



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 28th, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Anthony Peña 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, Wai Yan Oo, Alessandra Rengifo Herrada, Joey Situ

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 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 April 21st, 2025, ASCSM Senate meeting as presented by Senator Han, seconded by Senator Herrada. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Vasquez reported that it would be amazing if we could gather volunteers for Spring Fling to help Programming Board host their big finale event of the year. Candidate Meet and Greet event would be on Wednesday, during the Spring Fling. Also- next week is the last Senate Meeting!

Vice President Rysbekova reported the same as President Vasquez and added her well wishes to everyone for their amazing transfer decisions!

Vice Chair Llanell reported that he is still planning the ICC Reception party, and he has put in the funding request.

Student Trustee Johnson reported that the district is looking for student representatives for a committee to sit on. This committee meets 4 times per year between 2 pm and 4 pm, and they would like a student that is active on campus (like someone from ASCSM). She also congratulated everyone on their university decisions!

Senator Chang reported that he and another peer worked on making a new CSM club website (csmclubs.com) and would welcome feedback and suggestions! The website is planned to be launched starting fall 2025.

Mr. Guiriba, vice president of student services, reported that:

- Good to be back
- The district is hosting the 25-year service awards today
- Third annual Campus Life and Leadership Awards on Thursday, May 1
- World Gala will take place this Friday, May 2
- May - lotta new celebrations!
- Wrapping up for commencement
- Congrats on those who got into the universities!

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

- He is excited to hear about what colleges everyone is transferring to.
- Senators Nguy, Situ and the entire group that went to Washington DC did an amazing job representing ASCSM and CSM. The group left some big shoes to fill for next year's Advocacy Board.
- The current Senate has access to the ASCSM Office in Building 17 until the end of finals.
- Please be sure to support the Programming Board at their Spring Fling event on Wednesday.

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

- Ballot emails went out this morning and everyone who is eligible to vote should have received one by now. Folks should check their my.smccd.edu email for the message. If someone has not received their ballot, please have them contact Mr. Hamadeh. Over 100 votes have already been cast. Mr. Hamadeh reminded everyone to be mindful of the areas off-limits to campaigning in Building 17.
- Tuesday, April 29, is the final ICC meeting of the semester.
- The Center for Student Life will begin accepting paperwork for the Fall 2025 semester on May 1.
- Any pending reimbursements must be submitted by Thursday, May 15.

FUNDING FOR GIRLS WHO CODE END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB

Girls Who Code is requesting funding for food for their end of year celebration.

Motion to allocate \$1,900.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Girls Who Code club's end of the year celebration by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator LaCarrubba. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR Celebración - PUENTE LATINX CLUB

Puente Latinx Club is requesting funding to host their end of the year celebration.

Motion to allocate \$975.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Puente Latinx Club's end of the year celebration by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Zacarias. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR BURSA RETREAT 2025 - BURMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Agenda item withdrawn from ICC and Senate.

FUNDING FOR FOOD - TRANSFER CLUB

Transfer Club is requesting funding for food for their workshop on navigating transfer to UC Berkeley.

Motion to allocate \$250.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Transfer Club's UC Berkeley Transfer Workshop by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Low. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - SISTA-2-SISTA

Sista2Sista is requesting funding for decorations, food and activities for their end of the year celebration.

Motion to allocate \$800.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Sista-2-Sista end of the year celebration by Senator Han; seconded by Senator Herrada. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR INAUGURAL CSM LATINE GRADUATION - MULTICULTURAL CENTER

Multicultural Center is requesting funding for support for the CSM Latine graduation.

Motion to allocate \$3,000.00 from the College Program Assistance account (5032) to support the CSM Latine Graduation by Senator Zacarias; seconded by Senator Ong. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR ICC RECEPTION - ICC

ICC is requesting funding to host an ICC reception party for the ICC representatives to celebrate their hard work.

Motion to allocate \$1700.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the ICC Reception by Senator Zacarias; seconded by Senator Han. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP REPORT - ADVOCACY BOARD

Senator Nguyen said that this was the first time in Washington, DC, for a lot of the members of the Advocacy Board. She said that the group held several visits with legislators and had time to see many of the sites around Washington. Mr. Nguyen said that the group appreciated Mr. Schaefer's insights. Senator Nguyen recognized the efforts of Senator Situ for arranging many of the visits. She also thanked Mr. Schaefer for coordinating the logistics of the visit.

Senator Magidin echoed Senator Nguyen's statement.

Senator Situ said she appreciated the opportunity to start building relationships between CSM and elected leaders. The group talked about many issues, including expanding programs like Middle College. Senator Situ also recognized Mr. Schaefer for making the trip fun and Senator Nguyen for her leadership.

President Vasquez said that he was glad the group represented the students at CSM. He said it is important that there is representation at the national level as well as the local level. Mr. Vasquez recognized the work of the Advocacy Board and the efforts of Senators Nguyen and Situ in organizing the trip and scheduling visits. He also thanked Mr. Schaefer for his work to make this trip happen.

END OF THE YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

Vice President Rysbekova said the group had discussed collecting feedback from current members of the Senate that can be passed along to the newly elected officers and senators. Mr. Hamadeh suggested putting together a short survey that members can complete. The survey would have four questions: What did you learn? What did you wish you knew coming into ASCSM? What advice would you give someone getting started in ASCSM? If you served

on a participatory governance committee, what did the committee discuss this year? Mr. Hamadeh said he would put together a draft of the survey and share it with President Vasquez and Vice President Rysbekova.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- ICC Funding Requests

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:00 pm by Senator Zacarias; seconded by Senator Nguyen. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma

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