Associated Student Government
Santa Barbara City College Student Senate

Minutes
October 28th, 2011 - 9:00 am, CC-223

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 9:10am
   1.2 Approval of Minutes – Senate voted to approve the 10/14/11 minutes M/S/C Joel Negroni/Scott Ammon
   1.3 Approval of Agenda – Senate voted to approve the agenda M/S/C Blas Romel/Joel Negroni
   1.4 Special Presentations - None

2. Public Forum - None

3. Action Items
   3.1 Club Grants: Senate voted to approve the Guardian Scholars $200 club grant M/S/C 10yes/0no/1abstain Scott Ammon/Per Erikson, Senate voted to approve the Roller Hockey $250 club grant M/S/C 8yes/0no/2abstain
   3.2 2012-2013 Academic Calendar – Tabled M/S/C Aaron Thule/Scott Ammon
   3.3 Support for Prop 1481 Debate - Senate voted to support M/S/C Scott Ammon/Joel Negroni

4. Discussion Items
   4.1 Club Charters - None
   4.2 Club Grants – Senate reviewed the ASL $100 club grant and the Volunteer and Charity Club $250 club grant
   4.3 Senate Sponsored Campus Events – Wasabi Fan suggested endorsing the International Students Soccer Tournament
   4.4 2020 A Year Without War – Sonya Soltani – tabled until 11/18
   4.5 Whistle Blower Policy – Sarah Tajima – tabled until 11/18
   4.6 Budget – Blas Romel – No changes
   4.7 General Assembly Info – leaving at 4pm on the 3rd from the Campus Center.

5. Officer Reports
   5.1 JJ Englert – President - Absent
   5.2 Geneva Sherman – VP Senate Affairs – No report
   5.3 Sonya Soltani – VP External Affairs- Absent
   5.4 Blas Romel – VP Operations and Finance – No report
   5.5 Scott Ammon – Student Trustee– No report
   5.6 Sarah Tajima – Student Advocate- Absent
   5.7 Cassandra Siegel – Commissioner of Clubs - ICC meeting had 20 clubs participate
   5.8 Arielle Valenzuela – Public Relations– No report
   5.9 Senator Report– No report
   5.10 Advisor Report- Dr. Partee, Amy Collins – Merchant’s Bazaar brought in $1800 for Senate Trust, 2 meetings left: 11/18 and 12/2

6. Campus Committee Reports
   6.1 Academic policies – Joel Negroni – At end of minutes
   6.2 Student Outreach - Ola Smith - Absent
   6.3 EOPS/Financial Aid – Joel Negroni – At end of minutes
   6.4 International Education – Per Eriksson – No report
   6.5 Matriculation – Aaron Thule – No report
   6.6 Portal Steering – Alec Parent – No report

7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
   7.1 AP 5055 – Chair: Geneva Sherman (W. Fan, A. Parent, C. Siegel, A. Thule) – No report
   7.2 Fundraising – Chair: Arielle Valenzuela (R. Deegan, P. Eriksson, J. Tibbetts) - No report
   7.3 Resolutions – Chair: Sonya Soltani (J. Negroni, B. Romel, O. Smith) Region VI voted unanimously to accept
   7.4 Student Success Task Force - Chair: JJ Englert (S. Ammon, S. Soltani, S. Tajima) – No report


10. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:10am M/S/C Scott Ammon/Robbie Deegan
Committee Report:

Senator Joel Negroni – Academic Policies Committee:

On October 18, 2011, I attended the Academic Policies Committee, during the committee Keith McLellan, Dean of Educational Programs also presented the proposal for revised enrollment priorities (AP 5055). The Academic President delegated the committee to look over the proposal ad recommend changes back to the Academic Senate. During the meeting the members agreed to the following changes:

Increase the number of units from 100 to 120, to exclude ESL and Basic Skills classes.

On item 1.3, Veterans: students must verify Veteran status via DD 214 form. Increase the eligibility from two (2) years to a lifetime priority enrolment.

On item 1.4, APC recommended to add sentence indicating “students with highest score on proposed calculations enroll first.”

Other discussions came from changes to the state law, which has approved priority enrollment to foster children and would be added after 1.3 and re-numbered 1.4 – 1.9. I was able to share some of the ideas from our meeting regarding the AP 5055 before reaching an Ad-Hoc committee, which lead to the recommendation of adding basic skill courses. The meeting ended with organization for next meeting since not all the discussion items were not able to be addressed.

Senator Joel Negroni – EOPS/Financial Aid Advisory Committee:

On October 18, 2011 I attended the EOPS/Financial Aid Advisory committee; during the meeting we had five items on the agenda:

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal Stats-

- The SAP process can only be ran at the beginning of the academic year since it is necessary to have grades ran to help make decisions regarding the appeals that are submitted. Only when 90% of the grades are submitted with the Financial Aid department open for appeals and to process financial aid.

- The appeals are considered through the averages of the whole student body

- The appeals are started by the student through pipeline after he/she has been denied financial aid. Once the individual starts and appeal process they must also complete other requirements to help focus the student for success. One of the requirements would be making and academic plan, which would have to be submitted with the appeal.

- With the new changes to Financial Aid the percentage of approved appeals has increased, including approval of 138 students with academic plans. These are plans are also essential, since the students who do not follow the plan will be disqualified completely.

- With the new changes, the committee may also be involved with the paper process of appeals to assist the financial aid appeal committees that meet minimum three times a week.

New Federal Regulations effective Spring 2012 regarding repeated units passed:

- Changes are in place to happen for courses that you do not complete successfully can only be retaken once after for the individual be able to receive financial aid.

Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway:

- This is an event hosted annually through EOPS that provides a thanksgiving dinner to single EOPS student parents a dinner for them and their children. The EOPS also ask donations throughout the faculty, since a cash donation they can use directly to buy additional dinners and feed as many as possible and still have a family environment for the parents.

- It will take place on Nov 23, 2011 from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.

- It is also asked any help they can receive would be appreciated; the help would consist of setting up tables, off loading the truck with the food, etc.

Computer/Tutorial Lab printing challenge:

- The printing is not charged for EOPS students and there is a wave of printing from many students, especially the printing of books and power point presentations that are needed for classes. Since it costs to keep the printers working, there is a thought charge of the printing services at EOPS. Charging at cost per print, which would be .03 cents per page.

Categorical Budget Discussion:

- This budget discussion is in relation to the drastic changes that have to happen or get prepared for the upcoming academic year. Although the school already receives $233k from the district, which EOPS compile the budget to provide the EOPS students with book grants.

Each department is facing a lot of harsh changes that are going to affect a large number of students, staff, and faculty. But the departments are working hard to their capabilities to do what they can to make the best decisions.

Marsha was also informed of the Flea Market ideas being researched by us, and only ask why was it not done sooner. Many ideas are flowing through campus regarding accessing funds to do one thing, help us move forward. Let us be involved in this, it will be a great opportunity to show the faculty what we are really about. The determination of the students can be strong with the right people making the right choices and doing things right.