



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Andrea Morales; Vice President Anna Mahoney; Treasurer Tania Farjat; Vice Chair Nicole Hong; Senators Tito Barquero, Airu Chen, Jiana Javier-Ramos, Min Kyaw Myat, Sofiana Skinas, Yoon Wadi Zaw

Members Absent: Senators Brittany Arriharan, Nerissa Chang, Alani Frias, Nomin Khurelchuluun, Susan Sun

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 Kyaw Myat; seconded by Senator Barquero. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

The minutes from the Monday, July 26, 2021, meeting was not available. Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Morales encouraged anyone interested in serving as a chair for an ASCSM Board to contact her directly. She is hoping to have the boards up and running prior to the start of the fall semester. Currently, the Public Relations Board is the only group in need of a chair.

Vice President Mahoney wished President Morales happy birthday on behalf of the Student Senate, and the group sang 'Happy Birthday.'

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer reminded members of the Student Senate to communicate to himself, Mr. Hamadeh, President Morales, or Vice President Mahoney if they were going to be late or not able to attend a Student Senate meeting so that adjustments may be made accordingly.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh announced that San Mateo County and several other counties in the Bay Area will be reinstating a mask mandate for all indoor spaces regardless of an individual's vaccination starting Tuesday, August 3. He also reminded the group that the welcome ice cream social event will still take place Thursday, August 5, at 1:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

None.

PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

Mr. Hamadeh provided an overview of how participatory governance functions at College of San Mateo and the role that students play. He stressed the importance of the student voice in the participatory governance process. Mr. Hamadeh noted that he is in the process of compiling the list of participatory governance committees, including descriptions and meeting schedules. He will send the information to the Student Senate when it is available. Once Mr. Hamadeh sends the list, members of the Student Senate should select the top three committees they would like to serve on and send their preferences to President Morales. She will use that information to decide who to appoint to which committees.

Vice Chair Hong asked if she is required to serve on a participatory governance committee. Mr. Hamadeh said that she is.

FUNDING FOR ZOOM WEBINAR ADD-ON EXTENSION

Mr. Hamadeh explained that the Student Senate meetings and board meetings are setup as webinars via Zoom to help prevent “zoom-bombing” and other issues. This requires an add-on that allows webinars of up to 1,000 participants with no time-limit. The add-on costs approximately \$1,400.00 for an annual license. As the Student Senate transitions back to campus and begins to hold in-person meetings again, it is desirable to maintain remote access to increase accessibility hopefully promote participation.

Motion to approve allocating \$1,400.00 from the Operations account (#5145) to extend the Zoom webinar add-on for another year by Vice Chair Hong; seconded by Senator Skinas. The motion carried with 6 voting in favor, 1 voting against, and 0 voting to abstain.

FALL 2021 CAMPUS REOPENING

Mr. Schaefer reported that the district is still in negotiations with the classified staff bargaining unit, CSEA, regarding a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on returning to the campuses and district office. The original plan was that most staff would return to campus on August 2, but that date has now been pushed back to August 16. Most services will not reopen until the MOU is in place and staff have had the opportunity to discuss schedules with staff.

Regarding Student Life, starting Monday, August 9, the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. primarily to facilitate students picking up their student ID cards. Students will be asked to make an appointment, but drop-ins will not be turned away. Members of the Student Senate will have access to the ASCSM Office in Building 17 during the hours that Student Life is open (please be reminded that the district has adopted a mandate that all individuals wear face coverings inside campus buildings, regardless of an individual’s vaccination status). Within the next month, the hiring process for the staff assistant position will hopefully

conclude. When that person starts, the Student Life hours will be reviewed and possibly extended. Student Life hours may also be adjusted based on student demand for services.

President Morales asked if the Learning Center is available for students to use. Mr. Schaefer said the space is likely still closed but that it should open once the MOU is finalized with the staff union. Mr. Schaefer will be attending the first managers' meeting later this week and will specifically ask about student access to on-campus spaces prior to the start of the semester. He noted that the outdoor campus spaces are currently open for anyone to use.

MASKING AND VACCINATION MANDATES FOR FALL 2021

Mr. Hamadeh noted that the Board of Trustees and district administration have adopted a policy that mandates everyone—regardless of vaccination status—wear a mask when inside any campus building. This applies to both employees and students. In addition, students and employees will be required to be vaccinated before returning to campus. There are currently three exemptions to the vaccine requirement: 1.) If an individual has deeply held religious beliefs that prevent them from receiving the vaccine; 2.) If an individual is medically not able to receive the vaccine; and, 3.) If an individual refuses to receive the vaccine while the vaccine is under emergency authorization from the government. However, once the current vaccines receive full government approval, the third exemption will be rescinded. If an individual refuses to be vaccinated or declines to indicate their vaccination status, they will be required to be tested weekly. The district is currently developing a way for employees to upload proof of vaccination status via WebSMART. No information on how students will provide proof of vaccination has been provided yet.

Mr. Hamadeh reminded the group that the district colleges will be hosting free drive-thru pop-up vaccination clinics next week. The clinics will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cañada College on Tuesday, August 10; at Skyline College on Thursday, August 12; and at CSM on Friday, August 13. They will be open to the public as well as the district and campus communities. Finance Director Farjat noted that the clinics will have the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available, and that the Pfizer vaccine seemed to be particularly effective against the Delta variant of COVID-19. Mr. Hamadeh said that all the currently available vaccines have been proven effective against the Delta variant, but that those who receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may need a booster shot. Mr. Schaefer pointed out that all the vaccines, including the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, have been shown to be effective at keeping people from experiencing severe COVID-19 symptoms, even in cases of breakthrough infections.

Mr. Hamadeh said that there are still some questions regarding the district's new masking policy, including how students, employees, or members of the community who may refuse to put on a mask will be handled. For students, will refusal to put on a mask be a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and subject to disciplinary action?

WELCOME EVENT FOR FALL 2021

The district and college have not provided concrete guidelines for the scope of in-person events for the fall semester. The Student Senate discussed holding a virtual event but expressed interest in doing something on-campus. One of the unknown factors is how many students may be on campus any given day. Vice President Mahoney asked if this event would be open to all students or just first-year students. Mr. Hamadeh said that the Center for Student Life will not be holding Welcome Day, which is marketed solely towards new students, for the fall. There are discussions about holding a modified Welcome Day for the spring 2022 semester. Vice President Mahoney expressed hope that the welcome event would provide opportunities for students to meet new

people and create new connections. Mr. Hamadeh said that the welcome event for fall 2020 primarily focused on providing workshops to support students in the transition to remote learning.

Mr. Schaefer said that there are still questions about whether the Student Senate would be able to distribute food as part of an on-campus event. He suggested that the group could hold an event to distribute ASCSM branded giveaways. President Morales asked it would be possible to reach out to the EOPS program and Promise Scholars to invite their students to participate. Mr. Hamadeh noted that those programs usually hold their own specific welcome events, but that the Student Senate can make a concerted effort to conduct outreach to those programs. Mr. Hamadeh suggested doing an inventory of the promotional items that are available to distribute. Vice President Mahoney suggested integrating “yard games” such as cornhole and other activities into the event. Mr. Schaefer pointed out that the challenge will be trying to find activities that will draw people to the campus but that are also simple enough to maintain social distancing. He also mentioned that it will be hard to gauge how much food or how many drinks to order to minimize leftovers. Mr. Hamadeh said that the group will need to consider how many members of the Student Senate will be on-campus or willing to come to campus to assist with the event. President Morales asked if it would be possible to use Building 10 for the event. Mr. Schaefer said that he believes the administration wants to see activities on campus and would be open to activities taking place in College Center.

Mr. Schaefer suggested establishing a task force to discuss plans for a welcome event. President Morales, Vice President Mahoney, Vice Chair Hong, and Senator Skinis volunteered to be part of the task force.

ASCSM BOARD RECRUITMENT

Vice Chair Hong suggested that the boards be promoted through the Bulldog Bulletin e-newsletter. She also suggested advertising involvement via the Canvas platform. Finance Director Farjat suggested that members of the Student Senate conduct outreach to the student clubs and organizations once they are up and running. Vice President Mahoney noted that announcements can also be made in classes. Mr. Hamadeh reminded the group that those interested in joining a board are asked to complete an online application, which is forwarded to the board chair and the president. They then conduct a short interview with the applicant to gauge their interest. If the president and the board chair are okay with moving forward with the appointment, President Morales first brings the suggestion to Executive Cabinet for review. After review by Executive Cabinet, the appointments are then brought to the Student Senate for final approval.

Vice President Mahoney suggested doing targeted outreach to certain classes for specific boards. Mr. Hamadeh said that advertising can also go out on Facebook and Instagram. Vice Chair Hong suggested providing incentives to encourage students to follow ASCSM social media accounts. Mr. Hamadeh that as clubs get up and running for the semester, the opportunity to do outreach to those groups will also be an option.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- ASCSM Goals and Welcome Statement for 2021–2022
- Welcome Event Update
- ASCSM Budget Overview Presentation
- CSM E-Sports Program

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:03 p.m. by Senator Skinas; seconded by Senator Wadi Zaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant