



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 10th, 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 Jericho Batac, Matthew Chang, 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: None

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Mondana Bathai, Staff Assistant for Student Life

Others Present: None

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)

No Minutes of the prior meeting were attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

A student addressed the Senate with concerns regarding various challenges he recently faced, which included:

- **Library Equipment Return and IT Access:** Highlighted issues with returning equipment to the library, particularly during the winter break when access to technology is deactivated.
- **Medical Appointments and Campus Access:** Discussed difficulties in managing medical appointments while needing to visit campus repeatedly due to IT-related issues and lack of clear communication with the IT department.
- **Enrollment Issues:** Expressed concerns about difficulties in the enrollment process due to the deactivation of technology.
- **Office Hours and Late-Night Classes:** Noted that office working hours for essential student services end too early, which creates challenges for students taking late-night classes who may lack access to laptops and hotspots.
- **Student Support and Staff Conduct:** Expressed concerns regarding the lack of understanding and compassion from certain staff members, specifically mentioning the library manager.

REPORTS

President Vasquez reported that the Building 10 tabling is going to start tomorrow, with Senators LaCarrubba and Herrada kicking it off. Snacks and Fliers for the tabling are ready. He also mentioned that it would be nice if the Senators tried to practice active listening when we have speakers come in or when any one is speaking to the Senate instead of working on other things. Finally, he brought up Women's History Month and talked about how grateful he is for the women in his life stepping up in his family, friend groups and ASCSM.

Vice President Rysbekova started off by acknowledging Women's History Month and Vice Chair Llanell's recent birthday. Then, she asked the Senate their thoughts of inviting the Sustainability Committee and help organize and celebrate Earth Day with them.

Vice Chair Llanell reported that he and Senator LaCarrubba are brainstorming the Club Olympics Event on April 7th, between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Secretary Sharma reported that all the Senators have had their chance to clean the Senate Office at least once and they did a good job at it, and now the next pair to clean will be Senators Htet and Low.

Senator Htet, Chair of the Programming Board, stated that his board will be hosting a tabling event March 18th to 20th between 5pm and 7 pm for the evening/ night class students, and that he'll be sending out sign up links soon.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Juna Lee to Programming by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Htet. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to appoint Jayden Nguyen to Equity Affairs by Senator Ong; seconded by Senator Han. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Motion to appoint Marianne Thoon to Public Relations by Senator Cheng; seconded by Senator Herrada. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR MATERIALS FOR PLANT PROJECT - NEUROSCIENCE AND NEUROTECH CLUB

The Neuroscience and Neurotech club is requesting funding to buy the required materials for their plant project.

Motion to allocate \$328.76 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support this by Senator Oo; seconded by Senator Han. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR NEW YEARS AROUND THE WORLD TABLING - CSSA

CSSA is requesting funding to support their tabling at the ASCSM Equity Affairs Board New Years Around the World event.

Motion to allocate \$1000.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the same by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Cheng. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR FIRST CLUB MEETING - PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

The Psychology Club is requesting funding to support refreshments at the Psychology Club's first meeting of the semester.

Motion to amend the funding from \$24 to \$40 and allocating the same from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Psychology by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Ong. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT - ADVOCACY BOARD

Advocacy Board is requesting funds for organizing a Women's History Month Event.

Motion to allocate \$3410.00 from the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs account (5050) to support this by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Han. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM NIGHT EVENT TABLING - PROGRAMMING BOARD

Programming Board is requesting funds to provide food and snacks for students enrolled in evening classes.

Motion to amend the funding from \$70 to \$200 and allocating the same from the 5150 Program to support the Night Event Tabling by Senator Zacarias; seconded by Senator Herrada. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SCHOOLS IMPACTED BY LA WILDFIRE

President Vasquez and Vice-President Rysbekova discussed their potential ideas to fund raise for the schools affected by the recent LA wildfires, which included:

- Pie in the Face involving professors and facilities
- Guess the amount (of jellybeans in a jar) challenge
- Putting out the games from the prep room

If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to reach out to them!

ASCSM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.6

The members of the Senate debated on having a possible amendment to the ASCSM Constitution, additional discussion to take place at the following meeting.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *ASCSM Constitutional Amendment: Article III, Section 1.6*
- *ICC Funding Requests*

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:46 pm by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Zacarias. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma

ASCSM Secretary 🎀