Associated Student Government
Santa Barbara City College Student Senate

Minutes
March 2, 2012
9:00 am, CC-223

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am


1.2 Approval of Minutes – Senate voted to approve the 2/24 minutes M/S/C Sarah Tajima/Sonya Soltani

1.3 Approval of Agenda – Senate voted to approve the 3/2 agenda with the addition of 4.10 Plus/Minus Grading M/S/C Geneva Sherman/Joel Negroni

1.4 Special Presentation: Paige Van Tuyt from Foundation for Santa Barbara City College spoke to the Senate regarding Campaign for Student Success and asked for their continued support, particularly with a March 14th Kick Off Event.

2. Public Forum - None

3. Action Items

3.1 Club Charter – Students for Ron Paul M/S/C 8yes/0no/4abstain

3.2 Senate Applications –Mayra Carvajal – Vote to follow in the minutes

4. Discussion

4.1 Club Charters – Senate reviewed the Cash Flow Club Charter

4.2 Club Grants – Senate reviewed the Math Club $500 grant and the Roller Hockey Club $250 grant

4.3 Movie Equipment/Movie Night – Senator Thule is still looking into costs

4.4 March In March Update – Agendas, permission slips and itinerary were passed out to Senate

4.5 Civics Day – Senator Soltani is in discussion with various community organizations

4.6 2020 A Year Without A War – Website will be up and running soon

4.7 Field Trips – Senator Katzenson would like more info available to students

4.8 Campus Clean Up – Need to check with SBCC Facilities Office

4.9 Clubs Assisting with Campus Committees – Sharing info with ICC

4.10 Plus/Minus Grading – Senate gave various points of view regarding plus/minus grading

5. Officer Reports

5.1 JJ Englert – President – No report

5.2 Geneva Sherman – VP Senate Affairs – No reports

5.3 Sonya Soltani – VP External Affairs – To follow in minutes

5.4 Blas Romel – VP Operations and Finance – No report

5.5 Scott Ammon – Student Trustee - Absent

5.6 Sarah Tajima – Student Advocate – No report

5.7 Cassandra Siegel – Commissioner of Clubs – ICC meeting on 3/8 at 4pm in CC 223

5.8 Arielle Valenzuela – Public Relations - Absent

5.9 Senator Report – No report

5.10 Advisor Report – Allison Curtis, Amy Collins – FinAid Scholarship Deadline has been extended to 3/9/12

6. Ad Hoc Committees – 6.1 Fundraising Chair: Joel Negroni - Bathing Suit Run/Slip N’ Slide

6.2 Resolutions Chair: Sonya Soltani – G.A, 2020 Year without War, Plus/Minus Grading

6.3 Voter Registration

7. Campus Committee Reports

7.1 Academic Policies – Joel Negroni - No report

7.2 Student Outreach - Ola Smith – No report

7.3 EOPS/Financial Aid – Joel Negroni – No report

7.4 International Education – Per Eriksson – No report

7.5 Matriculation – Aaron Thule – No report

7.6 Portal Steering – Alec Parent – No report

7.7 BPAP – Sarah Tajima – No report

7.8 COI – Geneva Sherman – No report

8. Announcements – JJ Englert: March In March poster will be made after the meeting and on the bus. Please arrive on time for meeting, check your emails

10. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am M/S/C Per Eriksson/Aaron Thule

Mayra Carvajal Senate Application Vote:

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Sonya Soltani
Vice President External Affairs Report

On Thursday, February 16 I met with two nice women from the League of Women Voters to discuss the Voter Registration Drive event that I would like to call "Civics Day." During the meeting, we discussed our alliance with their organization as well as details of their participation. They have promised to involve a couple other similar organizations so that we can make this event worthy. We also discussed ideas like: involving the Financial Aid office and/or EOPS and asking them to table during the event in order to inform student on the Pell Grant Emergency, which will hopefully be used as an incentive for students to register to vote and, ultimately, speak their minds through the ballots on the severity of the issue. This will not only be a way for us to inform students about this emergency but also a way for us to get them to register.

We also discussed the possibility of getting a handful of clubs to participate in the tabling and events. This will make our tabling experience much smoother and easier, because, if we have even 18 people that offer just ONE time to table per person, then we have a full schedule and each individual will not be asked to dedicate a large portion of their schedule to this event. Since we mentioned the lack of school spirit that SBCC has, we also stirred up ideas about having activities in Friendship Plaza to draw students in. These activities include, but are not limited to: club activities, fundraising tables (making t-shirts, selling bracelets, etc.). This similarly coincides with Senator Thule’s idea about having something like a “pangea-fest.”

I will be following up with the League of Women Voters in order to have them attend our first Voter Registration Drive Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

I have also been teleconferencing the Regional Activities Committee as part of Region VI. During our meetings, we discuss details of our unity in administering a Voter Registration Drive on each campus as well as the viability of getting 10,000 students registered total from all the schools combined.

On Tuesday, February 14, Senator Thule, Senator Negroni, and I all participated in the Coffee With A Senator Event in the Student Senate room. We were a huge success in getting comments and complaints from students, as you can see new additions on the Senate room wall. We had trouble bringing students in to the Senate room because most students either weren’t willing, didn’t have time, or just plain weren’t interested. I think it would be a great help to have the mail box outside during events like these so that our efforts can be focused. After the event, Senator Eriksson and Senator Katzenson helped clean up the Senate room. Thank you to everyone who participated AND RESPONDED!

Thank you