



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Anthony Pena Vasquez, Vice President/Chair Aidana Rysbekova, Finance Director Diana Kunze, Secretary Vanshika Sharma, Vice Chair Michael Llanell, Senators Jericho Batac (excused late arrival), Matthew Chang, Jasmine Cheng, Mya Hmuu Han, Simon Htet, Sam LaCarrubba, Nathan Low, Max Magidin, Amy Nguyen, Alessandra Rengifo Herrada, Joey Situ, Guillermo Garcia Zacarias

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: Lia Thomas, CSM Associate Professor and Digital Services Librarian

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Low; seconded by Senator Oo. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Regarding the minutes of the Monday, September 9, 2024, meeting, Mr. Hamadeh asked if anyone knew the last name of "Jeff L.," listed under Programming Board appointments. President Vasquez said that Jeff L. is an alternate name for Lin Thit Hein. Mr. Hamadeh asked that the name "Jeff L." be removed under Programming Board appointments.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, meeting with the above change by Senator Han; seconded by Senator Htet. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Lia Thomas from the CSM Library provided an update regarding plans for the Library (Building 9) renovation project. Unfortunately, the project is currently on hold, but plans are moving forward for a new ADA-compliant access ramp. Ms. Thomas also said that the Family Science & Astronomy Festival + Makerspace Day event will take place on Saturday, September 28, from 11 am to 1 pm. This is an event that is open to the community. In addition, Ms. Thomas said that Library staff are providing workshops on library basics so students may learn how to better navigate the resources provided by the Library.

REPORTS

President Anthony Pena Vasquez noted that the Club Fair will be held this Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 18. He also noted that the Advocacy Board would be tabling during the Club Fair to promote voter registration.

Vice President Aidana Rysbekova encouraged members of the Senate to volunteer for the Club Fair.

Vice Chair Michael Llanell reiterated that the Club Fair will be this Tuesday and Wednesday. He noted that the link to sign up as a volunteer has been shared in the Senate's group chat.

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, noted that Interim Vice President of Student Service Alex Guiriba is currently on paternity leave. He will be out for about a month. During that time, Student Life will be reporting to David

Crafts, dean of enrollment services and support programs. Mr. Schaefer encouraged board chairs to forward the Club Fair volunteer sign-up links to their members. He also noted that September 17 is National Voter Registration Day and Constitution Day. In observance of Constitution Day, the Center for Student Life will be showing the PBS series Constitution USA with Peter Sagal.

Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, once again encouraged folks to sign-up to assist with the Club Fair. He also said that ICC will be meeting this Tuesday at 2:15 pm.

Mondana Bathai, Student Life Staff Assistant, reminded board chairs to submit their Activities Request Forms as soon as possible once they decide on an event. She also said that layout diagrams should be turned in one to two weeks in advance of an event.

APPOINTMENTS

President Vasquez made the following appointments:

- Senators Llanell and Zacarias to the CSM Vice President of Student Service Hiring Committee
Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Low; seconded by Senator Chang. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDS

CSM Ombudsperson Khoya Lu introduced the Office of Ombuds to the Senate and encouraged them to spread the word about it to those around campus. The office serves as a neutral party in assisting students with navigating the college's disciplinary and complaint processes. Mr. Lu said that the Ombuds is a completely confidential service that is available to all students.

ASCSM STAGE 1.0 BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

Mr. Hamadeh presented the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 academic and fiscal years. Based on last year's figures, the budget assumes an income of \$200,000.

Motion to approve the ASCSM Stage 1.0 Budget for 2024-2025 by Senator Llanell; seconded by Senator Ngyuen. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR FOOD FOR FALL 2024 HEALTH FAIR

Mr. Hamadeh said that because the district is no longer collecting the Health Services Fee from students, the Wellness Center does not have funds to provide food for students and exhibitors at the Health Fair. For the last several semesters, the Student Senate has provided this support.

Motion to approve allocating \$2,500 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) to provide food at the CSM Health Fair by Senator Han; seconded by Senator Htet. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

The Equity Affairs Board, in collaboration with the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA), are planning an event to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival on October 1. The event will feature food, giveaways, and activities.

Motion to approve allocating \$6,550 from the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account (#5050) to support the Mid-Autumn Festival by Senator Llanell; seconded by Senator Chang. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

EVENT PLANNING TIMELINE PRESENTATION

Mr. Schaefer provided a brief overview of the timelines and deadlines for submitting Activities Request Forms, order requests, and other materials related to events and activities. He said that the Center for Student Life will work to make sure that all the necessary support is provided to facilitate student events and activities.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

Fall 2024 Welcome Week Debrief

The Senate found the second day of the Welcome Week event to be more organized than the first day but appreciated the members' commitment and skills to host an amazing first event of the year. Communication between the members and the advisors is one area identified for improvement.

ASCSM Summer Leadership Retreat Debrief

Members appreciated the big turnout for the ASCSM Summer Leadership Retreat and noted that the retreat helped in better understanding each other as a team. It allowed members to forge closer bonds when working together as a whole. The ASCSM Winter Leadership Retreat will be held in January at The Bishops Ranch. The CSM Student Leadership retreat is scheduled for the first weekend of November.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Club Fair Debrief
- Halloween Event Planning
- ASCSM Recruitment Event

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:24 pm by Senator Llanell; seconded by Senator Batac. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma
ASCSM Secretary