Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

December 5, 2008

REGULAR MEETING
Room CC-223
10:00am

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:
   Camila Avendano – President,
   James DiPaolo – VP External Affairs
   Deirdre Jones – VP Senate Affairs
   Atty Garfinkel – Commissioner of Clubs
   Tommy Mazzon – Student Advocate
   Sean Knotts – Student Trustee
   Senators: Elena Perez, Tram Nguyen, Zou Xie
   Advisor: TK Erickson
   Secretary: Amy Collins
   Guest: Mi Lin, Ying Guang Zhang, Julieta Silva, Ian Slater

   Members absent: Laurent Serra, Jessica Aparicio

   1.2 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2008
   Upon motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Tommy Mazzon, the Senate approved the minutes of the regular meeting November 14, 2008
1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approval of Agenda – Senate voted to approve the agenda with the motion to amend the agenda with additional items: 3.1 Tram Nguyen application for Vice President of Finance and Operations, 4.2 to be moved to 3.2 – Trustee Conference and the Video Game Contract to be discussed. Upon motion by Deirdre Jones, seconded by Tommy Mazzon, the Senate approved the addition to the agenda.

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

3. ACTION ITEMS
3.1 Upon the motion by Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate approved the appointment of Tram Nguyen as Vice President of Operations and Finance.
3.2 Upon the motion by Deirdre Jones, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the Video Game Contract.
3.3 Upon the motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Deirdre Jones, the Senate approved to pay for the Student Trustee Conference, January 25-26, 2009

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
4.1 Tea Fire Clean Up – The Senate discussed organizing a team to clean up the Tea Fire
4.2 Tutor Fund – The Senate discussed the possible resources for tutor fund
4.3 Parliamentary Law Training – The Senate discussed the cost of bringing an expert to train the Senate on Parliamentary Law. Senate members discussed the option of contacting a faculty or staff with some expertise in the areas of leadership or basic Parliamentary Law in order to save money.
4.4 Club Charters – None
4.5 Club Grants – None
4.6 Senate Applications – The senate reviewed prospective Senate applications. Senate candidates Ying Guang Zhang and Mi Lin were interviewed by the Senate.

5. OFFICERS’ REPORTS
5.1 Camila Avendano – President – None
5.2 Deirdre Jones – VP Senate Affairs – None
5.3 James Dipaolo – VP External Affairs – Report submitted (please see attachment).
Reported on his correspondence with Susan Broderick from the Health Services Office.
Susan Broderick:
“In response to the concern about the wait time, I did a 2 week time analysis. Please share the results with other Senators. The results were very interesting, and as follows:
Weeks of Nov. 17th and 24th, 2008
N = 138
Average time of 6 minutes for chart prep and average of 4 minutes to see the nurse once the chart was completed.
Chart prep mean: 6, mode: 5 and median: 5.
Wait for nurse mean: 4, mode: 0 and median 2.5.
These results show a minimal time for filling out the chart and the wait time for the nurse. This is far less than the average medical facility. The results constitute no change in the process but we can notify the students of the time for paperwork.”
James also reported that John Lorelli from the bookstore dropped off bookmark adds to promote the book buyback starting December 8th.

5.4 Vacant – VP Operations and Finance
5.5 Sean Knotts – Student Trustee – Report submitted, (please see attachment). Reported on Board of Trustees Study Session. The following items were discussed at the session:
Two Board policies were reviewed and are expected to be voted through without any amendments at the December Board meeting.

The SBCC Final Audit Report was overviewed which was produced by GBP&P Certified Public Accountants—whom reached the conclusion that SBCC financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the District as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. of America. In other words, SBCC passed our independent audit with flying colors and no issues were found.


In Basic Skills Courses there is an even greater gap. In regards to Successful Completion Rates in Online vs. Face-to-Face courses the Successful Completion Rate is quite different. This seems accurate as most often, online students have specific reasons for taking these courses as they are consumed with the daily struggles of their own lives and in my opinion, online courses create less incentive to do work that face-to-face interaction does.

The next section shows students progression through and completion of the basic skills course sequence: (Refer to Graph for this section)

This shows student need to enroll in higher level English or Math and has a lot do with Major Requirements and interest in these Subjects.

Thus, in regards to ensuring student success and enrollment in classes necessary for Degree requirement or Transfer, especially in the areas of Math and English, my opinion is that the bulk of these numbers is attributed through lack of motivation and/or knowledge regarding the tools to succeed.

Is this an area SS would like to harness their efforts or discuss policy ideas? If so, I recommend doing so during Spring Semester and beginning by polling students in regards to their level of motivation, interest, and excitement for college as well as their intentions to succeed. Then we could put together some sort of policy plan that stimulates student motivation and present it to the President/Board of Trustees.

5.6 Atsiylah Garfinkel – Commissioner of Clubs – Reported on ICC meeting. She gave Project Hope and STAND certificates of exemplary service. Club day is set for February 18th, 2009

5.7 Jessica Aparicio – Public Relations – None
5.8 Tommy Mazzon – Student Advocate – None

6. CAMPUS COMMITTEE REPORTS
6.1 Academic Senate - Jessica Aparicio – Absent
6.2 Planning and Resources - Zuogang Xie – None
6.3 Academic Policies - Tram Nguyen – Reported on continued discussion about the modifications of the integrity policy. Based on the committee’s last discussion, changes were made regarding first and multiple offenses.
6.4 Curriculum Advisory - Vacant
6.5 Instructional Technology - Tommy Mazzon – Absent
6.6 Teaching and Learning - Atsiylah Garfinkel – None
6.7 International Education - Lorenzo Sierra – Absent
6.8 Scholastic Standards - Zuogang Xie – None
6.9 Multi-Cultural Committee - Deirdre Jones – None
6.10 College Planning Council - Deirdre Jones – None
6.11 Honors Advisory – Vacant
6.12 EOPS/Financial Aid Advisory - Camila Avendano – None
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. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   7.1 Elena invited all senators to the President’s Holiday Reception.
   7.2 James reminded the Senate about Region VI meeting which will be held on December 12, 2008.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
   Discussions:
   8.1 Tutor Fund/Scholarship
   8.2 Club Grant – Bio-Fuel
   8.3 Student Senate Survey
   8.4 Washington DC Trip Conference
   8.5 Campus and Senate Committees
   8.6 Senate Shirts and Name Tags

   Action:
   8.7 Senate Applications

9. 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, January 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in CC-223.