



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

Monday, September 29, 2008
2:15 pm
College of San Mateo, Building 18, Room 206

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm.

Members in Attendance

Executive Officers

President Richael Young; Vice President Roger Nishimoto; Secretary Megan Claire; Vice Chair Katerina Mazina.

Senators

Maria Gershenovich; Lina Li; Charlotte LoPrete; Melika Rezaee; Kiana Rezaei; Steffi Santana; Laura Saxton.

Associates

Jennifer Atherton; Francisco Duarte; Alexa Hemken; Medina Kuldaeva; Ihor Proskurin; Michelle Saxton.

Members Absent

Executive Officers

Finance Director Sonali Desai.

Senators

Student Activities Office (SAO) Staff in Attendance

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

Visitors

Mike Barkoff; Christina Lawrence.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Vice Chair Mazina; seconded by Senator Gershenovich.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve by Secretary Claire; seconded by Senator Rezaei with amendment to reflect missing senators.

Announcements and Hearing of the Public

Mike Barkoff introduced himself and explained that he has been involved in senate for the last several years and would like to be an associate.

Christina Lawrence introduced herself and explained that she was involved in Student Activities in high school and wants to be involved again.

Special Presentations

A. My.SMCCD.edu Student E-mail Service

Jasmine Witham from ITS came and spoke with the ASCSM about the new e-mail system for students. Every student in the district will have his or her own e-mail address powered by Google. This system allows students to communicate with each other through chat or Google Docs. Even after students graduate, they will be able to keep their smccd.edu e-mail addresses.

B. ASCSM Financial Update

Fauzi provided the ASCSM with a financial update handout for the first part of this year. It had changes based on account activity. Maybe once Google Docs is up and running the updates could be posted for the senate.

Executive Reports

President Young reported that there will be a new way to do appointments. From now on, all appointments will go through Finance and Administration before going to senate so that F&A can make recommendations. There will be a specific process including applications and interviews to get appointed.

Secretary Claire thanked everyone for their help with the Alumni Day football game and encouraged others to attend future games.

Senator Reports

Senator Saxton reported that replacement parking permits cost \$20 if your permit is lost or stolen.

Advisor Reports

Aaron Schaefer, CSM Coordinator of Student Activities, reported that the stock market is falling and that it will soon become an issue that will affect students. As senators, the ASCSM should be trying to help settle student's nerves by advising them to talk to counselors and advisors. Even though the market is falling, it could mean increased enrollment. ASCSM should continue to communicate with students about construction as well. The winter retreat will take place January 16th-18th with location TBD. It will be a different focus from the last retreat.

Fauzi Hamadeh, CSM Student Activities Accounting Technician, reported that Oktoberfest was going well and thanked Senator Li. He also reported that College Council is this Wednesday and student services and faculty services have awards ceremonies.

Chris Eden, ASCSM Program Assistant, congratulated Senator Li on Oktoberfest.

Unfinished Business

Item A: Appointments

None.

Item B: Alpha Gamma Sigma Conference Funding

Item tabled for next meeting.

New Business

Item A: Reallocation of Inactive Club Funds

Item 1: Proposal for Reallocation of Inactive Club Funds: Motioned by Senator Li; seconded by Vice Chair Mazina

The ASCSM discussed reallocating funds from accounts of clubs that have been inactive for a couple of semesters. This money would be moved into an account to be used for ICC promotions.

Motion to approve reallocation of inactive club funds carries with 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Item B: Service Hours

Item 1: Proposal for Service Hours: Motioned by Senator Santana; seconded by Vice Chair Mazina

The ASCSM discussed the process by which service hours would be given to and accepted for clubs who use ICC funds. It was decided that students would get 2 hours for every 1 hour they work for ASCSM and that senators or associates could not fulfill these hours for a club. Clubs are allowed to bank up to 30 hours per year and 20 hours in one semester. 2 hours must be completed per \$100 asked for. Motion to table Service Hours to next meeting by Senator LoPrete; seconded by Vice Chair Mazina. Hearing no objections, motion passes.

Discussion & Information Items

Item A: PCRC Conflict Coaching

The ASCSM discussed hosting a conflict coaching session. This wanted to be done last semester, but there was not enough time. Conflict coaching utilizes peer mediation to help both parties come to a resolution. The ASCSM agreed that this should be implemented and it would be great to quasi-institutionalize it. The great thing about this is that students can feel comfortable talking with their peers about problems and the coaching can give tools for dealing with conflicts, not necessarily advice.

Vice Chair Mazina left at 4:04 pm during discussion.

Item B: ASCSM Winter Retreat

The ASCSM discussed the Winter Retreat. The content will be different than the last retreat, but there will be an extra session for everyone who didn't make it to the fall retreat.

Committee Reports

Associated Student Senate Committees

Programs and Services

Oktoberfest is going well, but help is still needed. There will be a meeting at 1 on Wednesday for Programs and Services.

Transfer Club

The Berkeley Tour is happening next week and everyone needs to pick up a liability waiver in order to attend.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Senator Li; seconded by Senator Santana. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

The next meeting of the ASCSM Student Senate will be Monday, October 6, 2008 at 2:15 pm in the Faculty Lounge.

Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Claire

Megan Claire
ASCSM Secretary

