



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Enzo Ferreira; Vice President Brittany Shive; Finance Director Montse Morales; Vice Chair Ryan Luftman; Secretary Lianna Lim; Senators Andy Cheng, Jasper Cheng, Marlo Cowan, Luanna Ferreira, Michael Llanell, Ashley Phyu, Aidana Rysbekova, Antu Sosa, Paola Tagashira

Members Absent: Senators Jake Austin, Megan Sullivan, Eugene Teng

Advisors Present: Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Staff Assistant Mondana Bathai

Others Present: Interim Vice President of Student Services Alex Guiriba

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Vice Chair Luftman, seconded by Senator Rysbekova. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, March 18, 2024, meeting as presented by Senator Tagashira, seconded by Vice Chair Luftman. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Interim Vice President of Student Services Alex Guiriba said that the President's Advocacy Council dinner will be held next week. Students are invited to attend. The College is targeting the week of April 15 for the forums with the finalists for the vice president of administrative services position. Mr. Guiriba also noted that the forums for the finalists for president will take place next week. He encouraged members of the Student Senate to provide feedback for both of these important administrative positions.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Fauzi Hamadeh said that fewer copies of the agenda packets will be printed for the Student Senate and board meetings. Agenda documents will be available online via the ASCSM website. To comply with the Brown Act, a limited number of physical copies will be available at meetings. Any member who would like a physical copy of the agenda for a meeting may request one through the Center for Student Life.

Mr. Hamadeh also announced that candidate registration for the election to fill the 2024–2025 Student Senate is now open. All positions are open: President, vice president, finance directory, 16 senator positions, and the nominee for student trustee from CSM. The Mandatory Candidates Meeting will take place on Friday, April 12. Polls will be open the final week of April.

Student Life and Leadership Staff Assistant Mondana Bathai said that the awards for the 2024 Campus Life and Leadership Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 25. Folks are encouraged to RSVP if they plan to attend.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

FUNDING FOR HOLI EVENT – NEPALESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Due to the absence of a representative from the Nepalese Student Association and hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

FUNDING FOR SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP – TRANSFER CLUB

On behalf of the Transfer Club, Senator Llanell said the group was withdrawing the proposal.

FUNDING FOR CLUB OLYMPICS EVENT – PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) will be sponsoring a Club Olympics event so that the clubs and student organizations can interact with each other and build community. Various events will take place on the grass in front of College Center Building 10 on Monday, April 15. Food and drinks will also be provided.

Motion to approve \$1,030.00 from the Club Assistance account (#5031) to support the PTK organized Club Olympics event by Vice Chair Luftman; seconded by Senator Sosa. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR CSSA BADMINTON GAME – CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 8, the CSSA is hosting a friendly badminton game. The event will be held in the Gym (Building 8) and will be open to anyone interested in participating. The funding request is for racquets, snacks, and drinks.

Motion to approve \$600.00 from the Club Assistance account (#5031) to support CSSA's badminton friendly by Senator Phyu; seconded by Vice Chair Luftman. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR MID-TERM DESTRESS EVENT – GAMING CLUB

Due to the absence of a representative from the Gaming Club and hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

FUNDING FOR APRIL BOOK: THE CHINESE GROOVE – BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has chosen The Chinese Groove as its book for the month of April. The group is requesting funding for 15 copies of the book.

Motion to approve \$269.25 from the Club Assistance account (#5031) to purchase copies of The Chinese Groove for the Book Club by Senator Phyu, seconded by Senator Cheng. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HOLI EVENT – CULTURAL AWARENESS BOARD

Due to the postponement of the Holi event proposal from the Nepalese Student Association and hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

ADOPTION OF UPDATED NAME FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS BOARD

Senator Ferreria said that the name of the board no longer reflects the work the group does. After discussions within the board, the group is recommending that the name be changed to Equity Affairs Board.

Motion to approve changing the name of the Cultural Awareness Board to the Equity Affairs Board by Vice Chair Luftman, seconded by Senator Sosa. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR EARTH FEST 2024 EVENT

Due to the absence of a representative from the SMCCCD Office of Sustainability and hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Holi Event – Nepalese Student Association
- Funding for Mid-Term Destress Event – Gaming Club
- Additional Funding for Holi Event – Ethnic Affairs Board
- Funding for Earth Fest 2024 Event

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Ferreira said that there has been no response from Cañada or Skyline regarding the DSC Mixer. If he doesn't get a response soon, he may forgo holding the event this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 pm by Vice Chair Luftman; seconded by Senator Rysbekova. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Lianna Lim
ASCSM Secretary