



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 15, 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 (*late arrival, 2:31*); Finance Director Gaby Topete Eng Goon; Vice Chair Spencer (Sitt) Paing; Secretary Jordan Chavez; Senators Jose Barajas, John Burrignt, Max Gaines, Nuri Illini, Dorian King, Stephen Langi, Dinda Miqailla, Enya Nava, Joseph Park, Ashley Perrilliat, Szymon Ryng, April (Youn) Thu, Vitor Viana & Andrew Young.

Members Absent: Senator Rosemarie Taylor.

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 Burrignt; seconded by Senator Gaines. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 8, 2018 meeting by Senator Park; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Bathai thanked everyone for coming down to the Child Development Center to spend time with the children there. She recalled her attendance of the recent Academic Senate meeting, stating that a new Ethnic Studies requirement would potentially put in place; the opportunity to earn an Ethnic Studies degree was also brought up. Students may fulfill the Ethnic Studies requirement by “double-dipping” on Associate’s degree requirements. Ms. Bathai announced that the Disability Resource Center would be holding an open house that week from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon told the Senate that district policies regarding how the police get involved with 5150 holds on campus would be discussed. This issue arose from an incident that upset students, faculty, and administration due to poor handling of the situation by an SMPD officer.

Senator Thu announced that the Grab & Go Event would be moved from Tuesday, October 16th, to Wednesday, October 17th. She requested that members sign up again for times they would be able to volunteer during.

Senator Ryng reported that College/District Auxiliary Services Committee discussed the success of the Grab & Go program; he indicated that, even with little initial promotion, hundreds of meals had been given out. Mr. Ryng also stated that the campus would continue working on providing more accessible textbooks for students, noting that not many students were purchasing physical copies. He told the Senate that Beyond Burger had grown popular during the semester,

and that it would potentially be subsidized due to its success and eco-friendliness.

Senator Young reminded the Senate that the Advocacy Board would be holding a voter registration drive on Tuesday, October 16th, and Wednesday, October 17th. Pizza would be handing out during the event.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer remarked that there would be a lot going on that week; he encouraged Senators to support each other and volunteer at these events. He also reiterated Senator Ryng's report, noting how successful the Grab & Go program had been during its early stages; Mr. Schaefer encouraged the Senate to continue promoting the program. He indicated that on-campus cafés would also work towards providing more affordable meals for students.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reported that clubs were required to have their Presidents and Treasurers attend a Club Officer Workshop; several more dates were added for clubs to fulfill this requirement. Mr. Hamadeh also announced that the Multicultural/Dream Center was holding its undocumented student week, and that Family Science Day would take place on Saturday, October 20th.

APPOINTMENTS

President Bathai made the following appointments:

- Jeffry Gunawan to Cultural Awareness Board
Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Ryng; seconded by Senator Langi. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

None.

FUNDING FOR DASHAIN EVENT

The Nepalese Student Association planned on holding an event in celebration of Dashain, a 10-day long festival in Nepal. This event will be held on October 24th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the College Heights Conference Room. Food, decorations, and student performances will be included in this celebration open to the campus community.

Motion to approve \$900.00 from the 5031 Club Assistance/ICC Account to fund the Nepalese Student Association's Dashain Event by Senator Thu; seconded by Senator King. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

UPDATE ON SPARKPOINT

Nicole Salviejo from SparkPoint provided the Senate with information on the program's on-campus services. Ms. Salviejo stated that the program was brought to CSM in response to the overwhelming student housing and food insecurity. SparkPoint offers students (and folks from the San Mateo area) with resources on financial literacy, including information on banking, insurance, and the food pantry, to name a few. The grand opening of the SparkPoint program will be held on November 14th in the Bayview Dining Room. Volunteers are needed to staff this event; this includes tour guides who must attend a mandatory training. This event will include tables sponsoring external partner programs; later on, the event will also take place around Building 1, where SparkPoint's offices are located. At this time, informational tables on on-campus resources will be set up.

FUNDING FOR WORLD VILLAGE EVENT

The International Education Program planned on holding its fourth annual World Village Event on November 5th, 2018. This event will be held on the second floor of Building 10 and will be open to the whole campus community. The World Village Event will cover four different aspects: World Talk, World View, World Taste, and World Do. Performances, speeches, panels, and other activities by students and staff will take place during the event. Music, decorations, and cuisine from different cultures will also be provided throughout the event.

Motion to approve \$2,900.00 from the 5050 Ethnic and Cultural Affairs Account by Senator Langi; seconded by Senator Gaines. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF AB 705

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon briefly summarized the California bill, AB 705, which would require community colleges to cut remedial/basic skills classes in hopes of helping students advance to transfer-level courses.

Professor Daniel Keller indicated that the English Department would be getting rid of placement tests, basing the course level on high school performance. The Department would eliminate ESL 828 and may keep ESL 838; it would also utilize ENGL 100 as practice for transfer-level English for returning students. Additional support will be provided for students taking ENGL 105, which is two units more than ENGL 100.

Professor Christopher Walker of the Math Department told the Senate that MATH 811 and MATH 110 would both be cut, replaced by just-in-time support classes or students in intermediate or pre-statistics classes. All students would be placed in at least intermediate algebra; extra support will be provided, including extra time in classes, more time with instructors, and hired student tutors for each class. Mr. Walker indicated that, while some students may be further behind than others, most did not need to relearn material. The Department is focused on getting students to transfer-level courses in one semester, rather than two or three. He noted that, other schools have found success in implementing this new kind of curriculum; Mr. Walker told the Senate that these advanced courses helped improve the equity gap among students, especially those who were first generation college students. Classes with extra support provided will have one or two units added onto the course.

More details will be shared out with the public through forums in Spring 2019.

FUNDING FOR VOTER REGISTRATION EVENT

On behalf of the Advocacy Board, Senator Young requested funding for pizza from Costco as incentive for students to register to vote. Pizza would be handed out on both days of the event.

Motion to approve \$350.00 from the Student Representation Trust to fund pizza for the Voter Registration Drive Event by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Ryng. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

SUPPORT FOR GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY WITH SAN MATEO COUNTY DEMOCRATS

The Advocacy Board hoped to hold a civic engagement on Monday, November 5th, the day before mid-term elections. Prior to this Senate meeting, the San Mateo County Democrats had approached ASCSM about collaborating to have a speaker on campus. Concerns arose around the partisan nature of this partnership. A number of members expressed worry for not representing all students' perspectives; openly partnering with the San Mateo County Democrats may make students who do not align with the party feel alienated. Senator Young encouraged the Senate to consider the possibility, noting that something positive may come out of encouraging students to vote, regardless of who the partnership was with. Another concern brought up was that the implications of this partnership would cause tension with certain groups.

Motion to support the rally in partnership with San Mateo County Democrats by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator King. By a vote of 3 in favor, 10 opposed, and 2 abstaining, the motion did not carry.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Funding for Astronomy Club Banner
- Funding for Robotics Club Equipment
- Funding for Mental Health Fair Material by Active Minds Club
- Funding for Art Workshop by EOPS Club
- Funding for Dia de los Muertos by Puente Latinx Club

- Funding for Open Mic Night by Creative Writing Club
- Funding for Movie Night by Cultural Awareness Board
- Confirmation of ASCSM Finance Director Position
- ASCSM Budget Update
- ASCSM End-of-the-Year Scholarships
- ASCSM Goals 2018-19

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Chavez
ASCSM Secretary