



Student Senate Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2014

2:15 pm

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

I. Call to Order 2:16 pm

II. Roll Call Members Present: President Maggie Garcia; Vice President Javokhir Inatov; Finance Director Lana Bakour; Vice Chair Danuta Wang; Secretary Tim Exner; Senators Daria Anshakova, Reuben Ayestas, Francisco Duarte, Erik Ferroggiaro, Marissa Garcia, Elim Kan, Caroline Khoury, Yifei Oliver Li, Xue Li, Taniela Mapa, , George Silva, Samantha Trump, Yanrui Xu, Haoran Kevin Yu.

Senators Absent: Senator Winnie Wu

Visitors and Guests: Rupinder Bajwa

III. Approval of the Agenda Motion to approve the Agenda by Senator Wang and seconded by Senator Duarte. Hearing no objections the motion is carried.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s) Nothing to approve. Minutes not completed on time.

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

None

VI. Reports

a. Officers

1. President Maggie Garcia

Hi. I hope you are all great.

2. Vice President Javokhir Inatov

IPC discussed eliminating the College Council and incorporating budget into IPC.

3. Finance Director Lana Bakour

I didn't go to the IPC meeting because I was at CCCSAA. I hope you are well.

4. Vice Chair Danuta Wang

At the ISC meeting they are working to prepare choices of courses and rolls in committee. I will bring the information.

5. Secretary Tim Exner

None

b. Senators

1. Senator Garcia

Halloween event will on that Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday would be pizza, games and a pumpkin pie eating contest. On Wednesday there would be a costume contest/fashion show and perhaps a three legged race. The theme is Walking Dead so that would work well. Chinese food will be served on Wednesday and papusas will be served on Thursday.

2. Senator Y. Li

?Harue to increase budget to \$8,000 or \$10,000. Multicultural Center focuses on diversity and awareness. It is open to anyone. College Assessment SLO. There is a flex day on November 26th there will be an online chat with staff and faculty.

3. Senator Silva

I spoke with Theresa Morris from the Committee on Institutional Instruction. He got the password to meet online. He can do research, make comments and ask questions. He made a booklet which he will bring.

c. Advisors

1. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager

We will expand on CCCSAA. There will be much information to share. They did a fantastic job. There was very good information. It is the middle of the semester. Take the time you need and if you must, step back. School is your priority. Don't forget about the volunteer project on November 1st.

2. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

This is your last warning. You must have your SEP completed by Friday to be eligible for priority registration. Senator Ayestas: When will that be? Advisor Hamadeh: Mid November, two weeks before general registration. Do not enter Center for Student Life through Senate office. President Garcia: Make sure you can attend the volunteer event.

VII. Unfinished Action, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Appointments – President Garcia

No appointments. There is one seat available on the senate.

b. Legislative Bills – Advocacy Board Chair

Senator Trump: Voter registration was Wednesday and Thursday. We passed out cards and will work on future events.

c. Event and Activities for Evening Students

Finance director Bakour presented a motion requesting \$500 for refreshments for evening students. First by Senator Ferroggiaro and seconded by Senator Xu. President Garcia: Will this be a onetime event? Senator Garcia: No, we will have a December event as well. Advisor Schaefer: I suggest it be held on two days, such as Tuesday and Wednesday. Most nights students don't have classes each night so this would give an opportunity for those that only go on Tuesday and Thursday to enjoy the event. Whatever is left can be kept for the future. Advisor Hamadeh: I agree that it should be held on two days to accommodate students with different schedules. Senator Ferroggiaro: Can we figure out the expected attendance? Senator Garcia: I also suggest Monday and Tuesday nights. Advisor Schaefer: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have the highest volume of night students. Senator X. Li: Regarding the Learning Center hours for night students, can we do a survey at the event? Advisor Schaefer: Let the school do an official survey. President Garcia: That's a good idea. Senator Trump: Can we ask the night students? Advisor Schaefer: If the school does the survey we will get more accurate results. Senator Ferroggiaro: They've extended the Learning Center hours to 8:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The senate votes 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

VIII. New Business, Discussion, and Information Items

a. Halloween Fashion Club Show

No representative present. Tabled until the next meeting.

b. Solar Regatta Funding

Phillip, Nick, Abe and Daniel presented a motion on behalf of the Engineering Club requesting \$2300 for materials and safety equipment for their Solar Regatta project. The event is on May 8th

and 9th and they will design and build a solar powered boat. Engineering Club: There are different groups comprised of over 25 members with more joining each week. Lots of people are interested. It will make CSM competitive and will be applying green technologies. They are working as a team to build the prototype. Anyone can participate and it will show learning in action. The research, knowledge and materials will have a long life here at CSM and can be used in the future. First be Senator Xu and seconded by Senator Kan. Senator Ferroggiaro: How do you select the materials? Engineering Club: We will contact the vendors and test the materials. They will be purchasing materials that have a balance between strength and cost. Senator Aystas: Where do you meet? Engineering Club: We meet in building 19 right now but we will be building the boat off campus. They are working on securing a place to store and display the boat once it's completed. Senator Silva: Is this the same technology as what is used on homes? Engineering Club: Basically, it's two 500watt solar cells. Senator Duarte: How many volts? Engineering Club: 15 volts at 10 amps. Vice Chair Wang: Please support this project. It will promote CSM outside of school and show that CSM is serious. Finance Director Bakour: I know it's expensive. Have you considered fund raising? Selling shirts perhaps? Engineering Club: Yes and we have shirts. Senator Y. Li: Last year the Architectural Club went to a national competition. Their finished project was displayed in front of building 15. Are you thinking about that? Engineering Club: Yes and it is in the works. Senator Garcia: You should really promote this. Make flyers and announcements. Are other schools involved? Engineering Club: Yes, CSU's north of Davis. President Garcia: I'm really proud of you guys! The senate votes 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

c. Chinese Cultural Festival

Senator X. Li presented a motion requesting \$500 dollars for food and games for the event. It will be held on Wednesday Nov. 5th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. They can play games like Shuttlecock. First be Senator Xu and seconded by Senator Y. Li. Senator Xu: What are shuttlecocks? Senator Y. Li: It is like playing badminton. We can also play Diablo with string. There will also be a Kung Fu show by a Kung Fu expert. Advisor Hamadeh: This will be no contact and there will be no injuries. The senate votes 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

d. Purchase ASCSM Apparel

President Garcia and Advisor Schaefer presented a motion requesting \$1600 for polo shirts, sweatshirts and name badges for the ASCSM. First by Senator Garcia and seconded by Senator Ferroggiaro. Senator Xu: Last time the sweatshirts were too large. Can we get more sizes? Advisor Hamadeh: You can design them but no cardigans or sweater vests. They should be versatile and available in standard sizes. Finance Director Bakour: We had extra bigger ones left over last time. Advisor Schaefer: We will count what we have and order what is needed. Senator Kan: When can we take orders? President: Mid semester. Advisor Hamadeh: Ordering them in bulk is cheaper. The senate votes 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

e. CCCSAA Conference

Senator Garcia: We all learned something different. There were different workshops available. She went to one called Your Life Starts Now. The speaker, Jamar Brown told about the steps he took and the things he's done to get where he is. He was a great speaker and went over his allotted time. Finance Director Bakour: There were four different workshops. One taught about communication skills and revisited many things we learned at the Leadership Retreat. Jamar told

us how he was once Student Body President but made some mistakes. Senator Garcia: He said he regrets leaving basketball behind. Finance Director Bakour: I attended a regional meeting where introductions were made and the success rates at community colleges were discussed. We have a good system. Senator Kan: I went to Future Leadership Starts Now. It was about your personal life and how to be a leader. They played casino games which were fun and helped them all connect. Senator Y. Li: I attended the Communications & Networking, Future Leadership Starts Now, Safe-zone for International Students and Business Cards workshops. The Business Cards workshop showed us the right way to use business cards. One thing I learned was about writing three words about yourself on the back of your business cards. I recommend the book The Happiness Advantage. Here are some equations. $PT + PB = CR$ or Past Thoughts + Past Beliefs = Current Results and $CT + CB = FR$ or Current Thoughts + Current Beliefs = Future Results. Leadership is about giving not getting. It is to serve the community. Senator Garcia: It is to represent and bring change for the community, country and world. Rupinder Bajwa: The SSCCC workshop was about Proposition 13. The 1970's base tax effects funding for education. Corporations have been paying this outdated base tax for years. This will change that. It increases the student fees by \$2. We should discuss this because \$1 of that goes to SSCCC. We are fortunate that we live in the technology and communications hub of California. The school will have iOS and Android apps. We will work on student success and close the gaps that exist. Vice Chair Wang: I started the ??? and I learned about trustworthiness, respectfulness, caring, leadership and fairness. Be careful with your negative comments and be curious. Don't jeopardize your core values. Your reputation is at risk. You can build relationships for years but destroy them in a moment. Senator Xu: I went to the Reputational Risk Assessment workshop. Many companies have scandals and it effects the reputation of the company. I'm proud we worked so well and so closely together. Special thanks to Rupinder and for rescuing Marissa. Senator Garcia: Thanks to everyone for being professional and showing great character. Senator Ayestas: To be honest I liked the Social change aspect. And I liked learning about the corporate world. It was a positive skill building experience. Like how to deal with different people. I recommend it. Rupinder Bajwa: The Social Change Model was good. Right now a non-traditional, older student has a problem. Set up a group to have event for night students. CSM is the best! Thanks to Aaron and Fauzi. They prove that. Advisor Schaefer: I commend you on those two workshops. Senator Y. Li: He has the Social Change Model.

f. Peer Educator Update

Tabled until next meeting.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Finance Director Bakour: By next meeting we should have a textbook taskforce.

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

Rupinder Bajwa: They are planning a District Council Meeting. Try to come by. We will try to set a time. President Garcia: I need help with the taskforce.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:35 pm by Senator Silva and seconded by Senator Ayestas. Hearing no objections, the meeting is adjourned.