1. Call to Order
   President Avendano called the meeting to order at 10:16am
   1.1 Approval of Minutes – Upon motion by Sean Knotts, seconded by James
       DiPaolo, the Senate approved the minutes of the regular meeting November 14,
       2008
   1.2 Approval of Agenda – Senate consideration of an item regarding scholarship
       opportunity for SBCC students affected by Tea Fire. President Avendano
       explained to the Senate that there is a need for immediate action that cannot
       reasonably wait until the next scheduled meeting. The need have come to the
       attention of the college after the agenda had been posted. Upon motion by
       Atsiylah Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the addition to
       the agenda.
   1.3 Members present:
       Camila Avendano-Presidents
       James DiPaolo-VP External Affairs
       Sean Knotts-Student Trustee
       Atsiylah Garfinkel-Commissioner of Clubs
       Jessica Aparicio-Public Relations
       Tommy Mazzon Student Advocate
       Tram Nguyen-Senator
       Elena Perez-Senator
       Zougong Xie-Senator
       Dano Pagenkopf-Senator
       TK Erickson-Advisor
       Members absent:
       Deirdre Jones-VP Senate Affairs
       Laurent Sera-Senator
       Amy Collins-Secretary
       Guests: Steven Chui Khim

2. Public Forum
   Steven Chui Khim addressed the Senate regarding his on-campus fundraising ideas. He
   also expressed interest in participating in Student Senate in the future.

3. Action Items
   3.1 Club Charters –Upon motion by Tommy Mazzon, seconded by Sean Knotts, the
       Senate approved the Buddhist Philosophy and Meditation club charters. Upon
       motion by Atsiylah Garfinkel, seconded by Tommy Mazzon, the Senate
       approved the Astronomy club.
   3.1 Student Senate Affairs Survey – Zougong Xie handed out a sample of the
       Student Senate survey and asked for input from the Senate. Several members
       provided suggestions for changes and revisions. Overall, the Senate thought it
was a good start for the survey, however, changes and revisions must be made before it can be approve. It was decided that some members of the Senate will correspond via e-mail and collaborate on the revisions of the Student Senate affairs survey.

4. Discussion Items
   4.1 Budget Cuts Awareness – The Senate discussed several options of responding to the California budget cuts and its impact on community colleges. It was discussed that a letter should be crafted by the Senate and sent to Governor Schwarzenegger on behalf of the SBCC student body. Discussions included petitions and personal letters from individual students. It was decided that Senate members will set-up tables in order to inform as well as ask for signatures from students. Members volunteered available time and date to work at the table.
   4.2 Senate Display – The Senate discussed putting pictures of individual members on the outside Senate display case. TK Erickson will ask Dano Pagenkopf to be the photographer for picture day on Friday December 5 before Senate meeting.
   4.3 Club Charters – None
   4.4 Club Grants – None
   4.5 Senate Applications – None
   4.6 Scholarships Opportunities – The Senate discussed ways to help SBCC students who were affected by the Tea Fire. Possible book discounts or fundraising activities were discussed. Ms. Aparicio suggested helping the victims of the fire by having the Senate organize a clean-up crew comprised of SBCC students. TK Erickson shared the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department had confirmed that nine of the ten individuals involved with the Tea Fire were identified as SBCC students. Since this news is public and it involved SBCC students. It is a difficult situation and emotions are high, therefore, she urged the Senate to be sensitive about addressing the issue. The incident is very tragic and it is not intentional. If clubs or students affected by the fire came forward, the Senate should not guilty or pressure to make an immediate decision. The College has increased availability of mental health services to students, faculty, and staff affected by the fire. The Student Senate scholarship is not available for fire victims because there is a process and is only available next fall. It is important for the Senate to consider partnering with other clubs and organizations to raise funds to help the Tea Fire victims.

5. Officer’s Reports
   6.1 Camila Avendano – President – Reported on her meeting with Dr. Andreea Serban regarding the Senate writing letters to Sacramento and scholarship options to SBCC students affected by the Tea Fire.
   6.2 Deirdre Jones – VP Senate Affairs – Absent
   6.3 James Dipaolo – VP External Affairs – Reported on his meeting with Susan Broderick from the Health Services Office. She was very thankful to the Senate for efforts on the health services suggestions and will try to implement them. Mr. Dipaolo also reported on his the benefits of switching from Blackboard to Moodle. In addition, he attended the Pipeline Steering Committee and reported on the delegation of roles for team leaders to work on different projects for the full Moodle integration to Pipeline. He volunteered to be on the Student Design Team project.
   6.4 Vacant – VP Operations and Finance
   6.5 Sean Knotts – Student Trustee – Reported on the Board meeting he attended. The Board of Trustee approved a list of Board policies that were discussed at the Study Session. Mr. Knotts will be attending a Student Trustee Legislative Conference on January 25-26, 2008 with two Board members.
   6.6 Atsiylah Garfinkel – Commissioner of Clubs - None
   6.7 Jessica Aparicio – Public Relations - None
6.8 Tommy Mazzon – Student Advocate – None

6. Campus Committee Reports
6.1 Academic Senate - Jessica Aparicio – The Senate discussed updating the Institutional Code of Professional Ethics per Accreditation standard III.A.1.d and changing certain aspects of college policy to be more veteran friendly. They voted in favor of recognizing, as an official committee, Committee on Online Instruction. The Senate also heard the report of Kathy O’Connor who attended the State Academic Senate. Jack Friedlander updated the Senate concerning the proposed budget cuts.

6.2 Planning and Resources - Zuogang Xie – None

6.3 Academic Policies - Tram Nguyen – Continued discussion about modifying the Academic Integrity Policy. Multiple offenses and warnings were the two main points discussed. Discussions involved how faculty should handle multiple offenses.

6.4 Curriculum Advisory - Vacant

6.5 Instructional Technology - Tommy Mazzon – None

6.6 Teaching and Learning - Atsiylah Garfinkel – None

6.7 International Education - Lorenzo Sierra - None

6.8 Scholastic Standards - Zuogang Xie – Reported on the petitions for deregulation of academic policies at SBCC. Updated the Senate on the number of petitions added, declined, postponed, and approved.

6.9 Multi-Cultural Committee - Deirdre Jones – Absent

6.10 College Planning Council - Deirdre Jones – Absent

6.11 Honors Advisory - Vacant

6.12 EOPS/Financial Aid Advisory - Camila Avendano – Asked if someone else can replace her by attending future committee meetings because of time conflict.

6.13 Online Instruction - James Dipaolo – None

6.14 Facilities Planning/Safety and Security - Camila Avendano – None

6.15 Matriculation Committee - Elena Perez – None

6.16 Centennial Planning Committee - Atsiylah Garfinkel – None

6.17 Faculty Report - Dano Pagenkopf – None

7. Senate Committee Reports – None

8. Announcements
8.1 Atsiylah Garfinkel announced that currently, there are 36 active clubs and this is record number. She was very excited about this.

8.2 President Avendano announced Ms. Nguyen’s proposal to assume the Vice-President of Operations and Finance position. President Avendano will review and then decide on the proposal in the next meeting.

8.3 TK Erickson announced that officers’ and committees’ reports must be submitted by Thursday. Members of the Senate are responsible for printing their own reports.

9. Future Agenda Items
Discussion Items
9.1 Tea Fire Clean Up – The Senate shall discuss organizing an after fire clean up
9.2 Trustee Conference – The Senate shall discuss the attendance of the student trustee to this conference.
9.3 Tutor Fund – The Senate shall discuss the possible resources for tutor fund
9.4 Parliamentary Law Training – The Senate shall review and discuss the cost of bringing an expert to train the Senate on Parliamentary Law
9.5 Club Charters – The Senate shall hear proposals for club Charters
9.6 Club Grants – The Senate shall hear requests for club grants
10. Adjournment
Upon the motion by Ms. Garfinkel, seconded by Mr. Xie, the Senate approved adjourning the meeting at 11:50am.

Next Meeting: December 5th, 2008