



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 24th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 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 Jasmine Cheng, Guillermo Garcia Zacarias, Mya Hmuu Han, Simon Htet, Heather Khaing, Sam LaCarrubba, Nathan Low, Max Magidin, Amy Nguyen, Jing Ee Ong, Alessandra Rengifo Herrada, Joey Situ

Members Absent: Senators Jericho Batac (excused, Senate business); Matthew Chang (excused, Senate business)

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 7th, 2025, Student Senate meeting as presented by Senator Cheng, seconded by Senator Low. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

No announcements from the public.

REPORTS

President Vasquez reported that the Sexual Harassment Title IX Awareness fliers are almost ready, and the Marketing team is brainstorming the best places to put it around the Campus. If there are any recommendations, apart from inside restrooms, please let him know. Mr. Vasquez said that the ASCSM Mixer was very well received by the members of IPC, and it is recommended to be held on an annual basis.

Vice President Rysbekova reported that tomorrow is the Black History Month event sponsored by the Equity Affairs Board, the Advocacy Board, and the Umoja program. She encouraged senators to attend and volunteer as much as possible.

Secretary Sharma reported that Vice-President Rysbekova and Senator Cheng had cleaned the ASCSM Office, as per their turn, and it will be Senators Magidin and Senator Nguyen who will be on cleaning duty the following Tuesday. She also requested folks to promptly return any supplies (like scissors, tape, etc.) taken from the Student Life office for an event.

Senator Han, Chair of the Equity Affairs Board, stated that she has already sent out sign up links across group chats, and hopes that the members can show up and enjoy tomorrow's event.

Senator Zacarias reported that the college is facing challenges finding funds to continue offering the Wi-Fi hotspots to students. The program was started during the COVID pandemic and supported through HERF funding, which is no longer available. The Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) is considering recommending changes to the program, which would start in Summer 2025.

Mr. Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, expressed appreciation for all the events the student group(s) has been organizing and the collaboration between the CSM Marketing Department and ASCSM for raising awareness regarding the Title IX procedures on campus. He further reported that:

- The Campus Life and Leadership Awards will be presented on the afternoon of May 1st, in Building 10.
- The deadline to apply for a degree or certificate for Spring 2025 is March 7.

Mr. Guiriba also asked for the Senate's feedback regarding the scheduling of this year's Commencement ceremony. The options available are:

- Thursday, May 22, at 5 pm – this is the last day of the semester and would accommodate students who have late finals
- Friday, May 23, at 4 pm – this has been the traditional day and time for the past several years

Mr. Guiriba noted that Skyline College will be holding their ceremony on Friday, May 23, at 12 pm (noon) and Cañada College will be holding their ceremony on Saturday, May 24. The Senate generally supported holding the CSM Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 22, at 5 pm.

Mr. Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reported that:

- Mr. Schaefer is out today and sends his apologies for not being at the meeting.
- The Building 17 Committee held a follow-up meeting earlier in the day and everyone agreed to the subcommittee's recommendations regarding signage. It was also decided that the name of the building would not be changing and that the outdoor signage will be restored.
- Echoing Vice President Guiriba, Mr. Hamadeh urged folks to submit nominations for the Campus Life and Leadership Awards. Nominations are due by Friday, March 21, at 4:30 pm. The awards will be presented on May 1 in the Bayview Dining Room in College Center Building 10. RSVPs for the awards presentation ceremony are due by April 25 at 4:30 pm.
- Amplifying previous comments, Mr. Hamadeh urged folks to help out with tomorrow's Black History Month event.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to approve the appointment of Jorge Avalo to the Advocacy Board by Senator Llanell; seconded by Senator Han. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to approve the appointment Wai Yan Oo to the Equity Affairs Board by Senator Cheng; seconded by Senator Low. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

UPDATE FROM TITLE IX COORDINATOR

Hearing no objections, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

FUNDING FOR ART AND SCIENCE LECTURE RECEPTION

This is the 35th presentation of the art and science lecture series by retired Prof. Mohsen Janatpour. Prof. Janatpour's work blends art and science. He is requesting funding to support the reception for the event.

Motion to allocate \$850.00 from the College Program Assistance account (5032) to support the reception for Prof. Janatpour's Art and Science Lecture by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Cheng. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING TO PUBLISH THE LABYRINTH – WRITERS’ PROJECT

The Writers’ Project is requesting funding to print the Fall 2024 edition of The Labyrinth. The magazine contains writing and artwork from students at CSM and across the district. It is published each semester.

Motion to allocate \$2,000.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support printing of the Fall 2024 edition of The Labyrinth by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Han. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR KATIPUNAN CLUB MIXER - KATIPUNAN

The Katipunan Club is requesting \$200 to support a mixer at the first meeting of the Spring 2025 semester.

Motion to allocate \$200.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support a mixer at the Katipunan Club’s first meeting of the semester by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Han. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR ALGORITHM AND PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOP – GIRLS WHO CODE

Girls Who Code withdrew this funding request.

FUNDING FOR RESUME AND LINKEDIN WORKSHOP – GIRLS WHO CODE

The Girls Who Code Club is requesting funds to support food from Chick-fil-A at the group’s upcoming resume and LinkedIn workshop. The inclusion of food at the workshop will foster a welcoming and productive environment for participants.

Motion to allocate \$80.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Girl Who Codes Club’s resume and LinkedIn workshop by Senator Cheng; seconded by Senator Han. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER RECOMMENDATION

The Commencement Committee is looking for keynote speaker recommendations from the ASCSM Senate as representatives of the students. The following points were discussed:

- Last year's speaker was a celebrity chef. The original speaker, a CSM alumna, could not make it. Last year’s original keynote speaker can be considered again.
- Current faculty and staff members are generally not considered to be the keynote speaker, but a retired employee can be considered.
- Recent keynote speakers have primarily been CSM alums, including past members of the Senate, but can also be local politicians, citizens of note, etc.

BUILDING 10 TABLING SCHEDULE

The current framework for ASCSM tabling in Building 10 is as follows:

- Mondays and Tuesday (shift to Tuesdays and Wednesdays if Monday is a holiday)
- Staff the table from 11 am to 12:30 pm or 1 pm
- Start in early March
- Use SignUpGenius or another platform to gauge senator availability before assigning time slots

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

- a. *Club Fair – ICC*
 - a. *Overall event outlook*

- i. The event was well received. The food was good both days, and there was decent student traffic. Club members tabling enjoyed the event as well.
 - ii. The polaroid idea was popular and can be repeated for future events.
- b. *Challenges faced/ new learnings*
 - i. Complaints from A.S. members regarding the lack of drinks on the first day.
- c. *ASCSM Goals met*
 - i. Outreach and education – students were introduced to various clubs on campus
 - ii. Support for clubs – clubs were given funds to be able to decorate their tables and recruit new members

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Support for the Southern California Colleges impacted by recent wildfires
- ICC Funding Requests
- Past Events debrief – Black History Month
- Update from Title IX Coordinator
- Update from VPAS regarding College Finances and Budget

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Llanell. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma
ASCSM Secretary