

Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday March 16, 2015

2:15 pm

College of San Mateo, College Center, Colledge Heights Conference Room (Building 10, Room 468)

I. Call to Order 2:19 pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: President Maggie Garcia; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Secretary Tim Exner; Senators Daria Anshakova, Ruben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Eric Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Xue Michelle Li, Regina Romano, James Roe, George Silva, Yanrui Xu, Marco Zavala.
- b. Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.
- c. Members absent: Vice President Inatov, Student Trustee Rupinder Bajwa.

III. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the Agenda by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

- a. No minutes to approve.

V. Announcements & Hearing of the Public (15 minutes per topic, 3 minutes per speaker)

- a. None.

VI. Reports

a. Officers

- i. President Maggie Garcia could not be heard.
- ii. Vice President Javokhir Inatov was not present. Vice President Pro Tem Danuta Wang presiding.
- iii. Finance Director Lana Bakour could not be heard.
- iv. Vice Chair Danuta Wang said, "Welcome Jennifer. And welcome all of you. I wish you all the best in your Midterms and keep a good spirit.
- v. Secretary Tim Exner had no reports.

b. Senators

- i. President Garcia: Senators, I just want to remind you guys to please give us reports on the meetings you have been attending. Senator Silva: At the Committee on Instruction the only thing that's been done is adding a couple of new classes. Everything that's been done at their meetings is in the red binder in the Senate office. Senator Romano: We approved on the appropriate team and now we will update a time and a place. Senator Li: I went to the first meeting and we talked about how to get some better communication to get more groups who can help us. We talked about what groups we should focus on like the freshmen.
- ii. Senator Garcia: Tomorrow as we all know is St. Patrick's Day and we are having our event. We going to give out root beer and cookies and make a poster board about the history of St. Patrick's Day and a little bit of Irish culture and mythology. There is a sign up sheet right here so please sign up and please show up to the time you sign up for. Senator Zavala: Cultural Awareness Board is meeting tomorrow at 1:00 pm and everyone is invited to come. We will be holding our meetings down the hall in room 421. President Garcia: That would be great if you could all make it. The Cultural Awareness Board is still new so they need support from you guys. I'll be there. Senator Roe: Tomorrow I'm volunteering to show around incoming freshman for their prep orientation. It's

just me so if anyone would like to help me out about 3:25 pm talk to me about it after the meeting. Finance Director Bakour: For the Volunteer Taskforce I sent out an email with the requirements so we can start meeting.

c. Advisors

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, was not present.
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant: Aaron apologizes that he couldn't be here this afternoon but he should be back tomorrow. Caroline sent in her resignation as a Senator so there is now an additional seat available. Tomorrow and Wednesday will be the elections for the Student Trustee nominee from CSM. The polls will be open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and then from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm in the Center for Student Life. We had 3 people running but that's now down to one. But that person still needs to get at least 50 votes in the election and have more affirmative than negative votes. So make sure to come out and vote. When you come back from Spring Break you will have the information for the student government elections next year. Don't show up next week. It's Spring Break. Have a good Spring Break but keep in mind that things will happen quick between the time you get back and the end of the semester.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Garcia

1. President Garcia: Today I have 2 appointments; Kat and Jasmin. And I do recommend appointing them to the Senate. Motion to appoint Jasmin and Kat to the Senate by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Duarte. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Advisor Hamadeh: You did the motion together so you should ask them both together. President Garcia: Kat and Jasmin would you please stand up and each of you tell us why you are interested in being on the Senate and a little bit about yourselves. Kat: I'm Katarina and this is my second semester at CSM. I'm on Programming Board and I know several of the Associated Students. I really want to join the Senate because I want others who aren't involved in student government to be aware of the things that are going on at the school. Jasmin: Hi guys. This is my second semester here as well. I'm studying Criminal Justice as my major and I'm on Programming Board as well. I think it would be really cool personally, coming from a smaller high school where you didn't know what was going on. I was never involved in stuff like this. I think it would be a cool experience. Secretary Exner: I'd like to let you know for your consideration that Katarina is also one of the Peer Educators now and she's the Vice President of Active Minds. Senator Garcia: They are both on my Programming Board and they contribute a lot. I know they'd be two girls we could really rely on. They are really dependable. Senator Ferroggiaro: I'm very enthusiastic about having both of them on the Senate but I have a question that I'm probably going to direct at Fauzi. It has to do with the appointment process because there could be a conflict of interest because of nepotism between Maggie and Jasmin. So I'm not sure if that's something that needs to be addressed. You're related. Senator Garcia: They both have equal opportunities just like everyone else on campus. Advisor Hamadeh: The way I would address that is that Maggie is appointing Jasmin in her role as President and is basing it on the contributions that Jasmin has made as a member of the Programming Board. It is up to the Senate to decide if Jasmin's contributions have fulfilled the level of having her join the Senate. Our process is it goes through Executive Cabinet; they weigh in on what their opinions are on whether or not the person would make a contribution to the Senate, and then Maggie brings it forward for Executive Cabinet. Senator Ferroggiaro: I was just wondering if, because of the relationship, someone else should appoint her. Advisor Hamadeh: I have no problem with the way it's done but if the Senate decides, we can do it a different way. President Garcia: And I'd like you to know I had other Senators and Advisors recommending Jasmin. Senator Ferroggiaro: I was just wondering if the Vice President or Vice President Pro Tem should do it instead of her so you don't get in any trouble but apparently there isn't going to be any conflict of interest.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Trump

Advocacy Board Chair Trump:

1. HR736: This bill will provide funds to recruit, hire and train classroom para-professionals (teachers' aides). It will increase attention given to each student. It will help improve discipline and education, especially for early youth. It will open up more entry level jobs and encourage more students to enter the education field. We support the bill. We actually had the bill and got to read it in detail but I do not have the bill on hand. Motion to approve Bill HR736 by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Romano. Hearing no objections, the motion passes.

By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

2. AB967: This bill is about student safety in regards to sexual assault. This bill is for victims of sexual assault to receive free treatment funded by the college. This bill would require that the government of each Community College District, the Trustees of the State Community and Regents of California Universities, and the Board of Governors for each private college to have a uniform process and would each have to report cases of sexual assault. But it does not impair the confidentiality of the victim or the perpetrator. Motion to approve Bill AB967 by Senator Anshakova and seconded by Senator Silva. Senator Garcia: I'm sure we've all seen on the news that there have been a lot of these incidents happening in colleges and I think we should support this. Even if it's not happening on our campus it's happening in other places.

By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

3. HR126: This program would fund a pilot program to fund high school for voter registration. Basically there would be more money going into voter registration education in high schools. Motion to approve Bill HR126 by Senator Xu and seconded by Senator Anshakova. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Silva: What's the fiscal impact? Senator Trump: Yes, there is but it's still just in the summary stage. Senator Ferroggiaro: Don't they already teach about this? Advisor Hamadeh: They do but what this will do is give every high school senior a voter registration form or showing them where to register online. Vice President Pro Tem Wang: I just want to put it out there that San Francisco will be the first city to have it on the ballot that people who are 16 and 17 can also vote. They are trying to get more people to vote.

By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Changes to Title IX – Jennifer Hughes

Thank you very much for letting me come and talk to you about Title IX. I want to give you an overview. In fact you just talked about a bill concerning sexual assault and supported that bill. We want to investigate some really good reasons why we want to create more awareness about sexual assault and sexual violence on college campuses. And your right, we've all heard about a horrific event that's happened on a campus. And obviously for the person or persons involved it could really impact their life, their education and their career. So it's something that we want to do is make sure that in our district we create awareness and make sure everyone knows what to do if something like this were to occur. The good news is CSM in general is a very safe campus. But we know that sometimes it's such a traumatic event that people don't report it. So we are trying to create more awareness so that people will come forward if they have any concerns or have been a victim of sexual violence. A lot of people first heard of Title IX in regard to intercollegiate sports. It said that if you had sports for male students you had to have sports for female students. It was all about equality in sports but now it is much broader in scope and includes legislation that is impacting all college campuses in regards to sexual assault and sexual violence. (Vice President Hughes showed a video.) Now I'd like to tell you what we're doing in our district. We have until July to get everything in place but we've been working on it for the past few months. We are the Vice Presidents of Student Services at all 3 colleges, the Vice Chancellor for Human Relations at the district, Eugene Whitlock, and our Director of

Health Services, Sharon Bartels. Here are some of the things we are doing. We sent out an email survey to get a sense of what students think and know about sexual violence. This will help us gauge where students are at for when we do our next round of training for faculty staff and students. We are rolling out an entire sexual assault and sexual awareness campaign. We just created a whole series of posters and we're going to have bookmarks tell students what to do if they see or encounter sexual violence. We are going to do a whole poster campaign and we want to see those posters all over campus. Another thing we're doing is that we contacted an outside vendor who prepares a whole series of short videos that you can show to students, faculty and staff to spread awareness. They will show you what to do and who to report it to. We will actually put them on the website so students can watch them. We want every student to see one of these orientation videos. We are getting ready to roll out some video modules and would like your feedback. Another thing we're doing is there will be some mandatory training for all faculty and staff so they're all prepared. Faculty members may be the first person to hear from a student. We've purchased about 8 more. It's tailored to our district so you'll see all the people and the services at the three schools. We've also included some county resources because something might happen over a weekend and students may need immediate help so there are pare trauma services and some 800 numbers they can call. Advisor Hamadeh: If you've received a Student Body card in the last 3 months, on the back they now include the numbers for Public Safety and the Health Center.

b. Basic Skills initiative Update – Kristi Ridgeway

Kristi Ridgeway: I want to give you an update on our BSI Committee and how our mission has changed a little. And first let me tell you that if you have more questions there's a link to our website on the CSM website. Essentially, the state of California has been tasked with figuring out how to assist students who are in pre-100 level courses and help them toward their educational goals, most of which will either be a certificate or transfer to other schools. Here at CSM, as at many other community colleges across the state, over 70% of students test into below 100 level math, English, ESL or reading. So our charge is to assess what the challenges are and try to meet them whatever they may be. We have two main goals. One is to work on student support and the other is to work on professional development. We want to collaborate with faculty and not just ask students, "Why are you having trouble in math?" but try to find out what other things are not helping them achieve their goals. And also for students, what is not helping them feel a part of the community. We'd like some feedback from you guys. We want to know what's working and what's not. We have spearheaded many programs. Project Change, which started out being funded by the BSI has now been taken over by the district. There is Peer mentoring in the Learning Center. We have a math 111 program, the ESL Assist program. We are trying to identify our immigrant population so we can better reach out to our International Students. And the Community College Teaching and Learning Program. We do have regular funding from the state each year of between \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 because of the size of our department. We are having a speaker event and reception. Andretti has published a book so we might get copies of his book in the bookstore. President Garcia: When are your meetings and how much does the speaker cost? Kristi Ridgeway: Our meetings are the fourth Monday of every month from 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm. The speaker is already fully funded but we appreciate extra funds. The speaker fee is \$9,500.00. Advisor Hamadeh: The event date is April 29th? Kristi Ridgeway: Wednesday, April 29th at 11:00 am in the theater. We will be announcing this to the district, so Skyline and Canada, and we are inviting faculty and staff. President Garcia: So with the reception funding, do we right a proposal? Advisor Hamadeh: If the Senate would be interested in supporting the reception, you guys connect and see how much we're talking about and then we'll talk about it when you guys come back from Spring Break.

c. Open Heart Yoga Festival – Open Heart Yoga

Senator Romano: This is going to be a two day event on May 2nd and May 3rd, Saturday and Sunday. There is going to be all kinds of yoga classes and teaching classes. What I want to do is teach people that yoga is not just a physical practice or a spiritual practice. It gives me an opportunity to learn about myself and really see what's going on. If you have pain you haven't noticed you will notice it doing yoga. Yoga makes

sure you pay attention to every part of your body. It helps with depression, confusion and pain. It really opens you up and it's just a lovely practice. Everyone will benefit from this. I want to show you 3 slides. I just want to show you the schedule with some of the classes being offered and maybe you will see some you are interested in taking. Saturday we have inversion classes, chakra journey and Nidra Yoga. Nidra is good for anyone who has insomnia or sleep apnea. It helps you sleep better. One hour of Nidra yoga is about 4 hours of sleep. It puts you into a state where you are between being asleep and awake. There will be great, healthy snacks. There is going to be Partner Yoga which is beautiful and supports community and trust. Ayurveda is a type of nutrition. It goes with the healing and pulse of the body. The teacher is going to take the time to read your pulse and tell you where you're at. And then there's going to be a DJ dance party at the end. Sunday there is also going to be a lot of cool classes like Detox Yoga wear you sweat and breathe properly to detox the body. At the end there will a meditation ceremony with pink candles and incense. Students with a student body card already get these classes at a cheaper price but if this is approved we can take all those classes for free. These classes are worth so much money in the real world. So I encourage you to approve this so we can take those for free. Motion to approve \$1500.00 to fund the Open Heart Yoga Festival by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Stein. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. Senator Stein: Where in Building 10? Advisor Hamadeh: They are using the entire building. President Garcia: How much does it cost for non-students? Advisor Hamadeh: It depends on which classes you take. You can buy a pass for Saturday or a pass for Sunday. President Garcia: Is that a way of fundraising for you as well? Senator Romano: Yes, for the next year's event. Finance Director Bakour: Are they allowed to do fundraising? Advisor Hamadeh: Since it's free to CSM students it is not considered fundraising. If they were charging them, they would basically be charged twice so it would be considered fundraising. Secretary Exner: Where can I get a printed copy of the schedule and the prices? Senator Romano: It will be on the website. Advisor Hamadeh: It's on the Event Calendar and I believe their website openheartyyogi is linked to there. Senator Garcia: How much does the Building 10 rental usually cost? Advisor Hamadeh: Rental is a misstatement. There is no cost to clubs or student groups to use the building. The cost is for facilities to be there all day Saturday and Sunday, which will be overtime. The \$1500.00 they are requesting is not going to cover all of that and the group knows that and they're going to cover the rest of the cost. It's also for ITS and the media folks because they are going to be using the projection system and things like that. President Garcia: I'm assuming this is also open to the community. How are you reaching out to them? Senator Romano: We're posting posters everywhere. Dance studios, fitness studios, anywhere really. Advisor Hamadeh: The way they are getting teachers is that the yoga studios are contributing teachers with the agreement that they are going to advertise on behalf of the entire conference and they'll send announcements out to their members. President Garcia: You did a really good job on this.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion passes.

d. Nursing Hallway Metal Display Grill Improvement – Nursing Student Association

This item is tabled until the next Senate meeting.

e. One Love: An Adventure in Peace, Unity, and Music – Professor Rudy Ramirez

Professor Ramirez: First and foremost, I want to thank you all. Last year's event was a blockbuster! I am grateful and indebted to you, not only that you would approve my events, but that you would come out and support them. This semester I want to do an in-house event, meaning all the dancers, musicians, and performers are all on campus. The music is reggae. It is music that is inspirational and has a message. Regina is going to perform. The videographer is also a student here. Everything is from here to showcase that CSM has incredible talent. Another Ethnic Studies professor plays the saxophone and I'd love to have him co-host with me. Last year was totally sold out. There were no seats left. And I have you to thank for that. President Garcia: Are you going to have refreshments? Professor Ramirez: No, no refreshments. You can't have them inside the theater/ President Garcia: Not even outside? Professor Ramirez: In the lobby maybe. I'd like to do that but I can't do it all. If I can get someone to help with that. Motion to approve

\$1000.00 to fund the One Love: An Adventure in Peace, Unity, and Music event by Senator Ayestas and seconded by Senator Roe. Hearing no objections, the motion passes. President Garcia: When is it? Professor Ramirez: Wednesday. May 13th at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Senator Garcia: What is the set? Professor Ramirez: The stage is 22 feet by 50 feet. I wanted to do a setting. So I rented a backdrop of a beach with water and palm trees. Senator Zavala: Will the school band be playing? Professor Ramirez: No, the musicians are just students. They are just regular students and these men and women are great performers. President Garcia: Can I recommend adding money for refreshments? Advisor Hamadeh: You can recommend it. President Garcia: I recommend adding \$300.00 for refreshments. Advisor Hamadeh: I'd say \$500.00. Motion to change the proposal amount for the One Love: An Adventure in Peace, Unity, and Music event to \$1500.00 by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Silva.

By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, the motion passes.

f. Teacher Appreciation Event – Finance Director Bakour

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

g. Peer Educators Update – Tim Exner, Lead peer Educator; Advisor Schaefer; and Advisor Hamadeh

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

IX. Future Agenda Items

Advisor Hamadeh: Since there is no meeting next week, if anyone has any Future Agenda Items please send them to Maggie, Aaron, me and Tim by next Wednesday we will be around to put up the Agenda.

X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

President Garcia: This is the first time this has happened but these meeting are held each Monday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. I know a lot of Senators left midway. If you leave halfway through that is considered an absence.

Advisor Hamadeh: It's considered 1/3 of an absence. President Garcia: So please don't to leave halfway through. Please consider that these meeting do run 2 hours. Advisor Hamadeh: Thank you for staying.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:54 pm by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Duarte. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

ASCSM Senate - Vote Record for Monday, March 16, 2015

Name	Yoga Festival	Nursing Hallway Project	Rudy's Event	HR736	AB967	HR JASMIN	KAT #	HR 126
Anshakova	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Ayestas	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Duarte	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Ferroggiaro	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y
Garcia	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Li	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Roe	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Romano	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Silva	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Trump					Y	Y	Y	Y
Wang								
Xu	Y		X		Y	Y	Y	Y
Zavala	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
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ABSENT								
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