



Student Senate Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, August 8, 2022

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: President Andrea Morales; Vice Chair Jane Petelo; Senators Michelle Aguilar, Sydney Bao, Iris Budiman, Carissa Chang, Amrit Dhillon, Shun Myat Wai Ko, Michelle Lopez Grijalva, Aung Phone Myat, Brittany Shive, Alex Stonehewer Bird

Members absent: Vice President Enzo Ferreria; Senator Czar Ryan Palomar

Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant; Mondana Bathai, Student Life and Leadership Staff Assistant

Others present: Dr. Joshua Moon-Johnson, CSM Vice President of Student Services; Lesly Ta, SMCCCD Student Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Budiman; seconded by Senator Aguilar. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the July 25, 2022, meeting:

- Add Senator Shive and Senator Dhillon as the maker of the motion and the seconder, respectively, under Approval of the Agenda.
- Add Senator Stonehewer Bird and Senator Myat as the maker of the motion and the seconder, respectively, under approval of the June 6, 2022, minutes.
- Add Vice Chair Petelo and Senator Lopez Grijalva as the maker of the motion and the seconder, respectively, under approval of the June 20, 2022, minutes.
- Add Vice Chair Petelo and Senator Shive as the maker of the motion and the seconder, respectively, under approval of the July 11, 2022, minutes.
- Add that the motion to adjourn was made at 2:50 p.m.

Motion to approve the July 25, 2022, meeting minutes as corrected by Senator Shive; seconded by Senator Ko. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022, meeting as presented by Senator Stonehewer Bird; seconded by Senator Myat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Student Trustee Ta announced that the Board of Trustees is moving forward with establishing a search committee to screen candidates for the district chancellor position. There will be student representation on the committee, and she encouraged members of the Student Senate to volunteer to serve on the committee. To be eligible to sit on the search committee, participants must have completed the District's Unconscious Bias Training. Ms. Ta said that she is going to request that the

student members of the search committee be compensated for their time.

Student Trustee Ta also said that she conducted a survey of students regarding the district's class cancellation policy. She noted that the district did lower the threshold for canceling classes to a minimum of 10 students instead of 20 students. The Board of Trustees will be discussing this matter at an upcoming meeting with the possibility of updating Board Policy.

Finally, Student Trustee Ta stated that all students should now have 15 GB by default in their Google Drives. The District Vice Presidents Council will be meeting to make a final recommendation on how to move forward.

Mr. Schaefer announced that the summer retreat is being postponed because not enough folks signed up and because of issues with our retreat site. Mr. Schaefer also noted that not enough folks had signed up to volunteer for the upcoming Welcome Day event. While some members of the Senate have already spoken with Mr. Schaefer, the fact that there are so few sign-ups for this major event is disappointing. Mr. Schaefer stressed the importance of the student government's involvement in Welcome Day and noted the opportunity to connect with new students. He said that members of the Senate need to step up and be more engaged.

Mr. Hamadeh said that anyone who has not picked up a copy of the book *The Sum of Us* may do so from the Center for Student Life. The book is being read in preparation for the College's Opening Day event on Tuesday, August 16.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

Hearing no objections, the Student Senate suspended the order of the day and took up Information and Discussion Item B, Student Senate Communication and Commitment.

STUDENT SENATE COMMUNICATION AND COMMITMENT

President Morales referred to an email that she had sent to the members of the Student Senate in the last week that highlighted the importance of being engaged and stepping forward to lead as part of student government. She noted that the members of the Student Senate are supposed to be advocates and are expected to be the voice of their fellow students. Ms. Morales said that she was disappointed that more folks have not signed up to assist with the Welcome Day event on Wednesday, August 10. President Morales said that it is important for members of the Student Senate to find a balance between their obligations to student government, their academics, and their personal lives.

Mr. Schaefer said that members of the Student Senate need to be sure to check their email at least once or twice a day as it is the primary method of communication outside of the weekly meetings. As advisors, it can be frustrating to feel like folks need to be chased after. President Morales said that a Discord server has been setup for the Student Senate but was concerned that less than half of the members of the Senate have signed up. She said that she wants to address any communication and engagement issues now before the semester starts.

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME WITH CSM VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES DR. JOSHUA MOON-JOHNSON

Dr. Joshua Moon-Johnson introduced himself as the newly appointed vice president of student services at CSM. Dr. Moon-Johnson comes to CSM from American River College in Sacramento, where he served as dean of student services and Title IX coordinator. He invited folks to visit him in his office in College Center Building 10. Mr. Moon-Johnson shared his experience as a community college student and as a member of student government; as a work-study student; and with residence programs at four-year institutions, such as UC Santa Barbara, Northern Illinois University, and University of Wisconsin. Dr. Moon-Johnson is excited to work with members of the Student Senate and is interested in learning about what is important to students at CSM so he can be an advocate on campus, in the district, and statewide. As the head student

services officer on the campus, Dr. Moon-Johnson has responsibility for most of what takes place outside of the classroom, such as Admissions and Records, Counseling, EOPS, Disability Resource Center, International Education Program, Student Life, and SparkPoint. He also has experience as an advisor to Associated Students organizations and is open to creating change in higher education. Mr. Moon-Johnson considers himself an unapologetic social justice advocate and activist when it comes to education and expanding opportunities in a system that wasn't created for today's students.

President Morales talked about the upcoming Welcome Week event, which will take place after the start of the fall semester. She invited Vice President Moon-Johnson and the rest of Cabinet to participate in the event to meet new students. Mr. Schaefer noted that the Student Senate and the student trustee were recently advocating changes to the class cancellation policy. He also provided a brief overview of the Student Senate's structure and the functions of the various boards. President Morales discussed the IDEAL Fellowship that she is developing in conjunction with the College.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome Week Update

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Morales reminded the group that the next meeting will be Monday, August 22, at 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. by Senator Dhillon; seconded by Senator Budiman. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant