



## Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 24, 2018, 2:15 p.m.

College Center Building 10, College Heights Conference Room (Room 468)

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Mondana Bathai; Vice President Georgia Giari; Finance Director Gaby Topete Eng Goon; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, John Burright, Max Gaines, Nuri Illini, Dorian King, Stephen Langi, Dinda Miqailla, Enya Nava, Joseph Park, Ashley Perrilliat, Szymon Ryng, Rosemarie Taylor, Vitor Viana & April (Youn) Thu.

Members Absent: Senator Andrew Young (*excused*).

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 Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Barajas. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 17, 2018 meeting by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

President Bathai hoped that everyone had a great weekend. She announced that the participation of two Senate members was needed for a task force on SMCCD transportation; those interested were instructed to let Ms. Bathai know before the end of the meeting. President Bathai also told the Senate that the Guided Pathways Committee would be holding a series of open forums starting on the October 10<sup>th</sup> flex day; the committee was hoping to gain student input during these forums.

Vice President Giari congratulated Finance Director Topete Eng Goon on being elected the CSM nominee for District Student Trustee.

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon thanked those who voted during the Student Trustee Nominee Election the week prior; she encouraged members interested in filling the Finance Director position to come talk to her, should she be chosen as SMCCD Student Trustee. Ms. Topete Eng Goon recounted her attendance of the District Budget Committee, noting that the SMCCD was building up reserves to account for AB 705; she indicated that, because of this bill, funding for non-transfer level English and Math courses would be discontinued. The College is still developing a plan to comply with this bill, which will begin to affect the whole state by the next academic year. Ms. Topete Eng Goon reported that the Grab & Go Program had received widespread positive reception. She also stated that extra money would be going towards salaries despite decreased enrollment, and that, during the committee meeting, much of the faculty wanted to see how the money was allocated.

Vice Chair Paing reported that the Inter Club Council had held their first meeting the previous Wednesday. Both he and the Council were still settling into the meetings, as there were many new club officers and ICC reps to account for. Mr. Paing told the Senate that Club Fair would be held on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Taylor recalled her attendance of the recent Educational Equity Committee meeting. She indicated that the committee was working on revising the College's equity plan, and that she would be partaking in a subgroup that would look at accessibility.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer urged members to come out and support this semester's Club Fair, stressing that it would be an opportunity to meet new clubs and potential Board members. Mr. Schaefer encouraged members to register their clubs for the event if they had not done so already.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh announced that all emails for participatory governance committees had gone out the week prior. Members who did not receive communication from their respective committees should let Mr. Hamadeh know immediately.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- Tara Ebrahimpour & Senator Burrigto to Programming Board  
Motion to approve the appointments by Senator King; seconded by Senator Langi. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Tara Ebrahimpour to Cultural Awareness Board  
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Nava; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Tim (Huairou) Jia, Ryan Lou, Amrutha Natarajan, & Senator Burrigto to Advocacy Board  
Motion to approve the appointments by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Nava. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

## **FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK FINGER PAINT ACTIVITY**

On the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Psychology Club would be holding a week-long event with different activities to help students de-stress and gain better awareness of and resources for mental health. One of these activities, finger painting, will take place on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, in Building 14 Room 117. Funds were requested to cover the purchase of finger paint, as well as construction paper.

Motion to approve \$100.00 from the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account to fund Psychology Club's Mental Health Awareness Week Finger Paint Activity by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 13 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstaining, the motion carried.

## **FUNDING FOR HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Professor Mike Galisatus from the Music Department talked about CSM's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual High School Jazz Festival, which will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Professor Galisatus thanked ASCSM for having supported the event for the past couple of years, illustrating how important the festival was towards recruiting potential students in the Music Department. Ms. Galisatus explained that the CSM High School Jazz Festival was an event that pulled high school students from around the Bay Area, allowing them to perform and receive constructive critique from renown adjudicators. A total of over 400 students in jazz bands throughout the Bay Area will have the opportunity to participate in the festival. Each school will perform several of their own pieces in front of the adjudicators and an audience; they will then perform a piece altogether, and be able to attend a free concert featuring Dave Eshelman's Jazz Garden Big Band. Funding will go towards covering the attendance of Dave Eshelman's Jazz Garden Big Band, as well as the attendance of the adjudicators who will be traveling from different universities throughout the nation.

Motion to approve \$2,100.00 from the 5032 College Program Assistance Account to fund honorariums for guest musicians and adjudicators at CSM's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual High School Jazz Festival by Senator King; seconded by Senator Langi. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **FUNDING FOR HBCU DIVERSITY PROJECT**

Throughout the district, each campus's EOPS programs has allocated funds towards giving a group of 21 students (7 from each campus) the opportunity to visit several of the nation's Historically Black Colleges & Universities. One of the goals of the HBCU Diversity Project is to promote diverse student leaders. This trip will take place during spring break of next semester; students and advisors will be staying at different hotels while visiting each campus during this week.

Participants will attend a civil rights tour, conduct leadership workshops before and during their experience, and put on an event that will highlight what they learned during their trip. Students interested in being part of the HBCU Diversity Project must submit a one-page application explaining their interest, as well as their leadership experiences; priority will be given to students who will be applying to a HBCU. Funds will cover transportation, housing, food, and other activities throughout the students' visits.

Motion to approve \$2,400.00 from the 5050 Ethnic & Cultural Affairs Account to fund the HBCU Diversity Project by Senator Barajas; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **FUNDING FOR FAMILY SCIENCE DAY BOTANY EXHIBITS**

The Botany Club will be holding an interactive exhibit during this year's Family Science Day, which will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The club will have several educational plant stations on display, as well as an exhibit where kids and their families can plant a succulent in a small pot. In addition to the activities of Family Science Day, the Botany Club will also work on restoration of the Cesar Chavez Community Garden the following week. Funding will go towards plants and supplies for Family Science Day, as well as restoration of the community garden.

Motion to approve \$1,100.00 from the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account to fund Botany Club's Family Science Day activities and cleanup of the community garden by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **FUNDING FOR MOON FESTIVAL CELEBRATION**

Chinese Community Club, a new club on campus, will hold an event celebrating this autumn's Moon Festival, an important holiday in Chinese culture. The club aims to create an atmosphere of community among Chinese students at CSM; they also hope to educate the campus community on Chinese games, food, and other traditions. This event will be held in Building 14 Room 104, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. During this event, attendees will share catered Chinese food, play riddles for awards, and enjoy mingling with others. Milk tea may also be served at this celebration of the Moon Festival. Several concerns from the Senate arose regarding the allocation of money towards prizes over food, which may be more expensive than predicted.

Motion to approve \$800.00 from the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account to fund Chinese Community Club's Moon Festival Celebration by Senator Nava; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. By a vote of 11 in favor, 4 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

#### **FUNDING FOR FALL 2018 CLUB FAIR**

This semester's Club Fair event was planned for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>; tables for clubs to promote themselves will be set up in the Building 10 Bayview Dining Room from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days. Funding was requested to cover facilities setup and the purchase of pizza for the two-day event. Members were encouraged to get their clubs and other clubs to register for the event.

Motion to approve \$1,500.00 from the Club Account Reserve to fund Fall 2018 Club Fair by Senator Miqailla; seconded by Senator King. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

## **REVIEW OF DISTRICT BOARD POLICY CHANGES**

The Senate briefly reviewed changes made to Board Policy 2.36 Policy on Use of Student Email Addresses and Board Policy 2.52 Local Law Enforcement. Only minor wording changes were made in the latter, though revisions of BP 2.36 pertained to the use of mass email regulations. The Public Information Officer at each campus will now be responsible for dictating whether mass emails should be sent. The purposes of mass email were also slightly revised. The Senate did not suggest any revisions to these policy changes.

## **PROJECT TRUTH RESPONSE EVENT DEBRIEF**

President Bathai thanked those who helped with the success of the Project Truth Response Event.

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon conveyed that that much praise came from students who claimed that the event brightened their days, and also from those who appreciated that the event did not take a particular political stance, and instead promoted support and positivity.

Senator Nava applauded the event and its message, highlighting that the group did a great job at creating a positive message for students and the campus community at large. Ms. Nava expressed that doing the event made her feel grateful to be part of a group such as ASCSM.

Advisor Schaefer expressed gratitude for the Peer Educators' presence at the event; he thanked members for showing their support, indicating how much positive feedback had come from students, faculty, and administration.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Funding for Ice Cream Social Event
- Funding for Grab & Go Event
- Review of AB 705 Bill
- ASCSM Budget Update
- Fall 2018 Club Fair Debrief

## **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon announced that the district would be spending more to hire additional public safety officers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m. by Senator Taylor; seconded by Senator Nava. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez  
ASCSM Secretary