



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 24, 2022, 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/87482622878>
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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

i. President	Andrea Morales
ii. Vice President	Nicole Hong
iii. Finance Director	vacant
iv. Vice Chair	vacant
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 Holtzclaw, CSM Vice President of Instruction

d. Advisors

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

VII. Action 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.

c. Election of Student Senate Vice Chair

The Student Senate shall open nominations and hold an election to select a vice chair for the spring 2022 semester. Possible action to take place.

d. Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Charles Phan

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider adopting a resolution recognizing and thanking ASCSM Bookkeeper Charles Phan for his services to the Associated Students. Possible action to take place.

e. Establishment of Undocumented Student Support Task Force

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider establishing and appointing members to a undocumented student support task force. Possible action to take place.

VIII. Information and Discussion Items

a. Debrief of ASCSM Events

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

- i. Debrief of Welcome Day event (Wednesday, January 19, 2022)

b. Update on New Virtual Parking Permit System

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider an update on the district's new virtual parking permit system. No action to take place.

c. Spring 2022 Campus Transition

The Student Senate shall discuss and consider information and plans regarding the continued transition back to in-person operations at CSM for the spring 2022 semester. Possible action to take place.

d. Update on Welcome Week Event

The Student Senate shall review and discuss an update on the 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 Special Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Andrea Morales; Vice Chair Nicole Hong; Senators Brittany Arriharan, Tito Barquero, Nerissa Chang, Alani Frias, Jiana Javier-Ramos, Lita Kavapalu, Nomin Khurelchuluun, Min Kyaw Myat, Susan Sun, Yoon Wadi Zaw

Members Absent: Senator Basilio Rico Serrano

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

Others Present: Mondana Bathai, Student Life, SparkPoint and Promise Scholars Staff Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

SWEARING IN OF ASCSM VICE PRESIDENT

Due to the resignation of Anna Mahoney, President Morales administered the oath of office for the position of vice president to Nicole Hong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ASCSM WINTER 2022 LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Mr. Schaefer stated that the recent surge in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant had led to discussions about proceeding with the winter retreat. While everyone attending the retreat would be fully vaccinated and many are boosted, concerns regarding breakthrough cases are at the forefront of everyone's minds. Mr. Schaefer noted that Sonoma County, where the retreat site is located, had just announced a voluntary shelter-in-place order, as well as bans on indoor events of 50 people or more and outdoor events of 100 people or more. In addition, both Mr. Hamadeh and Ms. Bathai have expressed concerns about older family members at home and the risk involved, and Mr. Schaefer has a young child at home who is not eligible to be vaccinated.

Mr. Schaefer said that he and Mr. Hamadeh had some initial discussions over the weekend, and then spoke with President Morales on Monday, at which point the decision to cancel the retreat was made. Even though the Board of Trustees made the decision on Tuesday night to move forward with the start of the spring semester in-person, the concern that if a breakthrough infection did take place, it would move quickly through the group and could force members to miss the start of classes. Mr. Schaefer shared that making the decision to cancel the retreat was personally very disappointing as the retreats are one of his favorite parts of the job. Mr. Hamadeh echoed Mr. Schaefer's comments. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh both committed to finding a way to provide a retreat experience for the Student Senate.

Mr. Schaefer said that Mr. Hamadeh had contacted the retreat site, The Bishop's Ranch, to see if it would be possible to reschedule the event for later in the semester. The Bishop's Ranch said that, unfortunately, the retreat could not be rescheduled and that the balance due on the reservation would still need to be paid as the deadline to cancel as per the use

agreement was October 14, 2021. Mr. Schaefer noted that there was no way to foresee the surge in cases in October. Mr. Hamadeh has asked the college's vice president of administrative services to review the use agreement to see if there is a way to recoup some of the funds. Mr. Hamadeh mentioned that he understood the position of the retreat site as they have already scheduled folks to work the weekend and bought food for the group's meals.

President Morales said that she is disappointed but agreed with the decision to cancel the retreat. She said that her only concern is the loss of funds that could potentially be used to support other events or programs. Vice President Hong said that she and President Morales attended the Board of Trustees meeting and understood the concerns regarding holding the retreat at this time. Senator Javier-Ramos said that she supports being as safe as possible and understood how transmissible the Omicron variant has been. She noted that she has experienced two potential exposures in the last several weeks. Senator Barquero said that while he is disappointed that the retreat is being canceled, he understood the need to keep everyone safe and looked forward to the event being rescheduled.

Even though the retreat is being canceled, President Morales still wanted the Student Senate to participate in a teambuilding activity prior to the start of the semester. Therefore, the group will be volunteering at the community food distribution on Friday. Mr. Schaefer asked that the board chairs extend an invitation to participate in the volunteer opportunity to their members. For those that participate, lunch will be provided. Mr. Hamadeh will send out additional information. Mr. Schaefer said that board members who show up to volunteer will be showing their commitment to

SPRING 2022 RETURN TO CAMPUS

As previously mentioned, Mr. Schaefer said that the Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Tuesday to discuss the start of the spring semester. The district administration presented a plan to delay the start of in-person classes and instruction until January 31. After hearing statements from faculty, staff, students, and members of the community on both sides of the issue, the board made the decision to move forward with the start of the spring semester as planned. He noted that several K-12 districts, community college districts, and the California State University and University of California systems have all decided to delay in-person instruction.

President Morales said that she had attended the board meeting and heard the arguments in favor and against starting the semester in person. She said that some of the speakers expressed concerns about the academic and mental health impacts of keeping students in online instruction. Others stressed the importance of keeping faculty, staff, students, and the community safe. President Morales said that she is confident that the district will take the necessary steps to keep everyone safe. It will also be the responsibility of everyone to continue to wear masks, wash their hands, and take the necessary cleaning measures.

Vice President Hong said that she also attended the board meeting on Tuesday evening. She said that she was impressed with the discussion that took place and with the consideration that the Board of Trustees gave everyone's statements. She said that attending the meeting impressed upon her the importance of being in spaces where decisions are being made. Vice President Hong shared that she would most likely attend Board of Trustees meetings in the future.

Mr. Schaefer said that it is important for members of the Student Senate to listen to the concerns of their peers. Even as the district moves forward with the start of the semester, there is still the chance that a large spike in cases or another serious variant could force a re-evaluation of in-person instruction and services. Mr. Schaefer said that students may be facing numerous challenges as they return to campus, such as anxiety, depression, or fear. He said that members of the Student Senate should reach out to their peers to provide support and information about resources that are available. Mr. Hamadeh encouraged members of the Student Senate to be cognizant of the communication going out from the district, college, and their faculty and staff to make sure that it is all consistent.

COVID-19 VACCINATION AND TESTING DISCUSSION

Mr. Hamadeh said that Acting Vice President of Student Services Krist Ridgway had hoped to attend today's meeting but had a conflict. She is asking for any feedback or suggestions from the Student Senate regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, or other related matters. Members of the Student Senate said that they were overall satisfied with the district policies

regarding vaccinations and testing. They also said that the district had done a good job in allowing for religious and other exemptions. Members of the Student Senate said that they would like to see N95 or KN95 masks be made freely available to students.

Senator Sun expressed concerns about attending in-person classes, especially in popular subjects such as Math that are only being offered in-person. Mr. Schaefer reiterated that all students in on-campus classes are required to be fully vaccinated unless they have been granted an exemption. Those with exemptions must be tested on a weekly basis. In addition, Mr. Schaefer said that Senator Sun or any student should use their own best judgment when deciding whether to take in-person classes. He said that every person is going to be different and have their own comfort level. Mr. Hamadeh said that it is highly unlikely that those in the college age group who are fully vaccinated and wearing masks will contract COVID-19, and that even if they do, the Omicron variant has proven to be milder than previous the Delta variant. Mr. Hamadeh said that no one should want or expect to get COVID while on campus, but that all factors should be taken into consideration and that each person's choice should be respected.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome Week for Spring 2022
- Update on New Virtual Parking System
- Open Forum with San Mateo City Councilwoman Amourance Lee
- Discussion with SMCCCD Chancellor Mike Claire

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:31 p.m. by Senator Sun; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. 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.

Legislative Bills

There is no printed material related to this item.

Election of Student Senate Vice Chair

There is no printed material related to this item.

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Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Charles Phan

Whereas, Charles Phan has served as the ASCSM Bookkeeper for many, many years; and,

Whereas, Charles has often worked behind the scenes, providing support and a pair of watchful eyes over student funds; and,

Whereas, Charles has always put the best interests of the Associated Students, student clubs and organizations, and students in general at the forefront of his work; and,

Whereas, Charles has gone above and beyond in being a custodian of Associated Students monies; and,

Whereas, Charles has always been a stalwart, trusted, and unsung member of the ASCSM family;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Associated Students of College of San Mateo do recognize, thank, and celebrate the contributions of Charles Phan to the students of College of San Mateo.

Establishment of Undocumented Student Support Task Force

There is no printed material related to this item.

Debrief of ASCSM Events

There is no printed material related to this item.

Update on New Virtual Parking Permit System

There is no printed material related to this item.

Spring 2022 Campus Transition

There is no printed material related to this item.

Update on Welcome Week

There is no printed material related to this item.