



## Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 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, Jasmine Cheng, Mya Hmuu Han, Simon Htet, Sam LaCarrubba, Nathan Low, Max Magidin, Amy Nguyen, Jing Ee Ong, Wai Yan Oo, Alessandra Rengifo Herrada, Joey Situ, Guillermo Garcia Zacarias

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 Han, seconded by Senator Zacarias. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024, Student Senate meeting as presented by Senator Llanell, seconded by Senator Ong. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

No announcements from the public.

### REPORTS

President Vasquez welcomed the Senate back into action and reported that based on the suggestions brought up during the last workshop of the Winter retreat, he and Vice-President Rysbekova had asked Student Trustee Johnson to put up the issue regarding the lack of transport on the District meeting agenda. IPC and Senate Mixer will be taking place on February 11<sup>th</sup>, between 2 and 4 pm. The first event to kickstart the semester would be Programming Board's "Reboot event," and he asked the members to table and volunteer at the event.

Vice President Rysbekova reported that she was waiting on updates about the Student Employment item she had presented last semester. Fliers for the Administrative Mixer will be sent out soon, so members are encouraged to RSVP for the event.

Vice Chair Llanell reported that he and his taskforce have basically planned out the majority of the Club Fair Event, and they will be sending in the funding request the upcoming week.

Secretary Sharma reported that she will start informing the members of their turns to clean up the Senate to prevent any kind of insect infestation.

Senator Nguyen reported she has started working on making a taskforce of interested students to deal with the issues of the lack of transparency about sexual harassment reports.

Senator Zacarias reported that he was working on fliers that informed students and their families of their rights if an ICE officer showed up on campus or their homes.

Senator Htet reported that Programming Board had their first meeting today, and they are mostly set for the reboot week that's going to be taking place on 1/28 and 1/29. He also requested the members to help out and volunteer at the event.

Mr. Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, welcomed everyone back formally. He mentioned that during the final workshop of the winter retreat, the Senate had found a few issues to tackle on campus and is very excited to see them work through them. Since spring is also the time when a lot of the decisions for transfer applications come out, he asked the members to not lose focus of their current semester, and to open up and communicate with their peers if they need some time to themselves. The Building 17 staff are currently meeting and having talks about beautifying the building. Current priority is for better signage to navigate the building, but there are asks for a more distinct separation of the learning communities and ASCSM space. Mondana has been out sick since last week, but she should be back soon. Six people will be going to the Washington DC trip as part of Advocacy in April – more details will be clarified after the funding is passed.

Mr. Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reported that a couple clubs have submitted their updated paperwork for the semester, and to spread the word to other clubs if they want to be active this semester. The First ICC meeting is on 1/28, and the club fair would be on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. If the members cannot make it to their participatory governance meetings, please let President Vasquez, Mr. Hamadeh, and Mr. Schaefer know in advance. Today is the last day to add/ drop classes and the eligibility checks for the Senators will be done soon. It is also time to start thinking of electrons and recruit members interested in being part of the upcoming ASCSM.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to appoint Tenzin Kunga to Advocacy by Senator Llanell; seconded by Senator Herrada. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to appoint Guillermo Garcias Zacarias to the Programming Board by Senator Ong; seconded by Senator Htet. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to start a discussion on the voting of a new Senator by Senator Llanell; seconded by Senator Htet

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Htet Eaindra Khaing	8
Jaden Nyguen	2
Alyssa Jose	0

Motion to appoint Htet Eaindra Khaing to the Senate by Senator Low; seconded by Senator Han. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

## **FUNDING FOR WORLD GALA – IEP/VPSS**

The IEP is planning to organize a World gala event to celebrate global cultures and diversity.

Motion to allocate \$6000.00 from the College Program Assistance account (#5032) by Senator Ong and Senator Herrada. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

## **FUNDING FOR REBOOT WEEK - PROGRAMMING BOARD**

The Programming Board is organizing a Reboot Week event to welcome the students back on campus and kick start the new Spring semester with Squid Games and Casino Night themed activities.

Motion to allocate \$11,100.00 from the Programming account (#5150) by Senator Llanell and Senator Zacarias. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **FUNDING FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT – EQUITY AFFAIRS**

Equity Affairs is organizing and hosting a Black History Month event that offers educational, creative and entertaining components for the students participating.

Motion to allocate \$7400.00 from the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account (#5050) by Senator Oo and Htet. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **FUNDING FOR THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP – ADVOCACY BOARD**

Advocacy is taking 6 members and 1 faculty to Washington DC in April to present their bill research.

Motion to allocate \$16,000.00 from the Student Representation Trust by Senator Nguyen and Senator Herrada. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **FUNDING FOR LEADERSHIP RETREATS 2025-2026**

Center for Student Life is requesting money for pre-booking the Summer, Fall and Spring leadership retreat sites for 2025-2026.

Motion to allocate \$36,000.00 from the Conferences account (#5033) by Senator Herrada and Senator Ong. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **ASCSM BUILDING 10 TABLING**

The Senate has decided to start tabling in Building 10 to recruit and advertise ASCSM and has formed a taskforce to decide on the specifics. The task force members are: President Vasquez, Vice President Rysbekova, Senator Zacarias, Senator Llanell, Senator Low.

### **ASCSM MISSION STATEMENT**

The Senate had the first reading of the draft Mission statement presented by the ASCSM Goals and Mission statement taskforce. Discussion will take place next week.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mission Statement critique
- Building 10 tabling
- Potential online feedback Dropbox about feedback regarding ASCSM
- ICC Funding requests
- Club Fair funding request

### **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

No announcements were made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 4:05 pm by Senator Zacarias; seconded by Senator Herrada. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma  
ASCSM Secretary