

## Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday April 6, 2015

2:15 pm

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

**I. Call to Order 2:18 pm**

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes of both prior meetings by Senator Silva and seconded by Vice Chair Wang. Hearing no objections, the motion is carried.

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

- a. Anshul from Ideatrr: We are a new startup. We are a very young startup right now. We are working with schools and other organizations at this time. Let me ask you a question to start. Today if we need to connect professionally, what social media platform do you think of? Senate: LinkedIn. Anshul: And from a social standpoint either Facebook or Twitter comes to mind, right? I know how it is to be a student. I went to school back east and we, as students, have so many ideas. Right now what social media platform do you use to collaborate on ideas? Senate: Facebook, email, Google+. Anshul: That's what we are trying to change. Our platform is an ideation platform connecting students and people all over the world to ideas. Whatever your, hobby, your interest, or your profession you want to do, with our platform you can pretty much connect to your ideas. If you have an idea today you just keep it right there. We want you to share your ideas. The key reason I am here is because we have been working with two schools right now. We've been working with Midwestern and University of San Fran. The way they are using it is student organization can create a space and share ideas. If you in your organization have an idea you can bring it to your colleagues, but how are you going to share it today? If you have 25- 30 students in your organization how are you going to share it with everyone? That's our point. Take your meetings and make them more fun and make them online. So if an organization wants to collaborate on ideas, projects or campaigns, or if an organization wants to gather information from all the students, they can use this product. So the reason I'm here is that your organization should be able to share ideas with each other and with many students outside your organization. We are working with schools because there are a lot of ideas out there. Don't just keep it to yourselves. Share your ideas with people out there. It could be personal or professional or for your organization as well. Senator Zavala: Is that the shirt and your name, Ideatrr? Anshul: That's right. Senator Zavala: How long have you been doing this for? Anshul: I've been working on this for 14 months and we launched our product approximately 3 weeks back. So in 3 weeks we have begun working with two schools. And they are using it at a very high level. So around 3 weeks. We are just coming to the schools. Senator Stein: Is this an app or a website? Anshul: It's a website right now. We are planning to launch the

app in 35 to 40 days. We feel the app will actually be easier for students. It will also include Microsoft Office so if you want to share a PDF or Word document you can just click on it and work with it. You can even take pictures and videos and share those. Secretary Exner: What was your name sir? Anshul: Anshul. And my other question would be, is this a license that the school would be buying or how would that work? \* Anshul then spoke for another 10 minutes basically reiterating everything he had already said without ever saying how the school would be charged or what it would cost.

## **VI. Reports**

### **a. Officers**

- i. President Maggie Garcia was not present. Advisor Schaefer: Maggie is at a meeting.
- ii. Vice President Javokhir Inatov said, "I don't have any reports but thank you Danuta for taking care of the meeting." Vice chair Wang: You're welcome. Thank you for the opportunity. Vice President Inatov: The reason I was not here last week is I was having surgery on my nose but I'm feeling great now.
- iii. Finance Director Lana Bakour had no reports.
- iv. Vice Chair Danuta Wang said, "I just want to welcome everyone. I'm glad to see you all in your right place and in good health. I look forward to the meeting."
- v. Secretary Tim Exner had no reports.

### **b. Senators**

- i. Senator Garcia: I have two reports. We are doing a child development random party on Wednesday. We are going to do arts and crafts and an egg hunt with them. I'll pass around the sign-up sheet. If you guys would be able to help, it will be really fun. The second report is that Lana and I had a meeting for the First Year Success Initiative. We talked about how to get the freshmen more involved and know more about CSM. We talked about how in high school they have leadership program and then we are the leaders here so we thought it would be really cool if we could do a Leadership Mixer with the high school students. They can share with us what they do in high school and we can share what we do here. We've found that through being leaders we've had more interaction with the school. Finance Director Bakour: We also talked about targeting groups and recruit students from groups onto this campus. They have UC Day but they don't have Community College Day so that's something we were thinking about. Have a Junior College Day there and make it an exciting event. So if you have any ideas bring them forward.
- ii. Senator Trump: I went to the College Assessment Committee meeting three weeks ago. They are looking at revising the GE SLO. They are looking at Skyline's model and they are looking at Canada's model both of which are very different. Canada has a portfolio type of thing for both students and the teachers and the Skyline model was not like that. So they are looking at changing the SLOs but they aren't sure which model they are going to go with yet.
- iii. Senator Roe: I've been going to the First Year Success Initiative Committee for the transition side. It's very similar to what Marissa and Lana are doing but it's to focus on students once they get here to help them be more successful. Next week we are going to vote on the things we want for sure to make this happen. Things we are thinking of are mobile testing sites. So for those that are thinking about coming here we bring the test to them rather than them coming here. Also to try to make the summer less of a dead zone and try to create more activities for students who come here for the first time in the summer. Things like that. Besides that, I'll let you know more next meeting.

### **c. Advisors**

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager: Hello everybody. I hope everyone is doing really well. As some of you know, student government elections have started. So if you are interested in running for student government next year please come into the Center for Student Life and pick up a packet and fill it out. Those of you who are sitting on an election committee please be reminded that you are not to take sides or participate in this election in any sort of way. You are to stay neutral. Campaigning for these elections is not allowed in the Center for Student Life, the Senate office or in the Prep Room unless you are making posters. For those of you who are sitting senators, you may not use any of the equipment in the Senate office for

anything campaign related. If you are using your laptop that is fine but you are not to use the computers or print anything campaign related. It's an unfair advantage since not everyone has access to that. I hope you will run. If you are interested in executive positions your best bet is to talk to the person who currently holds that office. They can answer your questions about what goes into and the time and effort that goes into it so please talk to those currently in the position.

- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant: A couple of quick things. We've noticed an uptick in the number of visitors to the Senate office and who are using the computers. Remember you can have guests in the Senate office but they are not allowed to use the computers unless they are on Senate business. Not for personal stuff. Senate business only. Also, from 10 am to noon is usually quiet time or study time in the Center for Student Life so not too rambunctious in there. On Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> the college will be hosting their annual Connect to College event. This is like a back to school event for high school students and their parents. Usually the ASCSM has a table there. If anyone is interested in tabling for the event please let us know so we can make arrangements with marketing so you guys can have a table. An email will be going out about everything that is going on for the rest of the semester but if anyone is graduating and is participating in the graduation ceremony if you are interested in being a Commencement speaker you can apply for that. The link to the online application will be in the email. The applications are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Finally, Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> is the graduation ceremony. If anyone is interested in serving as an usher they can get paid or earn service hours for their club. You can do either or, not both. If anyone is interested, see me after the meeting. And the nomination information for the Eleanor Brown Appreciation for Outstanding Service and Leadership award has gone out to all faculty and all employees. And there will also be nomination forms in the Student Senate office. It is for outstanding leadership. You can nominate anyone but yourself. Someone else has to nominate you. I'll forward the email to you.

#### **VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items**

##### **a. Appointments – President Garcia**

Vice President Inatov: There are no appointments.

##### **b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair Trump**

Senator Trump: I have no bills.

##### **c. Nursing Hallway Metal Display Grill Improvement – Nursing Student Association**

No representative present. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

##### **d. Teacher Appreciation Event – Finance Director Bakour**

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

#### **VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items**

##### **a. Supplementary Funding of the Second Issue of the Labyrinth – The Writers' Project**

Senator Trump: I am here to represent the Writers' Project. I am their Vice President. As you may know last semester we requested funds and with those funds we published the first issue of the Labyrinth. It is the first tri-campus academic journal. This semester we are asking for \$500.00 to publish our next issue. We have a little bit of money from a couple companies who can write it off on their taxes. So we are only asking for \$500.00. Motion to approve \$500.00 to fund the second issue of the Labyrinth by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Xu. Senator Garcia: It is going to be printed so it will be out this semester? Senator Trump: Yes. With our current deadline we are thinking the beginning of May. Senator Garcia: And this is all student work? Senator Trump: Yes. All the photos are by photography students, all the art is by art students and all the writing by English students, or they just like creative writing or to write on their own. It's all from different students. Senator Zavala: I believe it's related to the Honor's Program. Is that right? Senator Trump: Yes, it is related. We are the supplement to the Honors Project. We support them.

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

**b. The Art of Tea – Chinese Student Association**

Joyce: I am President of Chinese Student Association and this is our Vice President. Does anybody like to drink tea? Senate: Yes. Chinese Student Association: We already had this event last semester and it was very successful. We provide students with many kinds of tea. We let them taste and find the difference between many kinds of teas. So we want to continue this event this semester. The event is Thursday outside of Building 10 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will provide tea and some pastries like pineapple cake and some very traditional Chinese food to go with the tea. Students will see how to make the tea in traditional Chinese way. We are proud of the Chinese tradition so we want it to become an annual event. And drinking tea is also very good for our health. Different teas are good for different functions and different teas can change color when it is cold or when it's hot it will be a different color. Motion to approve \$330.00 to fund the Art of Tea event by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Zavala. Senator Li: I thought you are going to play the jumping rope. Chinese Student Association: Yes we are going to play the jumping rope. They are about \$12.00 to \$15.00 so we will get about 4 of them. Senator Li: And I want to make a comment. I went to their meeting a couple weeks ago and they made tea and there were a couple students from the Philippines and they were very interested in making tea. And we help them to make it through this event.

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

**c. Transfer Club Fundraising – Transfer Club**

Senator Roe: I'm here representing the Transfer Club. Basically we are trying to raise funds for the club. We fundraise on two fronts. On spring break a bunch of officers of said transfer club were out walking around town with letters trying to get businesses to fund the Transfer Club Scholarship. That money doesn't go into their club. It goes into a district account so we'd also like to establish funding for the club so using less support from the Senate we can fund our field trips and tours to all the UCs that students want to go to. We feel like if we have our own funding we can expand what we do. So we would like to host a pizza fundraiser outside of Building 10. We requested \$75.00 for the pizza and the supplies. Not \$55.00. So I've asked for that to be amended. Motion to approve \$75.00 to fund the Transfer Club Fundraiser by Senator Garcia and seconded by Senator Romano. Senator Garcia: How much pizza does \$75.00 buy? Senator Roe: I understand that if we get the pizza through the Center for Student Life we get it for half price and we will spend \$70 so we'll actually get \$140.00 worth of pizza. Senator Garcia: So how many people will that feed and how much will you charge? Senator Roe: It depends on how they slice it. We will probably give out two pieces so it's hard to say until we see the pizzas. Advisor Schaefer: They will get about 10 pizzas. I told James to wait on the price until we see the size of the pieces. Advisor Hamadeh: The pizzas from Mountain Mike's are usually about 12 slices per pizza. Senator Roe: As far as the date for this event it was originally going to be this week but there was no Senate meeting last week. Since the Chinese Students thing is going on and we don't want to interfere with that I will try to change it to next week.

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

**d. Puente Club Fundraising Event – Puente Club**

Puente Club: Hi. I don't know if you remember but last semester we sold churros and hot chocolate. By popular demand we decided to sell churros and hot chocolate once again this semester. Last year the pricing was \$2.00 for the churros and the hot chocolate was \$1.00. The pricing will be the same. We will be selling these outside Building 10 in the plaza this Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. And we are doing this to promote our club and buy more t-shirts. Motion to approve \$100.00 to fund the Puente Club Fundraising Event by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Trump. Senator Garcia: Where are you going to get the churros from? Puente Club: We are going to get the ones from Costco so they are going to be pretty big.

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

e. **Child Development Center Easter Event – Programming Board**

Senator Garcia: As I mentioned earlier and passed around the sign-up sheet, we are going to celebrate spring with the kids at the Child Development Center. We are going to do arts and crafts with them like making bunnies and it will be so fun. We are also going to do a little egg scavenger hunt. We are excited and it will be fun. I went down and talked to Louise and she's been promoting it for us. The parents of all the kids are going to be there and it's going to be really fun. We are for \$200.00 for the arts and crafts and \$100.00 for the decorations. Motion to approve \$300.00 to fund the Child Development Center Easter Event by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Romano. Senator Romano: What arts and crafts? Senator Garcia: We are going to make bunnies. I have a picture of them. We are going to put them on Popsicle sticks so they can wear them like masks. And there are two classrooms so one can be doing the arts and crafts while the other does the egg hunt. Senator Stein: I wanted to say it will be really fun. We are going to put chocolates in little eggs for them to find. Finance Director Bakour: Did everyone sign up?

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

f. **Spring Fling – Programming Board**

Senator Garcia: It's Spring Fling again. This year is going to be really unique. We are actually teaming up with two clubs to do it. For Cinco de Mayo we are working with Puente Club to see what we can do for the activities for Tuesday and then Wednesday we are teaming up with the Polynesian Club for a Luau event. Then on Thursday we are going to have an Arcade event. It's going to be really cool. We are asking for \$7800.00 for Spring Fling. Motion to approve \$7800.00 to fund the Spring Fling event by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Xu. Senator Garcia: This is from account 5150. Senator Stein: Can I say something? The food for this event is going to be really delicious. We are going to have people from Mako Grill coming and they have really delicious Hawaiian food. And we are going to have delicious Mexican food. We were actually looking at food trucks which would have cost... Senator Garcia: Like three times as much. Senator Stein: So that is actually really good for three days' worth of food. Senator Zavala: When is this event taking place? Senator Garcia: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Finance Director Bakour: Are you guys going to be putting out educational things? For Cinco da Mayo yes and for Wednesday I'm not sure. Senator Stein: I think Poly Club is going to be performing a traditional dance. Finance Director Bakour: I would really like you to have some educational element to it. Advisor Hamadeh: And the 6<sup>th</sup> is actually going to coincide with Asian and Pacific Islander History Month event. And that will include the Polynesian Club so there will be some educational side to it.

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

g. **Root Beer Float Social Event – Programming Board**

Senator Garcia: One of our goals on programming Board is to do an event every month. So this month we are going to do a Root Beer Social. We haven't worked out all the kinks yet but we have some ideas that we are floating around. Like a racecar competition and stuff like that. Senator Stein: We think that the racecar event would give the kids something to talk about. We will know for sure what we are going to plan next Wednesday. We are asking for \$150.00 to fund the event. Motion to approve \$150.00 to fund the Root Beer Float Social event by Senator Roe and seconded by Senator Zavala. Senator Roe: What time will this be? Senator Garcia: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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

h. **Refreshments for BSI Speaker Jeff Duncan-Andrade Reception – President Garcia**

Advisor Hamadeh: I'll cover this. You'll remember that a couple weeks ago before Spring Break, Professor Kristi Ridgeway came and talked about the Basic Skills Initiative and how they are trying to enhance pre-college courses here on the campus to help the college deal with students who don't come prepared. She showed us a short video and that video was this presenter who is going to be coming on Wednesday, April

29<sup>th</sup>. He is actually a professor in the Educational Retention program at SF State. He also teaches high school in Oakland. He specializes in educating students who live in urban and disadvantaged areas. He is a very powerful speaker and people who have seen him at all kinds of conferences have been very impressed by him. Like I said, he is coming on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the theater. The event is open to the whole campus community. As a way the students can support his visit it was talked about putting some money aside for refreshments for a small reception after the event. Motion to approve \$500.00 to fund the BSI Speaker Jeff Duncan-Andrade Reception by Vice Chair Wang and seconded by Senator Trump. Senator Stein: Are the refreshments so people can socialize? Advisor Hamadeh: Right.

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

**i. USSA conference and Washington DC Advocacy Trip Report – President Garcia & Senators Romano, Silva, Trump, and Xu.**

Senator Trump: For those who don't know, six of us went to D.C. over Spring Break. Me, Rupinder, Maggie, Regina, Yanrui, and George went. And we also had Skyline join us. Their Advocacy Board and their President went up there. The bills that we lobbied on were HR 242 which is to install a year-round Pell Grant, SB 60 which we opposed. It's to take away certain benefits from undocumented workers. It is to make everyone have the same benefits. We don't need the benefits, they do. So we opposed that. HR 736, which was to approve funds for 100,000 new para-professionals like Teacher's Aides. S 445, which is going to introduce a centralized data system for loans for students and the companies they're borrowing from. All your loan information would be in a centralized system. We talked to Barbara Boxer, Jackie Speier and Dianne Feinstein. We also attended a legal conference which is the... What is that acronym? Senator Silva: The United States Student Association group. Senator Trump: Yes, the lobbying group for students. We attended the conference for the day and their main focus was sexual violence on campuses. And State of Emergency, which was for students to feel empowered to take initiatives on their campus. For example, in D.C. they have a lot of issues regarding African American students being underrepresented. So they talked about that but it's not just for African American students. Like here we have more Asian students. It's all about how to represent yourselves. And there was one about making education great. Senator Silva: There was also another workshop on how to manage student loans. Senator Trump: Yes, after this initial thing, we were all split up and attended different workshops. As he said, George attended the one on loans. I attended the one about drugs, about implementing Marijuana safe zones, basically for college campuses. Senator Romano also attended the one on loans. Senator Silva: There was also one about how to get engaged in politics and grassroots campaigning to get issues resolved at your colleges. There was a lot of talk about getting stuff done. We have most of that in place already. Attending the conference reminded me how good we have it here. We don't have a lot of the issues that other schools do but we still have a lot of learning to do. And we got a picture of us with Jackie Speier. Senator Romano: This made me realize how much power we have as students. If we talk to the right people, keep up the effort, stay positive and don't get down we can make some change. Senator Xu; I just want to mention how CSM is very supportive of our students and one of the workshops was basically an update about Title IX. The speaker is from Columbia University and she talked about how the victims of sexual assault there fought really hard to get support so the school will actually deal with their problem. And I felt that our school and Jennifer are very supportive. I feel like we have a very nice staff group here. I think we should really appreciate that.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

Vice President Inatov. The President is not here so we will table any future agenda items until the next meeting. If you have any Agenda items just email them to Fauzi.

**X. Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public**

Senator Romano: I just want to remind everyone that the Yoga Festival is in three weeks on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone is interested in seeing the schedule for it the website is [openhearttyogis.com](http://openhearttyogis.com).

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:11 pm by Senator Trump and seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.