Minutes

(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

January 30, 2009

REGULAR MEETING
Room CC-223
10:00 a.m.

Campus Center Building
Santa Barbara City College
721 Cliff Drive

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1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS
   1.1 CALL TO ORDER
   President Avendano called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

   Members present:
   President: Camila Avendano
   V-P Operations & Finance: Tram Nguyen
   Student Trustee: Sean Knotts
   Commissioner of Clubs: Atty Garfinkel
   Public Relations Officer: Jessica Aparicio
   Senators: Elena Perez, Dano Pagenkopf, Zou Xie, Laurent Serra, James DiPaolo
   Advisor/Secretary: T.K. Erickson
   Dean: Ben Partee
   Channels: Christianne Rojo
   Special Guest: Joe Sullivan, V-P Business Services
   Guests: Mi Lin, Ying Guang Zhang, Nicole Ridgell, Andrew Moser, and Christiane Feerick, Tom Fitzgerald

   Members absent:
   V-P Senate Affairs: Deirdre Jones
   Student Advocate: Tommy Mazzon

   1.2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Upon motion by Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate approved the amended agenda.
1.3 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2008
Upon motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the minutes of the regular meeting December 5, 2008.

1.4 PUBLIC FORUM
No citizen expressed an interest to address the Student Senate.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
  2.1 Joe Sullivan, V-P of Business Services addressed the Senate on three key critical items.
   1) Student workers hourly pay reduction of 1.923 percent.
      Joe Sullivan informed the Senate that in anticipation of the significant State budget cut and its impact on the College, the Administration made a decision to reduce student workers hourly pay by 1.923 percent. President Avendano inquired about when the decision was made. She also asked about the urgency of the decision and for clarification for why it could not wait until students were back on campus. Joe Sullivan shared that a decision needed to be made at a certain time in order to move forward. Joe also mentioned that the decision was made during the Board of Trustees closed session.
      Atty Garfinkel, read Barclays California Code of Regulations, Title 5, section 2, 51023.7, under section A, number 4. She inquired about the shared governance policy and asked for clarification for why students were not consulted in the process. Joe recommended contacting Sue Ehrlich, V-P Human Resources for specific questions about Title 5. Sean Knotts, as a Student Trustee who serves on the Board of Trustees, mentioned he was not informed of a closed session meeting and of this decision. Sean also expressed his disappointment about the fact that Student Senate was not consulted in the decision-making process.
   2) Parking fee increases for students.
      Currently, students parking fee is $30. There is a proposal in the process to raise students parking fee to $33 if purchased on-line and $35 if purchased in person at the Cashiers office.
   3) Switching student workers pay period from bi-monthly to once a month.
      Due to potential budget cuts and in order to reduce cost, the College decided to pay student workers once a month. Joe shared that many checks are processed electronically.

3. ACTION ITEMS
  3.1 Senate Applications for Ying Guang Zhang and Mi Lin
      Upon the motion by Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate voted and approved the election of Ying Guang Zhang to serve as a senator.
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4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  4.1 USSA Conference - Washington D.C., March 21-24
      Sean Knotts mentioned that due to the fact that USSA (United States Student Association) is a conference for four-year universities, it may be more beneficial for Senate to attend ASACC (American Student Association of Community Colleges) conference instead. The Senate also discussed who is eligible to attend the conference. President Avendano encouraged senators to submit a letter of interest to the Senate if they wish to be considered for eligibility to attend the conference.
  4.2 Continuation of Senate leadership training, date and time
      The Senate is in the process of finding dates and time for leadership training. There will be more discussion at next week’s meeting on finalizing a training time.

  4.3 Region VI – Food and hospitality and Senate attendance
      Atty Garfinkel has volunteered to attend Region VI meeting and will be the interim delegate for SBCC until the V-P of External Affairs position has been filled to assume this responsibility. The Senate will discuss specifics of food and hospitality for Region VI in later meetings.
4.4 College Committees – Prioritize list and delegate members
The college committees’ list is currently still being updated and will be discussed in the next meeting.

4.5 Southern California Community College Rally - February 27, 2009
Sean Knotts suggested joining the March in March in Sacramento instead of the Rally in Pasadena because of its potential to have a larger impact.

4.6 Club Charters – None

4.7 Club Grants – None
Atty Garfinkel moved to discuss the dismissal of Bio-Fuel club grant. She mentioned she tried to contact the Bio-Fuel club leader sixteen (16) times regarding the club grant. However, did not receive a response from him. The motion was seconded by Sean Knotts and the Senate approved. Atty made a motion to move the discussion to an action item. The motion was seconded by Sean Knotts and the Senate approved. Atty Garfinkel moved to dismiss the Bio-Fuel club grant. James DiPaolo seconded the motion. The Senate voted and there was one objection. Majority Senate approved and the motion carries.

4.8 Senate Applications
Nicole Ridgell, prospective senator candidate was interviewed by the Senate. Nicole’s desire is to represent the school and be proactive in address students’ issues and concerns. She believes her experience as a prosecutor for Mock Trial helped prepare her with leadership skills.
Andrew Mosser, prospective senator candidate was interviewed by the Senate. Andrew is in his third semester at SBCC and wants to make the most of his time by joining Student Senate in order to make a difference.

5. COMMUNICATIONS
The following reports will be presented to the Student Senate about various matters involving the Student Senate

5.1 Report by President Camila Avendano – None

5.2 Report by VP Senate Affairs Deirdre Jones – Absent

5.3 Report by VP External Affairs Vacant
James DiPaolo formally announced his resignation from his VP External Affairs position to serve as a Senator.

5.4 Report by VP Operations and Finance Tram Nyugen – None

5.5 Report by Student Trustee Sean Knotts
Report Submitted (see attached)
Sean reported on his attendance at the Annual Legislative Conference in Sacramento. He felt it was “incredibly interesting and stimulating.”

5.6 Report by Commissioner of Clubs Atyislah Garfinkel – None

5.7 Report by Public Relations Jessica Aparicio
Report submitted (see attached)
Reported the continuation of using Measure V money to fund construction project.

5.8 Report by Student Advocate Tommy Mazzon - None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
6.1 T.K. Erickson: California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) student leadership scholarships for 2008-09.

6.2 President Avendano: Reminded Senate members not to be late to Senate meetings, especially when there is a special guest.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS
7.1 Senate Applications
Senate shall vote on Senate applications for Andrew Moser and Nicole Ridgell.

7.2 Washington D.C. Conference
The Senate shall vote on attending either USSA or ASACC conference in Washington D.C. on March 21-24.

7.3 Conference Attendees
The Senate shall decide and vote on the number of Senate members who will be eligible to attend Washington D.C. conference.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7.4 Student Survey – Senate shall review the Student Senate Survey. Revisions and changes to survey questions are necessary in order to create an effective and informative survey.

7.5 Parking Fee Increases – Senate shall discuss their position on parking fee increases.

7.6 Constitution and By-Laws – The Senate shall review the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations for revisions. Please review Senate members suggested changes (refer to attached documents).

7.7 Campus Committees – Discuss current campus committees and identify which of them are most critical to have a consistent representative attend. Prioritizing the list will also provide direction to delegate Senate members to campus committees.

7.8 Senate Committees – The Senate shall discuss establishing Senate sub-committees.

7.9 March in March – March 16th, 2009, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Senate shall discuss attending the March; number of people attending; transportation to and from Sacramento; cost; time and date of travel.

7.10 Senate Budget – The Senate shall review the proposed budget for Spring 2009.

7.11 Brainstorming for Conference – The Senate shall propose main ideas to lobby

7.12 Club Charters – The Senate shall hear proposals for club charters

7.13 Club Grants – The Senate shall hear requests for club grants

7.14 Senate Applications – The Senate shall review prospective Senate applications.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved adjourning the meeting at 11:23 am.

The next Regular Meeting of the Student Senate will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in CC-223.