



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 7th, 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, Senators Jericho Batac, Matthew Chang, Jasmine Cheng, Guillermo Garcia Zacarias, Mya Hmuu Han, Heather Khaing, Nathan Low, Max Magidin, Amy Nguyen, Jing Ee Ong, Alessandra Rengifo Herrada, Joey Situ

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

Others Present: Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, ASCSM Senate meeting as presented by Senator Han, seconded by Senator Situ. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Vasquez welcomed everyone back from the Spring Break and hoped that they had a chance to get some rest for themselves to be able to keep pushing through the semester. He also congratulated everyone who got into colleges as the decisions are rolling in. He mentioned the recent crisis in Burma (Myanmar) and gave his well wishes to the Burmese students and their families that are struck by the earthquake and civil unrest.

Vice President Rysbekova was disappointed to already be back from her spring break, but she was happy to see everyone again! There are only a handful of Senate meetings to go, so hang in there and do not skip the meetings. She expressed her sympathy for what is happening in Burma and recommended the members to reach out to the Wellness Center on campus if needed.

Senator Oo thanked everyone for their compassion and empathy regarding the issues in Burma and reported that he would be getting in touch with the Student Life Office to brainstorm fundraising opportunities on campus.

Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, reported that:

- Welcome back, I hope y'all are recharged
- Personal counselors are available for group counselling sessions if needed for the Burmese students and their peers

- The Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) conference is taking place in Oakland this week. Twenty-four students, staff, faculty, and administrators from CSM will be attending.
- The Week of the Young Child is also this week, and the Child Development Center has many activities planned to celebrate.
- Nominations for the Campus Life and Leadership Awards are closed, and the review committees are reading what has been submitted. The award ceremony will be held May 1 in the Bayview Dining Room.
- Mr. Guiriba said that he will be on parental leave from April 14 through 25. He will return to campus on April 28.

Mr. Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership manager, reported that:

- Welcome back from Spring Break!
- Please continue to show up at the meetings to maintain quorum and finish out the year on a high note
- Election packets are out- students can start signing up for positions

Mr. Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, echoed what Mr. Schaefer said, and encouraged the Senators to spread the word about the upcoming Senate election. The deadline to register as a candidate is Thursday, April 17, at 11:59 pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Pauline Tymchenko to the Advocacy Board by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Ong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

UPDATE ON CSM WIFI HOTSPOT LOAN PROGRAM

- The bulk of the funding that supported the hotspot loan program was provided by the federal government during the COVID-19 pandemic. That funding has run out.
- To continue the program, the College must identify alternate funding and/or find cost-savings (e.g., reduce the number of hotspots available).
- One option that has been discussed is moving to a needs-based distribution model instead of a first come, first served model.
- CSM is facing significant budgetary issues and has already been forced to dip into its reserves.
- Cañada and Skyline are discussing expanding their hotspot loan programs, which points to the different offerings available at the colleges in the district.
- Members of the Senate suggested looking at carriers other than Verizon, which may result in cost savings.

CSM ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Overall, speakers discussed:

- the importance of accreditation of colleges and other institutions
- the accreditation standards
- where the evidence of accreditation is pulled from (like meeting minutes, student activities, etc),
- What members of ASCSM can do to aid the College

ASCSM 2024-2025 BUDGET UPDATE

Tabled to next Senate meeting.

ASCSM 2024-2025 STAGE 2.0 BUDGET

Tabled to next Senate meeting.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

Women's History Month Event - Advocacy Board

Overall, the event went well and exceeded the target number of students. A lot of the people enjoyed the "Beating the Patriarchy" activity. The event decorations were cute, and the local women owned businesses were well received with their handmade merchandise.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Endorsement of Advocacy Bills
- Budget Update
- ICC Funding Requests

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Vice President Rysbekova mentioned that the group had discussed providing incoming ASCSM officers with a summary of what this year's group learned, what they wished they had known starting their term, and suggestions for the future.
 - A template will be discussed and developed in the Executive Cabinet.
 - The following questions will be addressed:
 - What do you wish you knew going in?
 - What did you accomplish at that position?
 - What goals do you wish you had accomplished?
 - An overview of the year will also be provided with tips on what to expect.
- Vice President Rysbenoka also asked that folks promote the Sustainability event on Earth Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:32 pm by Senator Situ; seconded by Senator Herrada. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma

ASCSM Secretary 🌸