



## Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 15, 2021, 2:15 p.m.

**In-Person:** Center for Equity, Leadership and Community Building 17, Room 146  
College of San Mateo; 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.; San Mateo, CA 94402

**Via Zoom:** Join Link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83578419584>  
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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)**
- V. Announcements and Hearings of the Public**

During this time, members of the public may address the Student Senate on non-agenda items. Limit of 15 minutes per topic and 3 minutes per speaker.

### **VI. Reports**

#### **a. Officers**

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| i. President                 | Andrea Morales |
| ii. Vice President           | Anna Mahoney   |
| iii. Finance Director        | Tania Farjat   |
| iv. Vice Chair               | Nicole Hong    |
| v. Secretary                 | vacant         |
| vi. District Student Trustee | Ashley Garcia  |

#### **b. Senators**

Including reports from ASCSM boards and committees, ASCSM task forces, College and District participatory governance committees, and other boards, committees, or organizations.

#### **c. CSM Administration**

- i. Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, CSM President
- ii. Kristi Ridgway, CSM Acting Vice President of Student Services
- iii. Mike Holtzelaw, CSM Vice President of Instruction

**d. Advisors**

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

**VII. Unfinished Business: Action, Discussion, and Information Items**

**a. Appointments – President Morales**

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Student Senate, ASCSM Boards and/or task forces, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary. Possible action to take place.

**b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Chang**

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider recommendations from the Advocacy Board regarding positions on local, state, and national legislation. Possible action to take place.

- i. AB 403 – Fair Access to College Textbooks Act (Kaira, Bonta, Salas)
- ii. AB 967 – Special Education: COVID-19 Special Education Fund (Frazier)

**c. Debrief of ASCSM Events**

The Student Senate shall discuss and review any recent ASCSM events; no action to take place.

**d. Fall 2021 Campus Reopening**

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider information and plans regarding the reopening of the CSM campus for the fall 2021 semester. Possible action to take place.

**VIII. New Business: Action, Discussion, and Information Items**

**a. Review of Draft Board Policies – District Mission and Undocumented Student Fee Waiver**

The Student Senate shall review, discuss, and provide feedback regarding updates to the District’s Preamble, Vision, Mission, and Values statements (Board Policy 1.01) and the proposed new Board policy regarding the Undocumented Student Fee Waiver. Possible action to take place.

**b. Funding for End of Semester Event**

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider allocating funds for an end-of-semester event for the fall 2021 semester. Possible action to take place.

**c. Spring 2022 Transition Back to Campus**

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider way to support students as they continue to transition back to campus for the spring 2022 semester. Possible action to take place.

**d. Plans for Spring 2022 Welcome Week**

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider plans for the spring 2022 Welcome Week event. Possible action to take place.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

During this time, members of the Student Senate may suggest agenda items for consideration for future meetings.

**X. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public**

During this time, members of the Student Senate and the public may voice any concluding comments. Limit of 15 minutes per topic and 3 minutes per speaker.

**XI. Adjournment**



## Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Monday, October 25, 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; Vice Chair Nicole Hong; Senators Brittany Arriharan, Tito Barquero, Airu Chen (remote), Jiana Javier-Ramos, Lita Kavapalu, Nomin Khurelchuluun, Min Kyaw Myat, Susan Sun, Yoon Wadi Zaw

Members Absent: Senators Nerissa Chang, Alani Frias (excused, Senate related business), Sofiana Skinas (excused, Senate related business)

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; Kristi Ridgway, CSM Acting Vice President of Student Services; Leila Tamale

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 11, 2021, meeting by Senator Khurelchuluun; seconded by Senator Barquero. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 18, 2021, meeting by Senator Khurelchuluun; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair Hong congratulated President Morales and Vice President Mahoney on participating in the San Mateo Rotary Club's Fun Run/Walk on Sunday.

Due to the presence of Vice President Holtzclaw, the Student Senate suspended the orders of the day and took up New Business Item A, Discussion of the Spring 2022 Class Schedule.

### DISCUSSION OF THE SPRING 2022 CLASS SCHEDULE

Vice President Holtzclaw shared information about the spring 2022 class schedule with the Student Senate. He noted that 65% classes for the spring semester will be face-to-face (including on-campus, hybrid, or "hi-flex") while 35% will be solely online. Mr. Holtzclaw highlighted some programs, such as Architecture, will be completely online due to facilities availability (Building 19 at CSM is slated to be closed from January 2022 through January 2023 for renovations), while others, such as Geology, will be fully in-person.

Finance Director Farjat said that the transition to remote learning was a huge shift and required students to readjust their work and life schedules. Now that the transition back to in-person learning has begun, students may be feeling that they are again having to readjust work and life schedules around classes that may be in-person or online. She said that the uncertainty that remains around the spring semester is still disconcerting for students. Ms. Farjat also expressed her opinion that some

classes, such as Science classes, are better taken in-person due to the hands-on experience required. Ms. Farjat said that she feels there is a good balance of in-person and online classes being made available across the district.

Vice President Mahoney shared the experience of a friend who is majoring in the performing arts. Ms. Mahoney's friend feels that because all the courses being offered in the major are virtual, they are not receiving the best training possible. Mr. Holtzclaw noted that CSM does not offer acting or other performing classes, but that the major is offered through Cañada College.

Vice President Holtzclaw asked if there were any areas where students were asking for more in-person or virtual classes. He said that when he and the deans met to start developing the schedule, they made a conscious decision not return to the "normal," pre-pandemic model for scheduling classes. For example, pre-pandemic, CSM had the fewest online classes. Now, CSM is offering the most. Moving forward, the college wants to offer a balance of both online and in-person classes. Mr. Holtzclaw said that the pandemic has allowed some faculty and students to discover that they could be successful in online classes while others found they preferred in-person instruction.

Vice President Holtzclaw followed up with President Morales regarding a suggestion she had made that all in-person classes have an online equivalent offered. President Morales said that the schedule presented by Vice President Holtzclaw address many of her concerns. She did suggest that students be offered a streaming option for in-person classes so that they could attend lectures or other on-campus sessions virtually. President Morales clarified that she would like to see more classes offered in a "hi-flex" format. Vice President Holtzclaw said that the college and the district are working to clarify messaging and expectations around "hi-flex" classes. He also said that the college will be upgrading approximately 30 classrooms to better facilitate "hi-flex" learning and additional training so more faculty will feel comfortable offering "hi-flex" courses. Mr. Holtzclaw said that he expects more "hi-flex" classes to be offered in the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters and that the format will increase in popularity as more students become familiar with it.

President Morales said that now that she knows more about the spring class schedule, she is more in support of the college's plans. She said that it would be good if the college could provide this information to more students so they can understand the thinking behind the class schedule. Vice President Mahoney said that the return to campus is another big change for students, which may explain some of the concern. Mr. Hamadeh said that there are still many students enrolled at CSM have never been on campus. Finance Director Farjat said that students may also be eager to return to campus due to privacy concerns around test taking platforms such as Proctorio. Senator Wadi Zaw expressed concern about how the reduction in online classes will impact international students who may not be able return or come into the United States. Vice President Holtzclaw said that his office as well as the Vice President of Student Services Office is working with the International Education Office to make sure that international students have access to the classes they need. He said that rules regarding how many on-campus units international students must take to be eligible for visas continue to change. Acting Vice President Ridgway noted that the F-1 student visa requirements that were suspended during the pandemic have been reinstated. She said that a similar requirement is also a concern for student veterans who receive G.I. Bill benefits. Vice President Holtzclaw said that preliminary discussions about the fall 2022 schedule are already starting, and that the college will be taking what it learns from spring registration to help inform class scheduling for next fall. He also feels there will be less confusion and uncertainty at that time.

Vice President Holtzclaw shared that he is the administrative representative on an Academic Senate committee that is working to develop guidelines for faculty on matters such as using platforms like Proctorio and how to better define what constitutes an online class. He said that student feedback is important in this process to help inform the discussions about best practices.

President Morales suggested that information about health and safety should be communicated to students as they return to in-person classes. For example, she said that students should be encouraged to wipe down desks and tabletops in their

classrooms prior to the start of classes. Vice President Holtzclaw said that classrooms are equipped with cleaning supplies, and that masks are also being made available across the campus.

Vice President Mahoney asked what the most effective way for students would be to provide feedback regarding course offerings. Finance Director Farjat asked if there is a central location on the website that lists contact information for all the college's deans. Vice President Holtzclaw said that there is, but that advertising avenues for feedback is an ongoing challenge. He said that students have said that the college should utilize text messaging more, but that there are laws around users opting-in to receiving certain types of text messages. He also noted that students may begin to ignore texts from the college if they become too frequent. Mr. Holtzclaw said that suggestions from the Student Senate would be helpful in helping to address this issue. President Morales said that creating a webpage with all the information students may need would be helpful. She also said that the Student Senate can help promote the information via its Canvas page, which is under development. Vice President Holtzclaw said that the task force reviewing the student grievance/complaint process is trying to address this issue and that the college is currently looking into the establishment of an ombudsperson position to provide support for students. Acting Vice President Ridgway said that some new hires in the Community Relations and Marketing department may also help with communications. Mr. Hamadeh said that the college should look at ways to help support students in a more practical sense, such as reminding them to arrive on campus with enough time to find a parking space or on which public transit lines service the college. He said that employees should be reminded to continue to "extend grace" to students as the transition back to campus continues. President Morales suggested publishing a series of videos that will help guide students as they return to campus. Vice President Holtzclaw said that this would be a great project for the College Ambassadors.

The members of the Student Senate thanked Vice President Holtzclaw for his presentation and for speaking with the group. At the conclusion of this item, the Student Senate resumed the order of the day.

## **REPORTS**

President Morales said that she had fun participating in the Rotary Club's Fun Run/Walk. She also reminded members of the Student Senate to volunteer to help at the Halloween event this week.

Vice President Mahoney said that she also had fun participating in the Rotary Club's Fun Run/Walk event.

Vice Chair Hong said that there are a lot of volunteers for the Halloween event, but that more are needed for the setup and clean-up shifts.

Senator Khurelchuluun said that she has setup the Discord server for the Student Senate. She will be sending out the invitations for members to join shortly. Channels on the Discord server will be setup for the Student Senate as well as the boards. An email will go out explaining how the transition from the group chat will to the Discord will be handled.

Senator Wadi Zaw said that members of Programming Board will be making posters for the Halloween event in the Event Prep Room after the meeting. She invited members of the Senate who are available to assist.

Senator Arriharan said that the Cultural Awareness Board is collaborating with the Programming Board and will be providing information about Dia De Los Muertos. She asked that members of the Senate help promote that portion of the event as well.

Acting Vice President of Student Services Ridgway said that additional student services departments continue to reopen. She said that Counseling is now open for in-person drop-in appointments on Mondays and Tuesdays with by-appointment availability throughout the week. This includes general counseling as well as counseling for students in the Promise Scholars program. The Wellness Center is also open on a by-appointment basis. Information on the services availability webpage will be updated by next week. Ms. Ridgway thanked the Student Senate for feedback on the COVID-19 pop-up vaccination clinics. She said that the clinics have been moved to Tuesdays and will be held on November 2, November 30, and December

21, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Beethoven Lot (Lot #2). Finance Director Farjat asked if the clinics will be offering vaccine booster shots, and Acting Vice President Ridgway said they would. It was noted that only adults with pre-existing medical conditions who have received the Pfizer vaccine are currently eligible for booster shots. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster shots are currently under review but will likely receive authorization soon.

Acting Vice President Ridgway said that information regarding the vaccination attestation process for students has started to go out, and she asked that members of the Student Senate help communicate the information to their peers. An email with detailed information about the attestation process will be going out to all students on Friday, October 29. She noted that students will be dropped from their in-person classes if they do not upload their attestation process by the deadline. Students will be dropped on a rolling basis, like the process for non-payment. Vice Chair Hong asked if students would be dropped from “hi-flex” classes as well as in-person classes. Acting Vice President Ridgway said that she believes the “hi-flex” classes are being counted as in-person classes, so the drop policy would apply. Finance Director Farjat asked what would happen if a student were in-between vaccine doses. Acting Vice President Ridgway said that students must upload proof of receiving both doses (for Pfizer and Moderna) for the attestation to be considered complete. Finance Director Farjat suggested making a QR code available so that students can be linked directly to WebSMART. Senator Javier-Ramos asked if the digital proof of vaccination provided by the California State website would be accepted. Acting Vice President Ridgway said she believes it would.

Finally, Acting Vice President Ridgway said that she has been working with her executive assistant, Deborah Laulusa, and Mr. Hamadeh to make sure that masks are available around campus. She said that masks should be available at the front counter in Building 10 as well as in the Student Life area. Vice President Mahoney suggested that the masks be made available on top of the desk rather than hidden behind the counter. Ms. Ridgway said that there was a miscommunication with the folks who staff the front desk about storing the masks when the desk is not being staffed and that it has been clarified.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer said that he and Mr. Hamadeh have been in contact with Vice President of Administrative Services Micaela Ochoa regarding the Student Body Fee issue. The challenge is to find a source to reimburse the Associated Students that are not Fund 1 monies, which have restrictions on how they may be spent. The district is exploring the option of using funds from the foundation. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh suggested using Fund 1 monies but restricting their use to allowable expenses. The issue will be discussed at the District Student Council (DSC) meeting this week and there may be a meeting scheduled with District Chancellor Claire.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Morales made the following appointments:

- Yun Chen and Aodan Walsh to the Cultural Awareness Board  
Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Skinas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Senator Khurelchuluun volunteered to serve as the nominee for the at-large student representative to the District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC).  
Hearing no objections, the appointment was approved.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

None.

## **DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS**

None.

## **FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING**

None.

## **FUNDING FOR VAKATASI HALLOWEEN MOVIE MARATHON EVENT**

On behalf of the Vakatasi Club, Leila Tamale explained that the group is planning to hold a drive-up movie marathon event on campus. The marathon will consist of horror movies by Pacific Islander, Black, Indigenous, and people of color directors and creators. Attendees will be an admission charge, which will be utilized by the club to support leadership activities. The requested funds are to purchase a blow-up screen, an audio adapter, and snacks for the event.

Motion to allocate \$1,400.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Vakatasi scary movie marathon by Senator Javier-Ramos; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. The motion carried with 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- ASCSM Budget Update
- Transfer Mental Health Statement

## **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:42 p.m. by Senator Khurelchuluun; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant



## Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Monday, November 8, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 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, Alani Frias, Jiana Javier-Ramos, Lita Kavapalu, Nomin Khurelchuluun, Min Kyaw Myat, Sofiana Skinas, Susan Sun, Yoon Wadi Zaw

Members Absent: Senator Airu Chen

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

Others Present: CSM President Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, CSM Vice President of Administrative Services Micaela Ochoa, Basilio Rico Serrano

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. 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

None.

### REPORTS

President Morales shared information regarding an incident involving the college's cheer team. She reminded members of the Student Senate to be open to hearing concerns from their fellow students. Ms. Morales also said that members of the Student Senate should feel empowered to bring forward questions or concerns they hear so that they can be addressed.

Vice President Mahoney said that she has been in contact with Makiko Ueda, coordinator of the college's personal counseling services. Ms. Ueda will be providing information about how many students have been utilizing mental health services soon. In addition, Vice President Mahoney has been in touch with the coordinator of the Learning Center, who will be sharing updates on how the labs and centers are providing support for students who are out of the state or out of the country.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer said that he has been in contact with Acting Vice President of Student Services Kristi Ridgway regarding the status of religious exemptions for the COVID-19 vaccination requirement. Mr. Schaefer said that the Board of Trustees will be making a final decision regarding religious exemptions at its meeting on Wednesday, November 10. Members of the Student Senate said that they would like to see the religious exemption remain, especially if such an exemption will continue to be offered for employees.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reminded members of the Student Senate that they must be enrolled in at least 6 units of credit for the spring 2022 semester to maintain their positions. In addition, Mr. Hamadeh said that the



ASCSM Winter Leadership Retreat will take place between Friday, January 14, 2022, and Sunday, January 16, 2022. Members of the Student Senate and the boards are invited to attend. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh said that President Morales and the other Associated Students presidents will be making their fall semester presentation to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 10, at 6 p.m.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Morales made the following appointments:

- Basilio Rico Serrano to the Student Senate  
Motion to approve the appointment by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Skinas. The motion carried with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

None.

## **DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS**

None.

## **FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING**

None.

## **FUNDING TO ATTEND ACTIVE MINDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Representatives of CSM's Active Minds Club shared information regarding the Active Minds National Conference, scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., between February 11 and February 12, 2022. The event brings together representatives from across the country to discuss ways to destigmatize issues around mental health. The funds requested would help support sending six members of the club and an advisor to the conference.

Motion to approve allocating \$2,500.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Active Minds Club's attendance of the Active Minds National Conference by Senator Barquero; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. The motion carried with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

At this time, CSM President Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza joined the meeting. Hearing no objections, the Student Senate suspended the order of the day and returned to Dr. Taylor-Mendoza's item under Reports.

CSM President Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza thanked the Student Senate for allowing her time at today's meeting. She said that she is interested in hearing how students are feeling about the religious exemptions for the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for the spring 2022 semester. As mentioned previously, the Board of Trustees will be discussing the religious exemptions for students at its upcoming meeting on Wednesday, November 10. Members of the Student Senate again expressed support for the exemptions and inquired as to how the requests would be evaluated. President Taylor-Mendoza said that she did not know all the details, but that a matrix is being developed that will allow the equitable evaluation of each request. The exemption requests will be routed to the vice president of student services on each campus. Members of the Student Senate said that they support the process for evaluating the requests and that it was good to see that the Board of Trustees and district are taking the needs of all students into consideration. President Taylor-Mendoza thanked the Student Senate for the feedback and said she looked forward to seeing the group again soon.

At the conclusion of this item, the Student Senate resumed the order of the day.

## **FUNDING FOR ASCSM BOARD MIXER/END-OF-SEMESTER CELEBRATION**

President Morales said that a group met to begin planning for the ASCSM Board Mixer. Due to the timing of the mixer, the decision was made to combine it with the Student Senate's end-of-the-semester celebration. The combined event will take

place in lieu of the Student Senate meeting on Monday, December 6. The event will include food, icebreaker events, and other activities. Members of the Student Senate asked if attendance at the event is mandatory. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh said that it is not, but that attendance is highly encouraged. They both noted that the event is scheduled to take place during the normal Student Senate meeting time, so all the members of the Student Senate should be available.

Motion to approve \$1,750.00 from the Hospitality account (#5080) for the ASCSM Board Mixer/End-of-the-Semester Celebration by Senator Khurelchuluun; seconded by Senator Sun. The motion carried with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Fall Festival/End of Year Event
- AB 540 Student Support
- Proposed Revisions to District Mission, Vision, and Values

#### **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Vice President Mahoney announced that she will be leaving CSM at the end of the fall semester.

Senator Javier-Ramos said that the Public Relations Board will start working on the “Meet a Senator” posts at the group’s Thursday meeting.

President Morales said that the Student Senate will transition to Discord as its internal communication platform starting Monday, November 15.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:23 p.m. by Senator Sun; seconded by Senator Kyaw Mat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh  
Student Life and Leadership Assistant

## **Appointments**

There is no printed material related to this item.



## ASCSM Legislative Bill Report and Summary

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### Bill Name

Fair Access to College Textbooks Act

### Bill Number

AB-403

### Sponsors

Kalra (A) , Bonta (A) , Salas (A)

### For the Advocacy Board Meeting of

Nov-2-2021

### Purpose of Bill

Prohibit public California colleges from carrying out an automatic charge for instructional materials.

### Group(s) impacted

Low-income students

### Last action

03/26/21: Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.

### Current status

Active Bill - In Committee Process, Senate Committe

### Bill Description

Automatic charges are defined as fees which are charged to a student for access to instructional material. It does not include tuition. The only cases where automatic fees can be charged for instructional material are when:

- (1) The automatic charge for instructional materials assessed to each student is less than the price at which a student could acquire the same material.
- (2) The instructional materials assigned for a course are made available no later than the first day of the term to each student who enrolls in the course at least seven days before the first day of the term, and no later than seven days after enrollment for those who enroll thereafter.

(3) The institution of higher education adopts a policy under which a student is automatically charged only if the student opts in to having the cost of instructional materials included in the fees automatically charged to the student for enrollment in a course, and provides that a student may not be required to opt in for the automatic charge in order to participate in, or to successfully complete, the course.

(4) The full amount of the automatic charge is disclosed in, or linked from, the listing for the course or course section in the institution's online course schedule

**Recommended Stance and Justification**

*Support, oppose, watch? Why?*

I support this bill because it ensures that all students are able to afford the material they need for their courses. It will reduce the cost of materials and show any hidden fees which are important to the low-income student body of California Community Colleges.

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## ASCSM Legislative Bill Report and Summary

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**Bill Name**

Special education: COVID-19 Special Education Fund.

**Bill Number**

AB-967

**Sponsors**

Frazier (A)

**Co-sponsors from Northern California**

*Max of 10*

O'Donnell (A)

**For the Advocacy Board Meeting of**

Nov-2-2021

**Purpose of Bill**

The Bill is supposed to provide funding for support for the Special Education programs and individuals enrolled in them to ensure minimal disruption to their education during the Covid crisis.

**Group(s) impacted**

Anyone enrolled in Special Education Programs

**Fiscal impact (if any)**

A one-to-one funding based on need

**Last action**

06/16/21 Referred to Com. on ED.

**Current status**

In Senate

**Bill Description**

Provide funding and assistance specifically for the Special Education Programs to ensure continued progress in the Individual Education Programs, resolve disputes in a timely and cost-effective manner and engage in efforts to reach out to families who face language barriers.

**Recommended Stance and Justification**

*Support, oppose, watch? Why?*

My initial stance is to suggest we support this bill as providing assistance and funding for a stable learning environment during the covid crisis has been difficult and supporting any groups that are struggling is important.

## **Debrief of ASCSM Events**

There is no printed material related to this item.



## **Fall 2021 Campus Reopening**

There is no printed material related to this item.

**SMCCCD Antiracism Council**  
**Draft Preamble, Vision, Mission, Values**  
**8/09/2021**  
**8/24/2021**  
**9/29/2021**

**SMCCCD Preamble**

The San Mateo County Community College District is committed to racial equity and antiracism. Each of the three colleges – Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College – is working to strengthen and radically reimagine our commitment to racial justice through our strategic antiracism initiatives and our obligation to support the unique needs of all students, especially hyper-marginalized students. As a District, our colleges unapologetically engage in learning and teaching about the harmful and violent impacts of systemic racism, anti-Blackness and other forms of oppression within our communities. This critical engagement will continue to inform us of our policies, practices, and procedures. We are leaders in this work by ensuring our education and culture are critical, anti-racist, and justice centered. Furthermore, our commitments are rooted in supporting our students and communities-at-large. This transformational foundation in racial equity and justice is paramount to the continued development and enrichment of our communities, our region, and the California Community Colleges overall.

**SMCCCD Vision**

The San Mateo County Community College District strives to create truly liberatory educational experiences for all members of San Mateo County communities to flourish by eradicating institutional racist policies and practices.

**SMCCCD Mission**

The mission of the San Mateo County Community College District is to achieve racial equity and economic justice in teaching, learning, and workforce development in order to strengthen the vitality and health of the communities we serve.

## SMCCCD VALUES

- **ANTIRACIST & JUSTICE-CENTERED COMMUNITY:** We ensure that our culture and education is critical, transformative, and builds a District and campus community that resists individual and systemic anti-Blackness and racism. We are guided by theory and intellectual rigor to help us build towards an antiracist community. By centering antiracism and justice, we ensure that we root out ALL forms of oppression in our educational system.
- **TRANSFORMATIVE RESOURCE ALLOCATION:** We commit to improve resource allocation decisions, systems, practices, and policies for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and our entire community. When we address these inequities all members of the community benefit. The district and college campuses commit to transformational decision making which seeks out multiple perspectives and provides space for voices that have been historically silenced. We do this by creating a culture that uplifts and centers the voices and experiential knowledge of our District and Campus communities, specifically the voices of groups that have been minoritized.
- **LIBERATORY PRACTICES FOR ECONOMIC HEALTH:** We rebuild, strengthen, and implement, through a reimagining of our policies and practices, the resources and systems that support self-sufficient and self-actualized communities (building more free communities) through a critical exploration of the systemic impact of capitalism, patriarchy, and racism in our communities.

BOARD POLICY

San Mateo County Community College District

**Subject:** BP XX.XX Undocumented Student Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver

**Revision Date:** XXXX

**Policy References:** CA Education Code Section(s) 68000, 68130.5, 76140, 76140.5

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The intent of this Board Policy is to establish criteria for the waiver of non-resident tuition specifically for undocumented students enrolled in six or fewer units at one or more of the colleges in the SMCCCD.

The term 'undocumented' generally refers to people with no immigration legal status in the United States, either because they entered the U.S. without legal status or because they have fallen out of a legal status (such as a tourist visa or a student visa) since their arrival in the U.S.

As set out in California Education Code [CA Ed Code 76140](#): “(a) A community college district may admit, and shall charge a tuition fee to, nonresident students, except that a community college district may exempt from all or parts of the fee any person described in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (6), and shall exempt from all of the fee any person described in paragraph (4) or (5):

(1) All nonresidents who enroll for six or fewer units. Exemptions made pursuant to this paragraph shall not be made on an individual basis.”

Per the permissive exemptions allowed by Education Code Sections 76140 and 76140.5, the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District establishes the following criteria for the waiver of non-resident tuition **for undocumented students**:

1. ~~Nonresident Undocumented~~ students enrolling for 6 or fewer units will have their non-resident tuition fee waived if they meet the following criteria:

1. Have a permanent address in ~~San Mateo County~~ California AND

~~a. Permanence in the county California residency shall be established following standards set forth in CA Ed Code Sections 68000-70902 Uniform Student Residency Requirements applied to residency in San Mateo County specifically.~~

2. Students working toward eligibility for AB540 status as defined by [CA ED Code 68130.5](#):

“(a) A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of Section 1101 of Title 8 of the United States Code, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges if the student meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Satisfaction of the requirements of either subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B):

(A) A total attendance of, or attainment of credits earned while in California equivalent to, three or more years of full-time attendance or attainment of credits at any of the following:

- (i) California high schools.
- (ii) California high schools established by the State Board of Education.
- (iii) California adult schools established by any of the following entities:
  - (I) A county office of education.
  - (II) A unified school district or high school district.
  - (III) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- (iv) Campuses of the California Community Colleges.
- (v) A combination of those schools set forth in clauses (i) to (iv), inclusive.

(B) Three or more years of full-time high school coursework in California, and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of California elementary and secondary schools.

2. All students who qualify for the non-resident tuition fee waiver will also qualify for the waiver of the Capital Outlay Fee.

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## **Spring 2022 Transition Back to Campus**

There is no printed material related to this item.

## **Plans for Spring 2022 Welcome Week**

There is no printed material related to this item.