



## Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, July 12, 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; Treasurer Tania Farjat; Senators Brittany Arriharan, Tito Barquero, Nerissa Chang, Airu Chen, Alani Frias, Nicole Hong, Jiana Javier-Ramos, Nomin Khurelchuluun, Min Kyaw Myat, Sofia Skinas, Susan Sun, Yoon Wadi Zaw

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

Others Present: Allie Fasth, Interim Director of Guided Pathways

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, June 7, 2021, meeting by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Hong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

Vice President Mahoney apologized for missing the meeting scheduled for Monday, June 21.

Mr. Schaefer suggested suspending the order of the day and taking up New Business Item A, Update on Guided Pathways. Hearing no objections, the order of the day was suspended.

### UPDATE ON GUIDED PATHWAYS

Allie Fasth, CSM's Interim Director of Guided Pathways, provided an update on the college's Guided Pathways initiative. The initiative is focused on streamlining and reimagining the way students explore and select their majors. Areas of study are categorized into clusters, called Academic and Career Communities. Guided Pathways also provides wraparound support services to students in the form of Success Teams and other support.

Ms. Fasth shared the Program Mapper, an online tool to show students what different academic programs might look like. The Program Mapper provides information about different Academic and Career Communities, suggests class schedules, and highlights possible career pathways. Members of the Student Senate provided feedback regarding the tool, saying that it was helpful and provided a broad base of majors. Other comments highlighted the inclusion of the salary ranges for various professions and ease of use. Members of the Student

Senate indicated that it would be helpful if the salary information was more localized, that some majors were not listed under expected areas, and that useful information was “hidden” and could only be found by scrolling further down on a screen.

Mr. Hamadeh noted that the Guided Pathways has been underway for quite a while, and that a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to get to this point. He commended Ms. Fasth and the entire Guided Pathways team for their time and effort, particularly around the development of the Academic and Career Communities and the Program Mapper. Ms. Fasth said that the Program Mapper will be rolled out beginning in the fall semester. The program will be continually refined and expanded with student feedback. Ms. Fasth will be back later in the academic year to provide an update to the Student Senate.

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

### **REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, announced that the upcoming leadership retreat will take place on Thursday, August 12, and Friday, August 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The retreat will be held on the CSM campus. Accommodations will be made so that members of the Student Senate not in the area may participate remotely. Those attending will also have the opportunity to see the Student Life space in Building 17, and the ASCSM Office. Hopefully, members of the Student Senate will have access to the ASCSM Office for the fall semester.

Mr. Schaefer reported that the district and college continue to move into the recovery phase. It is still anticipated that approximately 30% of students will be on campus for the fall 2021 semester. There are still questions about which student support services will be open and their availability. The Center for Student Life is aiming to be open at least 50% of normal hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Many of the center’s resources, such as club registration packets, that transitioned online will remain that way. He said that clubs will not be required to meet on campus for the fall semester, though that will change come spring 2022.

Mr. Schaefer noted that President Morales and Vice President Mahoney have already started engaging the college administration in discussions about student activities for the fall semester. He said that the biggest challenge for clubs in the fall will be whether faculty and staff are on campus and available to serve as advisors.

Mr. Schaefer said that the hiring process for the staff assistant position that will support Student Life, Promise Scholars, and SparkPoint has begun, with the hope of having someone in the position by late August or early September. One of the staff assistant’s main tasks will be to aid with communication to the clubs.

Mr. Schaefer announced that CSM’s new president, Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, started her position on July 1. President Morales has already reached out to President Taylor-Mendoza to invite her to a Student Senate meeting. Kim Lopez, who was serving as interim president but has now resumed her role as vice president of student services, will also be invited to a future Student Senate meeting.

Finally, Mr. Schaefer said that starting in the fall, the Student Senate will be holding in-person meetings on campus at least twice a month. Those not in the area will continue to be able to participate remotely. However, it is possible that the governor may rescind the executive order that suspended portions of the Brown Act. Should that happen, the requirements of the Brown Act pertaining to participating in meetings remotely will be back in effect. Unfortunately, that may mean that those not within the boundaries of the community college district may

no longer be eligible to continue to serve as a member of the Student Senate. Mr. Schaefer will keep the group updated.

Senator Hong asked for clarification regarding clubs meeting on campus for the fall semester. Mr. Schaefer said that he is still waiting for final approval from the college administration, but he anticipates that clubs will be allowed to meet on campus if their advisors are present. Mr. Schaefer did add that he and Mr. Hamadeh would not be able to serve as proxies for club advisors due to the number of groups that may make similar requests. The Center for Student Life will share more information when it is available.

Following up on Mr. Schaefer's announcement regarding CSM's new president, Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, stated that a reception to welcome Dr. Taylor-Mendoza is being planned for the first week of August, and that members of the Student Senate will be invited to participate. Mr. Hamadeh also asked the members of the Student Senate to indicate their preferred sizes for ASCSM apparel via an online poll.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

President Morales made the following appointments:

- Finance Director Farjat to the Campus Safety Committee  
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Chang. Finance Director Farjat thanked President Morales for putting her name forward and expressed excitement at serving on the Safety Committee. Vice President Mahoney noted that the Safety Committee would be discussing matters regarding the return to campus. Mr. Hamadeh said that the district's Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) has been disbanded and its duties delegated to the safety committees at each campus. Hearing no objections, the motion carries.

## **REVIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA BROWN ACT**

Mr. Schaefer provided information regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), including what constitutes a meeting, notification requirements for meetings, and rules regarding discussions outside of meetings.

## **REVIEW OF THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASCSM LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Mr. Hamadeh provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the ASCSM leadership positions, including the ASCSM president, vice president, finance director, vice chair, senators, and board chairs.

## **ASCSM GOALS AND WELCOME STATEMENT FOR 2021-2022**

Due to time constraints, Mr. Schaefer suggested delaying this item. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Schaefer asked that members of the Student Senate spend some time before the next meeting thinking about overarching goals for the year. Members may send any ideas they have directly to President Morales.

## **ELECTION OF STUDENT SENATE VICE CHAIR**

Senator Hong expressed interest in serving as vice chair. She asked for clarification on the schedule for Executive Cabinet meetings and Inter Club Council (ICC) meetings. Mr. Hamadeh said that Executive Cabinet meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays at 2 p.m. during the summer. ICC meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. and will resume in the fall.

Motion to open nominations for the position of vice chair by Senator Chang; seconded by Senator Hong. Senator Hong nominated herself for the position of vice chair. Hearing no additional nominations, Senator Wadi Zaw motioned to close nominations; seconded by Senator Kyaw Myat. Hearing no objections, nominations were closed.

Senator Hong said that she has experience serving on ICC and is interested in helping facilitate the return of clubs to campus, especially in making sure that advisors step up and can support groups. Finance Director Farjat thanked Senator Hong for stepping forward and running for the vice chair position. Ms. Farjat noted that she had worked with Ms. Hong in Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) and knows that she is dedicated. Ms. Farjat asked Ms. Hong what she felt she could bring to the position. Senator Hong said that she can understand many types of people and that her experience being a disabled student has made her empathetic to the challenges that other students face.

With 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, Senator Hong was confirmed as vice chair.

### **FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING**

Because final decisions regarding the reopening of the CSM campus for the fall 2021 semester have not been made, Mr. Hamadeh suggested deferring discussion on this item. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **WELCOME EVENT FOR FALL 2021**

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### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Introduction of CSM President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza
- ASCSM Goals and Welcome Statement for 2021–2022
- Fall 2021 Campus Reopening
- Fall 2021 Welcome Day/Week Event
- CSM Centennial Celebration Update

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

Vice President Mahoney reminded members to join the WhatsApp group to facilitate communication.

President Morales reminded members to contact her if they are interested in serving on one of the boards or if they are interested in serving as a board chair. She also announced that she would only be appointing one chair per board at this time instead of co-chairs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 4:04 p.m. by Senator Wadi Zaw; seconded by Senator Chang. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh  
Student Life and Leadership Assistant