Associated Student Government of Santa Barbara City College Student Senate

Minutes
March 25, 2011
10:00am, CC 223

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 10:12am

   1.2 Approval of Minutes – Senate voted to approve the 3-18 -11 minutes M/S/C Cassandra Siegel/Ola Smith
   1.3 Approval of Agenda –Senate voted to approve the meeting’s agenda M/S/C JJ Englert/Ola Smith

2. Public Forum – Nicolas De L’Homme spoke to the Senate regarding a fundraising event for Japan Relief that he and the EOPS club are promoting.

3. Action Items
   3.1 I.D.E.A.S Club Grant – The Senate voted to award $125 with an understanding that the club will receive the other $125 after they attend an ICC meeting. M/S/A Nicole Ridgell/JJ Englert
   3.2 Roller Hockey Club Grant – Senate voted to approve the $250 club grant with a warring to attend future ICC meetings. M/S/C Cassandra Siegel/JJ Englert
   3.3 Parking Letter – Senate voted to approve the parking letter to be sent to Dr. Serban M/S/C Aaron Waldman/JJ Englert
   3.4 Student Advocate Position- Blas Romel and Aaron Waldman both spoke to the Senate regarding the Student Advocate position, Aaron Waldman won the 2/3’s vote.

4. Discussion Items
   4.1 Club Charters - None
   4.2 Club Grants - None
   4.3 Direct Relief Donation $1000 – Senate discussed donating $1000 to Direct Relief for Japan
   4.4 Dance Concert Donation – Pamela Lappen spoke to the Senate regarding they support for the Dance Concert
   4.5 Club Charter Risk -Senate discussed possibly making changes in the club guidelines regarding charter risk, Cassandra Siegel will present proposed changes at the next meeting.
   4.6 Pipeline Email for Marketing – Senate discussed, letter attached in minutes
   4.7 Club Scholarship – Senate talked about incentives for Club of the Year, monetary awards

5. Officer Reports
   5.1 Ruby Limon – President – No report
   5.2 JJ Englert – Vice President External Affairs – No report
   5.3 Ola Smith – Vice President Senate Affairs – No written report
   5.4 Zuma Vallejo –Howard – Vice President Operations and Finance - Absent
   5.5 Nicole Ridgell – Student Trustee – Report to follow in minutes
   5.6 Cassandra Siegel – Commissioner of Clubs –No report
5.7 Eve Charbonneau – Public Relations – No report
5.8 Dr. Ben Partee / Amy Collins – Advisor – Fees increased to $36, Merchants Bazaar starts 8/4, election materials available on 8/4 in Office of Student Life

6 Information Item - None

7 Campus Committee Reports - Cassandra Siegel DTC – to follow in minutes

8 Announcements - None

9 Future Agenda Items – Discuss: California Partnership, Japan Relief Event, GPA Increase.
   Action: $1000 Japan Relief Donation, Pipeline Email, Dance Concert Support

10 Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm M/S/C Geneva Sherman/Blas Romel

Pipeline Email for Senate Marketing: Dear Students of Santa Barbara City College:
I am writing to inform you that on behalf of the Associated Student Government (ASG) of SBCC, you have successfully qualified and met the requirements needed to run for student government. Therefore, the ASG would like to personally extend an invitation for you to apply to our student representative body. This is an exceptional opportunity for students to participate further within and outside of the college. Being a student representative for SBCC comes with a countless number of benefits and is extremely rewarding at the end of the day!

Students representatives participate in community service events, fundraising events, attend weekly meetings with the ASG, and also make a commitment to sit on a faculty committee and to serve as a liaison for the students. Elections will be held in the spring of all years, and during the fall, all prospects will have to be voted in by the ASG during one of their weekly meetings. Please contact Amy Collins at CollinsA@sbcc.edu for more information.

We hope you decide to join the support of the students and we would love to have your insight and opinion on the board with us.

Respectfully,
Student Senate

Nicole Ridgell – Student Trustee Report: There has been a great deal of focus on the minutes of board meetings.

Four members want to be quoted directly, such as through a transcript or have minutes altogether be reduced to having only the actions taken by the board reported, no discussion. This is out of the fear of being misquoted and having their image adversely affected, something that is of the utmost importance to them. At the last study session the discussion of the minutes took almost an hour and they were not approved because some members felt that what was stated in the minutes did not accurately reflect what they were trying to convey during the meeting. College funds are being spent in order to ensure that certain members of the board are comfortable with how the community hears them, from audio on the board website to televised meetings that will begin April 28th of this year to now a stenographer, who was present last night to ensure that a transcript could be made so certain members would not feel inclined to worry about the minutes or have a lengthy discussion about it, something that happened anyway. The argument was made by Trustee Villegas that the board needs to focus on college business and that there is truly no need to put so much time and effort into minutes with the many ways that now exist in which the community can receive the information given during board meetings. There has been so much focus on minutes, it has served as one of the reasons why meetings have been inefficient, this has also caused the president and board secretary to spend a great deal of time working on minutes instead of being able to concentrate on duties she has in the office that she needs to fulfill for Dr. Serban. The minutes Angie writes are usually in average 20 pages or so and she has done an excellent job. There was a heated debate that took place over the process of evaluating the college President. A lawyer was put on retainer, brought in on a four/three vote to provide this legal service for the college, something three members of the board deemed unnecessary and a waste of funds due to the fact that we have highly qualified individuals that are already here and do a superlative job working for the college. But anyway he was
brought in last night to help the board answering questions one member had about the evaluation process. It turns out that board president Haslund acted unilaterally in seeking legal aid through bringing the lawyer in to answer these questions. When decisions are made, especially legal ones, such as to bring in legal aide that has to be well compensated by the hour from college funds, the board as a whole has to decide, one member cannot act unilaterally ever, in fact board members are suppose to have absolutely no power as individuals. Trustee Livingston vehemently stated this. She also stated that it was quite strange of the board president to do this when he made the statement eight days prior that he would never act in a unilateral manner without consulting or having the entire board provide their thoughts and concerns on any matter. There was confusion over whether or not the discussion to have the evaluation process be in a public or closed meeting. Some members of the board are trying very hard in pushing the process to be changed quickly. It was stated that members were acting as if there was not a process in place when in reality there is an extremely successful process that already exists under which Dr. Serban has been evaluated. Dr. Serban had to remind certain members of this. With the many concerns and with all the confusion the board decided to bring the subject to study session.

Isidro Carillo, School of Culinary Arts was honored for 15 yrs of service to the college and Bradley Hardison from financial aid was honored for 10 yrs of service to the college.

Vice presidents Ehrlich, Friedlander, and Sullivan had items approved by the board

Cassandra Siegel – Campus Committee Report –DTC -They will be updating the Banner from 8.2 to 8.4 over the summer. There has been a lot of trouble with people hacking into others pipeline accounts and messing with the persons classes or other account information. They are going to attempt to fix this but making the pipeline password 8 characters instead of 6. Also the password will have to have numbers and letters in it.

Jim Clark brought in one of the occupation sensor power strips and said that there are 2600 available to any department that wants them. They are still working on changing the pipeline splash page so now it will say something about torrenting.