



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

## Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, December 3, 2018

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

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Advisors Present: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Barajas; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 26, 2018, meeting by Senator King; seconded by Senator Miqailla. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

### REPORTS

President Bathai reminded the group that this is the final meeting of the fall semester. She wishes everyone a great holiday season.

Vice President Giari wished everyone a great winter recess and expressed her excitement about seeing everyone again in January.

Senator Thu reminded the group that Relaxation Week starts tomorrow. She encouraged everyone to sign-up to help with the event.

Senator Nava stated that she would miss everyone during the winter recess.

### APPOINTMENTS

President Bathai made the following appointments:

- Senator Park to the College and District Auxiliary Services Advisory Committees (CASAC/DASC)  
Motion to approve by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Langi. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### LEGISLATIVE BILLS

The Senate took action on the following Legislative Bills:

- **S. 3185 – Addressing Teacher Shortages Act of 2018**

This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to establish an Addressing Teacher Shortages Program. Through this program, ED shall award competitive grants for local education agencies, in partnership with institutions of higher education, to address teacher shortage challenges. Specifically, grant funds may be used to establish or expand teaching residency programs, teacher mentor programs, specified recruitment and training programs, and other evidence-based strategies to increase teacher retention and support teachers.

Motion to support by Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Thu. The motion carried with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

- **S. 3584 – Affordable Loans for Any Student Act**

The Affordable Loans for Any Student Act of 2018 would overhaul the system of income-based repayment plans to give borrowers a simple choice between two plans: (1) A Fixed Repayment Plan with equal monthly payments sufficient to repay the loan and any accrued interest over a period of 10 years; or (2) An Income-Based Repayment (IBR) Plan in which a borrower pays 10 percent of their income above a poverty level, capped at 20 years of payments.

In addition to streamlining repayment plans for borrowers, the bill ends interest capitalization and origination fees on all loans, which can add thousands of dollars to a borrower's total payments over the life of the loan, targets assistance to struggling and low-income borrowers, allows for automatic recertification of income for IBR plans, limits aggressive federal debt collection amounts that are obtained through wage garnishment or tax offset to no more than the amount the borrower would pay under IBR, replaces the current deferment and forbearance options into one, streamlined "pause payment" process that does not capitalize interest, provides relief to severely delinquent borrowers and those who rehabilitate their loans by automatically enrolling them into the IBR plan, changes the use of the confusing term "master promissory note" to "student loan contract" to improve consumer understanding of the purpose of the document, and improves other loan disclosures and interactive counseling.

Motion to support by Senator Langi; seconded by Senator Gaines. The motion carried with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **ASCSM BUDGET UPDATE**

Finance Director Burrig and Advisor Hamadeh provided an update on the ASCSM Budget through the end of November. Although the Senate has over located funds in some areas, there are some funds that can be moved around. Mr. Hamadeh stated that once the December quarter numbers come in, usually in mid-January, there will be a more thorough budget review and a possible revision to reallocate funds.

## **FUNDING FOR RETIREMENT GIFT FOR EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR BLACKWOOD**

Mr. Hamadeh explained that the District's Executive Vice Chancellor, Kathy Blackwood, would be retiring this month. EVC Blackwood has always been very supportive of the student government, and this proposal would authorize funding to purchase a retirement gift on behalf of the Associated Students.

Motion to approve allocating \$500.00 from the Hospitality account (5080) to purchase a retirement gift for Executive Vice Chancellor Kathy Blackwood by Senator King; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. The motion carried with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF ASCSM WINTER APPAREL**

Mr. Hamadeh stated that it has been tradition for the student government to purchase a unique winter piece of branded apparel, such as a jacket or hoodie. The final decision as to what shall be ordered will be left Executive Cabinet.

Motion to approve allocating \$2,500.00 from the Publicity account (5151) for ASCSM Winter Apparel by Senator Nava; seconded by Senator Illini. The motion carried with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items were suggested for a future Senate meeting agenda:

- Winter Retreat Debrief
- District Mixer Debrief

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

Senator King inquired if there was any follow-up regarding an issue involving the Health and Wellness Center that was brought to the Senate. Mr. Hamadeh stated that President Bathai was gathering more information and would be meeting with Vice President of Student Services Kim Lopez to discuss.

Vice President Giari suggested that members of the Senate organize a holiday party.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m. by Senator Young; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh  
Student Life and Leadership Assistant