



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Student Senate Minutes (Approved)

Monday, July 23, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Mondana Bathai; Vice President Georgia Giari; Finance Director Gabriele Topete Eng Goon; Vice Chair Sitt Spencer Paing; Senators John Burright, Vitor Gabriel de Oliveira Viana, Max Gaines, Dorian King, Enya Nava, Joseph Park, Ashley Perrilliat, Szymon Ryng, Youn April Thu, and Andrew Young.

Members Absent: Secretary Jordan Chavez; 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 Vice Chair Paing; seconded by Senator Young. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, July 9, 2018, meeting by Senator King; seconded by Senator Perrilliat. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Bathai reported that she and Vice President Giari had just returned from a District Student Council meeting at which, by a vote of 4 to 2, the Council had taken a vote of no confidence in the Student Trustee-elect. As per District Policy and Procedures, a vote of no confidence means that the Student Trustee-elect has been removed from their position. Therefore, we will be holding a special election early in the fall semester to select a new Student Trustee nominee from CSM.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer added that there are limits on what can be shared publicly because portions of the DSC meeting were in closed session. Mr. Schaefer explained that the Student Trustee-elect was involved in an ethical violation at Cañada. As mentioned prior, per District Policy and Procedure, a vote of no confidence in the Student Trustee leads to their automatic removal, which is what happened today. Normally under such circumstances, DSC would reconvene and select a new Student Trustee from the remaining nominees from the last election. Unfortunately, neither CSM nor Skyline had a nominee in the last election. Therefore, the position of Student Trustee is currently vacant. The Student Life and Leadership Managers will be working with the District and the A.S. leadership at each college to discuss next steps. As President Bathai mentioned, this will most likely lead to the calling of special elections at each of the colleges to select a new slate of nominees and forward them to DSC. In the meantime, the A.S. presidents will serve as the student representatives to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Schaefer asked that members of the Senate not inquire further with either President Bathai or Vice President Giari as to what took place at the meeting because the proceedings are confidential.

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon stated that a budget proposal would be brought to the Senate at its next meeting after being reviewed by Executive Cabinet.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer commented that we are approaching the end of the summer and that he hoped everyone is feeling rested and ready to start the fall semester. Mr. Schaefer reported that all promotional items have been ordered and should be arriving next week. To get ahead of the game, Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Hamadeh have advised Executive Cabinet to schedule a few bag stuffing “parties” to prepare the giveaway bags for Welcome Day and Welcome Week. Regarding Welcome Day, the event is coming up on Thursday, Aug. 9. As a reminder, all members of the Senate are expected to participate in the entire event. Mr. Schaefer encourages those members of the Senate with connections to clubs to encourage those groups to participate in Welcome Day as well. Clubs will have the opportunity to earn increased Service Hours for the event. Groups will also be able to table to promote their clubs, though this activity will not count towards Service Hours.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh reported that replacement computers for the ASCSM Office had been ordered and should arrive soon.

FUNDING FOR WELCOME WEEK FOR FALL 2018

Programming Board Chair Thu reported that she is working with President Bathai and Finance Director Topete Eng Goon to begin planning for Welcome Week. So far, the group is planning to have the video game truck back on campus, as well as some standalone video games. The event will take place the week of Aug. 27.

Motion to approve \$10,000.00 from the Programming account (#5150) for the Fall 2018 Welcome Week event by Senator Gaines; seconded by Senator Nava. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the motion carried.

SUMMER 2018 EVENT DEBRIEF

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon stated that she felt the event well for a small summer activity. She reported that she was able to interact with quite a few folks, though it did take some time for people to figure out what was taking place. She did note that many more of the Bay Area Pathways students took advantage of the free giveaways than the college-age students.

Senator Thu commented that a friend made an announcement about the event in their class and that the professor allowed the class time to visit the table. Senator Thu also thought that it was good that all of the It's-It supply was distributed during the event and that the folks in the cafeteria were very helpful. President Bathai thanked everyone for their work on the event and recognized Senator Thu for her the success of her first event.

Vice Chair Paing noted that it was not clear that ASCSM was sponsoring the event. He stated that there needed to be more of an ASCSM “presence” so that it was clear that the student government was sponsoring the event. Finance Director Topete Eng Goon noted that Vice President Giari was wearing her ASCSM T-shirt, but agreed with Vice Chair Paing’s overall assessment.

Senator Gaines noted that an off-campus group was present in the quad during the event, which may have been confusing. Mr. Hamadeh noted that other groups may be in the quad exercising their free speech rights, but that College groups have priority in the plaza immediately outside College Center. In the future, outside groups should be asked to relocate to another part of the quad if they are in the same area.

EVENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

Due to time constraints, it was requested that this item be tabled until next meeting. Hearing no objections, the item was tabled until the Senate’s next meeting.

GOALS BRAINSTORMING SESSION

To begin developing goals for the upcoming academic year, the Senate held a brainstorming session to discuss what the group would like to work on. The group discussed the following general topics:

- Publicity and advertising, visual and verbal – geo-fencing announcements of events and activities
- Work more with clubs, especially those about diversity and equity, can help amplify cultural events
- Communication – among the Senate, the boards, etc.; internal
- Consistency – participation, office hours, events: Unite Days, regularly scheduled events and activities
- More awareness of student government – what is ASCSM? Educate board members about student government; create organizational ways to funnel students with stamps, etc.
- Better event management – volunteers, resources, promotion, scheduling, organizational, time management
- Social engagement outside of meetings, events, etc.; ASCSM volunteering in the community (bay clean-up, do early in the year and continue to build)
- Provide direct student support (scheduling, resources, etc.); explore alternate methods of delivery; make sure events have an educational component (where logical)
- Peer mentorship; 2nd or 3rd-year students mentor 1st-year students
- School-wide volunteer activities: can food drive for parking tickets
- Hours reporting/tracking, checking-in with each other, presence in the group

The above list will be forwarded to Executive Cabinet for review, discuss, and the formulation of a final list of goals. That list will be brought back to the Senate for review and approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were recommended for the next Senate meeting:

- Stage 1.0 Budget
- Goals Review and Approval
- Event Planning Workshop
- Student Trustee Nominee Election Timeline
- Welcome Day

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Finance Director Topete Eng Goon reminded members of the Senate to check their email for the upcoming Welcome Day bag stuffing “parties.”

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. by Senator Gaines; seconded by Vice Chair Paing. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh
Student Life and Leadership Assistant