



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

Monday, October 6, 2008
2:15 pm
College of San Mateo, Building 18, Room 206

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 pm.

Members in Attendance

Executive Officers

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

Senators

Maria Gershenovich; Lina Li; Charlotte LoPrete; Douglas Robinson; Steffi Santana; Nick Shen.

Associates

Jennifer Atherton; Nicollette Constante; Francisco Duarte; Michaela Guerrero; Alexa Hemken; Ihor Proskurin.

Members Absent

Executive Officers

President Richael Young (at DSGC)

Senators

Melika Rezaee; Kiana Rezaei; Laura Saxton (at DSGC)

Student Activities Office (SAO) Staff in Attendance

Fauzi Hamadeh, Accounting Technician; Chris Eden, Program Assistant.

Visitors

Patrick Diaz, Public Relations Intern; David Lara, AGS Representative; Christine Karavas, The SanMatean; Sinan Ozkaya; Bryce Whitman, AGS Representative.

Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Secretary Claire; seconded by Finance Director Desai with amendments tabling IV.A. Approval of Prior Minutes and X.C. Service Hours for next week.

Executive Reports

Finance Director Desai reported that DSGC has been talking about the lower enrollment this semester. CSM is down 1% whereas Skyline is up 25% and the college needs ideas on how to increase enrollment. Some suggestions were to increase the amount of international students, divided summer sessions to have only one subject at a time, increase scholarship awareness, and add departments. Enrollment is determined in multiple ways: head-count of all the students at school, FTES (full time equivalent students), and census.

Advisor Reports

Fauzi Hamadeh, CSM Student Activities Accounting Technician, reported that Aaron is not here today and that it's his birthday. LEADS meeting is tomorrow at 2:15. He also thanked Senator Li for all her hard work for Oktoberfest last week.

Unfinished Business

Item A: Appointments

Vice President Nishimoto made the following appointments:

- Sonali Desai to the Budget Planning Committee. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Mazina; seconded by Senator Gershenovich. Hearing no objections, motion carries.

Item B: AGS Conference

Item 1: Proposal for AGS Conference: Motioned by Secretary Claire; seconded by Senator Santana.

The ASCSM discussed funding for AGS to send representatives to the Conference. AGS is a state honors society that is exclusive to California Community Colleges. This is a one-day event and the representatives will present what they learn to ICC. Motion to amend the proposal to reflect striking gas and changing the total amount so as not to exceed \$175 passes as a friendly amendment.

Motion to approve \$175 from ICC account for the AGS Conference carries with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

New Business

Item A: ASCSM Logo Table Skirts

Item 1: Proposal for ASCSM Logo Table Skirts: Motioned by Senator Robinson; seconded by Senator Santana

The ASCSM discussed purchasing table skirts with the logo for events. They are so expensive because they are embroidered. Motion to amend the proposal to reflect purchasing 1 table skirt requiring \$350 from Public Relations.

Motion to approve \$350 from Public Relations for an ASCSM Logo Table Skirts carries with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

New Business (continued)

Item B: ASCSM Equipment Purchases

Item 1: Proposal for ASCSM Equipment Purchases: Motioned by Secretary Claire; seconded by Senator Li.

The ASCSM discussed purchasing 2 or 3 higher quality canopies as well as a ladder for events. These would not be lended out. It would require \$2,100 from Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment.

Motion to approve \$2,100 from Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for ASCSM Equipment Purchases carries with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Item C: Halloween

Item 1: Proposal for Halloween: Motioned by Vice Chair Mazina; seconded by Senator Gershenovich.

The ASCSM discussed purchasing decorations and prizes for the Haunted House. There are some decorations in the Pod and the costume contest might be combined with the classified staff contest. This would require \$1,700 from Programs and Services.

Motion to approve \$1,700 from Programs and Services for Halloween carries with 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Out of Order: Advisor Reports

Fauzi Hamadeh reported that the money that the ASCSM invested in the County Investment Pool has been hit due to the falling economy. The most important thing to remember is that the ASCSM is NOT BANKRUPT!!!! Currently, he does not know how much money could have been lost, but it is mostly reserves that we could pull out within 24 hours with the approval of the senate, F&A, or President Young and Vice President Nishimoto.

Committee Reports

Associated Student Senate Committees

Public Relations

Please turn in things for the eNewlester by next Friday.

College of San Mateo Committees

Landscaping Committee

Discussed landscaping plans and how they will affect student activities. Any time a senator is in those types of meetings always think about how the decisions being made will affect Student Activities because there is only one real chance to fix it.

Final Announcements & Hearing of the Public

Patrick from Public Relations said that next Thursday there will be a meet and greet breakfast from 8:30 to 10 in the KCSM picnic area.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chair Mazina; seconded by Senator Shen. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

The next meeting of the ASCSM Student Senate will be Monday, October 13, 2008 at 2:15 pm in the Faculty Lounge.

Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Claire

Megan Claire
ASCSM Secretary