Carbajal, student assistant with Skyline's Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) initiative, Lia Thomas shared a video that highlighted the ways in which ZTC and Open Educational Resources (OER) can help reduce the costs related to going to college. The video noted that the online class schedule has indicators that can guide students to classes that utilize ZTC and OER materials. The district is seeking to expand the use of ZTC and OER materials to help bring down the cost of higher education.

The members of the Student Senate thanked Ms. Thomas for sharing the video. At the conclusion of this item, the Student Senate resumed the order of the day.

REPORTS

President Morales reminded the group that the Rotary Club fun run event will be held on Sunday, October 24. She said that students interested in participating may still sign-up to be sponsored by CSM President Taylor-Mendoza. Students may also register to serve as volunteers. A flier promoting the event will be posted to the ASCSM Instagram account.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer reminded the Senate that students may upload their proof of COVID-19 vaccination status starting November 3, the same day that registration for the spring 2022 semester opens. He noted that students who have not uploaded their vaccination status or been granted an exemption will be dropped from their in-person, on-campus classes. Members of the Student Senate will also be required to be vaccinated to attend the in-person Senate meetings, as will members of the boards and clubs. Mr. Schaefer reported that the vendor that is working with the district on the drive-thru pop-up COVID vaccination clinics has agreed to move the last two clinics to Tuesdays instead of Fridays. The location may also be changed to make the clinics more accessible to students.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh shared that the across the two days of the flu vaccine clinics that the Student Senate supported, 157 doses were administered.

APPOINTMENTS

President Morales made the following appointments:

- Camile Correia to the Advocacy Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Skinas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

On-Campus Flu Clinics

Mr. Schaefer said that Emily Barrick, director of the Wellness Center, was thankful for the support provided by the Associated Students. Mr. Schaefer noted that there could have been a few more volunteers at the event, but overall, it went well. The presence of food proved effective to persuade students to get the flu shot.

FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING

None.

FUNDING FOR HALLOWEEN EVENT

On behalf of Senator Wadi Zaw and the Programming Board, Mr. Hamadeh and Vice Chair Hong presented the funding request. The Halloween event will be held on Thursday, October 28, and will include a pumpkin decorating contest, a mummy wrapping contest, a costume contest, and a pumpkin pie eating contest (the mummy wrapping contest may canceled due to concerns about sustainability). Prizes in the form of Amazon gift cards will be awarded for each contest. In addition, slices of pumpkin pie, pizza, and candy will be handed out. It was suggested that the Halloween event be combined with a celebration or educational component regarding Dia de los Muertos. Mr. Hamadeh suggested tasking the Cultural Awareness Board with coordinating that portion of the event.

Motion to allocate \$7,500.00 from the Programs account (#5150) for the ASCSM Halloween event by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Barquero. By a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

ASCSM 2021–2022 GOAL REVIEW AND GENERAL CHECK-IN

The members of the Student Senate held a review and discussion of the status of the group's goals for the 2021–2022 year. So far, the group agreed that it is on track to accomplish many of its adopted goals. Finance Director Farjat said that the Welcome Week event was a great start to rebuilding community on campus. She suggested that the group needed to make more progress on ensuring that services provided to international and out-of-state students are robust. President Morales suggested inviting representatives from the Learning Center to provide more information. Vice Chair Hong said that the college's new administration has been very effective at communicating not only with student government but also with

students in general. She said that the Associated Students has made positive changes in respect to communication, but still needs to do more.

Senator Skinas noted that she had heard concerns from students in the STEM fields regarding the lack of hybrid and online classes being offered. Ms. Skinas said that many students have started working during the pandemic, and that it may be difficult for them to change their schedules to accommodate in-person classes. Mr. Hamadeh said that CSM is primarily an in-person, on-campus learning institution, and that as the return to campus accelerates, many resources that were put in place during the pandemic may start to disappear. Mr. Hamadeh said that many students may be in a similar situation to what Senator Skinas described, and that it may not just be jobs but also increased family obligations that they have taken on. Conversely, he mentioned that certain areas struggled with instruction during remote operations, and that faculty in those areas have been some of the strongest advocates for returning to campus. Mr. Hamadeh also said that students have many options, and that students will ultimately “vote with their feet” and will attend institutions that are providing the types of classes and resources that they need. Mr. Hamadeh said that the Student Senate may want to look at ways to advocate for ways the college can support students as they make the transition back to being full-time, in-person, on-campus learners. However, Mr. Hamadeh said that students should contact division deans regarding course availability if they feel certain modalities should be offered. He also suggested inviting Vice President of Instruction Mike Holtzclaw to a future meeting to continue this discussion.

Vice President Mahoney asked how the club culture was recovering. Mr. Hamadeh said that there more clubs active this semester than in the prior semester. He noted that many clubs are still operating primarily in a virtual environment. He hopes that more groups will restart once the full return to campus happens in the spring.

President Morales indicated that she is working on a project regarding social justice and equity. She will have more information for the Student Senate soon.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Spring Class Schedule (Vice President of Instruction Mike Holtzclaw)
- Remote Support Services for Students
- Funding for Vakatasi Halloween Movie event

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Hamadeh reminded the Senate to be sure to remove any signage that is posted as part of on-campus events.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:13 p.m. by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Khurelchuluun. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh
Student Life and Leadership Assistant