



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, January 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:21 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Enzo Ferreira; Vice President Brittany Shive; Finance Director Montse Morales; Secretary Lianna Lim; Senators Jake Austin, Andy Cheng, Jasper Cheng, Marlo Cowan, Luana Ferreira, Michelle Lopez Grijalva, Ryan Luftman, Ashley Phyu, Antu Sosa, Eugene Teng

Members Absent: Vice Chair Paola Tagashira (excused), Senators Karina Viner, Megan Sullivan

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

Others Present: CSM Interim Vice President of Student Services Alex Guiriba

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Phyu, seconded by Senator Ferreria. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 27, 2023, meeting as presented by Senator Luftman, seconded by Senator Lopez Grijalva. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS.

President Ferreira reported that the winter retreat went well, and he enjoyed getting to know everyone who attended.

Senator Ferreria stated that the Cultural Awareness Board would start the group's weekly meetings this Wednesday at 1:10 pm.

Senator Phyu announced that the Programming Board would start meeting tomorrow at 2:10 pm.

Senator Teng said that the Public Relations Board will start meeting this Wednesday at 2:10 pm.

Senator A. Cheng said that the Advocacy Board is still trying to determine its meeting day and time for the spring semester.

CSM Interim Vice President of Student Services Alex Guiriba said that he is open to suggestions and recommendations for this year's keynote speaker at the Commencement ceremony. Mr. Guiriba also said that the College is searching for a new Director of SparkPoint due to Julie Gardner's departure in early January.

Senator Sosa reported that the Mental Health Peer Educators and Active Minds club members attended the NASPA Strategies Conference. The group's advisor, Gil Perez, was recognized as the 2023 Outstanding Peer Education Advisor.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Aaron Schaefer echoed President Ferreira's comments about the winter retreat. Mr. Schaefer said that the spring Welcome Week event is coming up, and he urged members of the Senate to volunteer to support the event. Mr. Schaefer noted that the College's second Block Party event will take place on Friday, February 2. He said that some of the Student Life student interns would be tabling at the event and that members of the Senate are welcome to join them. Mr. Schaefer also mentioned that as part of roll as a College Ambassador, Vice President Shive is working on an upcoming event that will highlight College departments and programs. The Student Life interns will be participating in this activity as well. Finally, Mr. Schaefer said that the Student Life interns would be taking turns holding outreach hours in Building 10 starting this week.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh said that the Center for Student Life sent out an announcement to club officers and advisors reminding them to submit an updated Club Information Packet for the spring semester. Mr. Hamadeh said that the first Inter Club Council (ICC) meeting of the semester will be Tuesday, February 6, and that the Club Fair is scheduled for February 20 and 21. Mr. Hamadeh also noted that Student Life has lost its storage space in Building 12 and that items have been moved to the Prep Room in Building 17 and a new storage area in Building 1. He said that a clean-up/organization event will need to be held soon. Finally, Mr. Hamadeh asked the senators for a show of hands to determine the number of folks who are planning to graduate or transfer. Almost all members of the Senate raised their hand, which Mr. Hamadeh said indicated the importance of recruiting new leaders for the 2024–2025 Student Senate.

APPOINTMENTS

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh said that the College is moving forward to hire a permanent vice president of administrative services. Interim President Richard Storti has asked for a student representative on the screening committee. Senator A. Cheng said that he would be interested in serving on the committee.

President Ferreira appoints Senator A. Cheng to the screening committee for the CSM vice president of administrative services. Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Luftman; seconded by Senator Austin. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

Mr. Hamadeh announced that the College has received a \$200,000 grant to help improve professional development opportunities for staff and managers. The co-chairs would like one to two students to be a part of the steering committee. There will be at least two meetings on Wednesday, March 20, and Tuesday, April 23. Anyone interested in participating should speak to President Ferreira or Mr. Hamadeh.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS - ADVOCACY BOARD CHAIR A. CHENG

None.

FUNDING FOR FOOD FOR SPRING 2024 HEALTH FAIR - CSM WELLNESS CENTER

On behalf of the Wellness Center, Mr. Hamadeh said that the spring Health Fair will be held Wednesday, March 20, in College Center Building 10. He stated that because the District is no longer collecting the Health Services Fee each semester, additional support is needed to provide food for the exhibitors and attendees at the fair. The Student Senate has provided this support in recent semesters.

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) to support food for attendees and exhibitors at the Spring 2024 Club Fair by Senator Phyu; seconded by Senator Luftman. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR SPRING 2024 REBOOT WEEK - PROGRAMMING BOARD

Senator Phyu said that the Programming Board is planning to build up to the Block Party on February 2 by holding a similar resource fair for students. The event will be on Tuesday, January 30, and Wednesday, January 31, in College Center Building 10. It will be an opportunity for students to learn about programs and for departments to do some outreach.

Motion to approve \$8,000.00 from the Programming account (#5150) to support the Spring 2024 Reboot Week event by Senator Teng; seconded by Senator Loftman. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

DEBRIEF OF ASCSM EVENTS

a. ASCSM Winter 2024 Leadership Retreat

President Ferreira said that although the retreat was small in terms of attendance, it was still fun. He said that he really enjoyed the energy of the group. Senator Ferreira said that it was nice to be able to get to know everyone and that the bus ride was interesting. Senator Luftman said he found the professional development activities fun and useful. Mr. Schaefer said that he appreciated how attentive the group was.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Timeline for ASCSM Spring 2024 General Election

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Vice President Shive invited everyone to join the Block Party on Friday, February 2.
- Senator J. Cheng said that many international students were dropped prior to the start of the semester, and they had to scramble to re-add classes. Senator Phyu said that the drops had taken place without any warnings from the District.
- Mr. Schaefer said that he will be out of the office starting Tuesday, January 30, and will be working from home for a few days the following week. He will still be available via text and email.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3 pm by Senator Lopez Grijalva; seconded by Senator Ferreria. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Lianna Lim
ASCSM Secretary