Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

February 20th, 2009

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:
   - President: Camila Avendano
   - V-P Operations & Finance: Tram Nguyen
   - Student Trustee: Sean Knotts
   - Commissioner of Clubs: Atty Garfinkel
   - Public Relations Officer: Jessica Aparicio
   - Student Advocate: Tommy Mazzon
   - Senators: Elena Perez, Dano Pagenkopf, Zougang Xie, Laurent Serra, Mi Lin, Ying Guang Zhang, Nicole Ridgell
   - Advisor/Secretary: T.K. Erickson
   - Channels: Christianne Rojo
   - Special Guests: Rhys Alvarado, Channels
   - Carola Smith, Senior Director – International Programs
   - Rosalvina Vidal-Ayres, Housing/Activities Coordinator
   - Guests: Alice San Andres Calleja
   - Emily Harrington, Jason Stanley, Kevin Fock

   1.2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Upon motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the agenda for February 20th, 2009.
1.3 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF January 30, 2009
Upon motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the minutes of the regular meeting, January 30th, 2009.

1.4 PUBLIC FORUM
Alice San Andres Calleja, publisher/editor of The Mesa Paper presented to the Student Senate. She requested the opportunity to interview the Student Body President and Senate officers to be featured in future articles. In addition to The Mesa Paper, she also presented on behalf of Our Mesa Neighborhood committee. She encouraged Senate members to volunteer their time by getting involved in the local community.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
2.1 Carola Smith, Senior Director – International Programs and Rosalvina Vidal-Ayres, Housing/Activities Coordinator presented to the Student Senate about the Global Exchange and Awareness Week, April 20-26, 2009. They invited the Senate to participate in the event and consider the possibility of sponsoring a theme day. They encouraged Senate involvement in the planning process and asked for suggestions.

2.2 Rhys Alvarado, Editor in Chief of the Channels presented to the Senate. He shared his goals and visions for the Channels. One of his main goals is to cover all stories, specifically Board of Trustees, Academic Senate, and Student Senate. His vision is to have a very student-focus publication. It is very important to him that the Channels strive to represent students as best as possible and seek to provide the most accurate information. Suggestions from the Senate are encouraged and he is willing to make changes. He expressed the desire to establish a good relationship with the Senate.

3. ACTION ITEMS
3.1 Club Charters
Upon the motion by Atty Garfinkel seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate voted and unanimously approved the charters for Santa Barbara Poetry and Student Leaders in Science clubs.

3.2 Student Senate Proposed Budget for Spring 2009
Upon the motion by Atty Garfinkel seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate voted and unanimously approved the proposed budget for both the Student Senate Trust and Student Representation Fee.

3.3 Vice-President of External Affairs
Mi Lin shared with the Senate his interest in the vice-president of external affairs position. He expressed his desire to fully commit to the Senate and provided examples of previous leadership experiences. After the Senate interviewed Mi Lin, Sean Knotts motioned to move to vote on the position. Zuogang Xie seconded the motion. The Senate unanimously approved and the motion was moved. The Senate had a ballot vote and the result was unanimous with eleven (11) yes votes. Mi Lin was elected to assume the vice-president of external affairs position.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
4.1 Club Charters – None
4.2 Club Grants – None
4.3 Senate Applications
a) The Senate interviewed Emily Harrington for a senator position. Emily was a leader at her high school’s associated student body and would like to contribute her leadership skills to the Student Senate.

b) The Senate interviewed Jason Stanley for a senator position. He is a business major who is seeking to develop leadership skills through his involvement with Student Senate.

c) The Senate interviewed Kevin Fock for a senator position. He is an English major aspiring to be a politician. He is seeking to develop his leadership skills through his participation in Student Senate. He was also recommended by Tom Fitzgerald (previous Student Senate president) to join the Senate.
4.4 Deaf Panel/Deaf Life
The Senate discussed the School of Modern Languages department request to sponsor a Deaf Panel/Deaf Life event in the amount of $160. The Senate inquired about the specific date of the event. Since the American Sign Language club was instrumental in creating awareness about Deaf culture and history. It was suggested that the best course of action would be for ASL club to request a grant from the Student Senate.

4.5 College Committees
The Senate reviewed and prioritized the rough draft list of college committees. Most committees were discussed and Senate who previously served in certain committees provided feedbacks. The accreditation committee was suggested as another important committee. Atty Garfinkel motioned to move this discussion to the next meetings. Sean Knotts seconded the motion and the Senate unanimously approved and the motion carried.

4.6 Student Learning Outcomes – The Senate discussed Dr. Jack Friedlander’s request to select a Senate member to serve on the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Organization Group. Mi Lin expressed interest to serve on committee pending his schedule.

4.7 Senate Sub-Committees – President Avendano announced the two Senate sub-committees: textbook reduction and centennial event. Senate members interested in serving on the centennial planning committee were requested to send Atty Garfinkel an e-mail. Elena Perez informed the President she was no longer able to serve on the textbook sub-committee due to work schedule conflict.

4.8 Parking Fee Increases
Some Senate members shared responses and feedback after tabling about the parking fee increases. Most students did not seem to be concerned about the increase. Sean Knotts informed the Senate that he had shared with the Board of Trustees that it appeared to him that students seemed to be in favor of the parking fee increases, despite the fact that he does not have specific numbers to present to them. The overall responses he received from students were consistent with other Senate members who tabbed. There was a consensus among Senate members to approve the parking fee increases for the 2009-2010 academic year.

4.9 McKinley School
The Senate discussed the possibility of sponsoring McKinley School student of the month program. Senate involvement and time commitment were discussed. Senate inquired about the age range of students from McKinley School. Most Senate members expressed a desire to participate. There was a consensus among Senate members that it was a good outreach opportunity and was willing to commit and invest the time.

4.10 Region VI Hospitality
Senate discussed the challenges of the responsibility of providing lunches for Region VI. Due to lack of communication by the Region VI chair about the attendance number, Senate was paying for food that was used. The cost for providing lunch for Region VI meetings ranges from $100-$150. A Senate member commented on the importance of the Senate not having to pay for transportation to attend meetings elsewhere. It was decided that the Senate would vote on this discussion at the next meeting.

4.11 Clubs Leadership Training
Senate discussed the pros and cons of having selected club leaders participate in the leadership training. Most Senate members seemed to be in favor of inviting selected club leaders to participate in the training.

4.12 Brainstorming for Washington DC conference
Senate discussed the importance of lobbying about budget cuts as well as reminding legislators the critical role community colleges.

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 Vacant
5.3 Report by VP External Affairs  Vacant
5.4 Report by VP Operations and Finance  Tram Nyugen – None
5.5 Report by Student Trustee  Sean Knotts – None
5.6 Report by Commissioner of Clubs  Atsiylah Garfinkel
    Report Submitted (see attached)
5.7 Report by Public Relations  Jessica Aparicio – None
5.8 Report by Student Advocate  Tommy Mazzon – None
5.9 Report by Senators  Zuogang Xie
    Report Submitted (see attached)
5.9 Report by Advisor  T.K. Erickson
    Report Submitted (see attached)

6. ANNOUNCEEMENTS
6.1 Christie Rojo from the Channels expressed her appreciation to the Student Senate and for all their hard work in seeking to advocate on students behalf on various issues.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

    ACTION ITEMS
    7.1 Senate Applications – The Senate shall vote on the applications of Emily Harrington, Jason Stanley and Kevin Fock.
    7.2 Region VI Hospitality – The Senate shall vote to continue or discontinue providing lunch for Region VI meetings.
    7.3 McKinley School – The Senate shall decide on the continuation of sponsoring activities for McKinley School.
    7.4 Leadership Training for Clubs’ Representatives – The Senate shall vote on providing club representatives the opportunity to participate in Senate leadership training.

    DISCUSSION ITEMS
    7.5 Club Charters – The Senate shall hear proposals for club charters.
    7.6 Club Grants – The Senate shall hear requests for club grants.
    7.7 Senate Applications – The Senate shall review prospective Senate applications.
    7.8 Merchants’ Bazaar – The Senate shall discuss participation of the Merchants Bazaar on April 13th – 16th.
    7.9 Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Committee – The Senate shall assign a delegate to this committee.
    7.10 Policy Revision Committee – The Senate shall assign a delegate to this committee.
    7.11 Global Exchange and Awareness Week – The Senate shall discuss participation with the International Programs Office.
    7.12 Survey for Text Book Reduction Committee – The Senate shall review the survey for text book reduction committee (please see attachment 1).
    7.13 Campus Committees – Prioritize campus committees and assign delegates.

8. ADJOURNMENT
Upon the motion by Zuogang Xie, seconded by Dano Pagenkopf, the Senate approved adjourning the meeting at 12:30 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Student Senate will be held on Friday, February 27th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in CC-223.