



**ASCSM Student Senate Meeting Minutes
(Unapproved)**

Monday, September 22, 2008
2:15 pm
College of San Mateo, Building 18, Room 206

The meeting was called to order at 2:29 pm.

Members in Attendance

Executive Officers

President Richael Young; Vice President Roger Nishimoto; Secretary Megan Claire; Finance Director Sonali Desai; Vice Chair Katerina Mazina.

Senators

Maria Gershenovich; Lina Li; Charlotte LoPrete; Melika Rezaee; Kiana Rezaei; Steffi Santana; Nick Shen.

Associates

Jennifer Atherton; Francisco Duarte; Alexa Hemken; JiaWen Huang; Laura Saxton; Michelle Saxton.

Members Absent

Senators

Student Activities Office (SAO) Staff in Attendance

Aaron Schaefer, Coordinator of Student Activities; Fauzi Hamadeh, Accounting Technician; Chris Eden, Program Assistant.

Visitors

Joe Chapot; Alex Collins; Andrew Collins; Alain Cousins; Ihor Proskurin; Neko Winston.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Secretary Claire; seconded by Vice Chair Mazina

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve September 8, 2008 Minutes by Secretary Claire; seconded by Finance Director Desai.

Motion to approve September 15, 2008 Minutes motioned by Secretary Claire; seconded by Senator Rezaee.

Motion to amend that President Young returned to the meeting motioned by Secretary Claire; seconded by Finance Director Desai.

Announcements and Hearing of the Public

Joe Chapot is the new representative from the SanMatean. He assured everyone that anything that is said at the meeting is off the record.

Alex Collins wanted to let the ASCSM know that she wants to reserve the stage on November 10th because she is trying to organize a homeless drive.

Andrew Collins was on Senate for two years and also wanted to let the ASCSM know that Alex has been working with homeless drives for three years and that it is a very important and noble cause.

Senator Li arrived at 2:36 pm during discussion.

Special Presentations

Guidelines on Committees: Fauzi reported to the ASCSM about committees. They are really important because information needs to get back to the senate and committee members are representing all the students. If you commit to a meeting, then you must attend it or find a replacement. We reviewed a list about do's and don'ts with committees and Fauzi stressed the importance of asking questions at meetings. Also, you report about a committee meeting in "Committee Reports," not "Senator Reports." Lastly, it is possible to get reimbursed for certain meetings if you turn in a stipend form.

Executive Reports

Secretary Claire reminded everyone that Alumni Day is this Saturday and also that she needs committee meeting times from the Chairs.

Finance Director Desai reported that she will have a report next week.

Advisor Reports

Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities, commended Lina and Programs and Services for all their great work for Oktoberfest. Also, he informed the ASCSM that there would be no mini retreat due to lack of availability, but he still encouraged everyone to go to the Alumni Game. He also wanted to make sure that everyone was receiving the emails and if not to check in with Fauzi. District email accounts will be going live soon and ASCSM should be listening for student feedback about it. Unfortunately, parking permits have become a big issue because some people have come in claiming to lose their permits and then getting new ones and selling them. This is causing the District to consider charging for lost or stolen permits. There will be a user group meeting for 10N tomorrow from 1-3 pm in Building 27. Lastly, the business cards arrived.

Fauzi Hamadeh, CSM Student Activities Accounting Technician, reported that the 10N meeting tomorrow is really important to attend. Also, he was hoping that construction planning could eventually give a presentation to the ASCSM. The samTrans meeting went well and there will be more in the future.

Chris Eden, ASCSM Program Assistant, reported that the leaflets have arrived for Oktoberfest and that everyone should pass them out. The fire pit has arrived and ASCSM will be making up for the missed smores this upcoming week. Volleyball nets will also be purchased and PR will be working on advertisements. For Oktoberfest, as much help as possible will be needed especially on

the Thursday and Friday before. Michelle, Laura, Charlotte, and Jen are interested in working on the eNewsletter and Lina wants to start working on the Haunted House in the Planetarium.

Senator Shen arrived at 3:10 pm during discussion.

Unfinished Business

Item A: Appointments

President Young made the following appointments:

- Laura Saxton as full senator and Shawn McGriff, Cristiane Zorzo, and Ihor Proskurin as associates. Motion to approve Senator Gershenovich; seconded by Vice Chair Mazina.
- Charlotte LoPrete and Lina Li to the 10N user group, Laura Saxton and Francisco Duarte to DSGC, Megan Claire to Parking Construction, and Charlotte LoPrete to Landscape Construction. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Mazina; seconded by Senator Li.

New Business

Item A: Student Success Story Project

Item 1: Proposal for Student Success Story Project: Motioned by Secretary Claire; seconded by Finance Director Desai

The ASCSM discussed the possibility of doing cardboard cutouts instead of canvas dolls. Also, the story idea of the project was great, but maybe it could be shown in a different way. Asking people in classes or setting up an award or scholarship for this project could generate interest. At this point, it is unlikely that the SSCCC could switch to using cardboard, but Richael will follow up. This would require \$300 from Programs and Services.

Motion to approve \$300 from Programs and Services for the Student Success Story Project carries with 8 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstaining.

Item B: Shilpa School for Special Children Fundraiser

Item 1: Proposal for the Shilpa School Fundraiser: Motioned by Vice Chair Mazina; seconded by Senator Gershenovich.

The ASCSM discussed participating in a fundraiser to help children with disabilities in India. The group is trying to raise \$1000 by the end of the semester to send to India. They need \$200 of start-up money to buy candy boxes to sell. This is more about approving a concept instead of money. It would require \$200 from Cultural Affairs.

Motion to approve \$200 from Cultural Affairs to fund the Shilpa School Fundraiser carries with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Item C: AGS Regional Conference: Tabled

Item D: Club Funding Guidelines

Item 1: Proposal for Club Funding Guidelines: Motioned by Senator Rezaee; seconded by Vice Chair Mazina

The ASCSM discussed the new club fundraising guidelines. It creates a cap on how much money clubs can ask for and whether they need to do something in return for the money. This would also require some changes to the ASCSM Bylaws. It also states that anything bought with ICC money belongs to ASCSM and that everything must reflect that it was sponsored by ASCSM.

Motion to approve the Club Funding Guidelines carries with 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

Discussion & Information Items

Item A: Faculty Evaluations

The ASCSM discussed the idea of supporting more frequent faculty evaluations by students. These would be official and taken by the school. If faculty were to be evaluated every semester, more tangible data on their performance as perceived by students would be collected and used. Although most of ASSM thinks this is a good idea, there is going to be a lot of trouble from the union. Maybe there could also be a student feedback section on the CSM website.

Committee Reports

Associated Students Committees

Programs and Services

Oktoberfest flyers have arrived and will be in T-1 to be passed out. Nick and Michelle offered to help on Thursday, Oct. 2nd from 10-11.

College of San Mateo Committees

College Council

College hour was well received and a subcommittee is being made. The science department has a bit of an issue with college hour because of lack of lab time. The Accreditation Team is coming on November 3rd and the final drafts of the EMP and Accreditation report are going to the board this week. A representative is needed for Budget Planning Committee and the college is looking at adding more flex days.

Student Senate for the California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

Region III

Recommendations for the Constitution and Bylaws were passed as well as recommendations for Executive Officers.

Future Agenda Items

Club Service Hours, dance, and Commencement Speaker.

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

The next meeting of the ASCSM Student Senate will be Monday, September 29, 2008 at 2:15 pm in the Faculty Lounge.

Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Claire

Megan Claire
ASCSM Secretary

