Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

March 6th, 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
Interim President, Mi Lin called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

1.2 ROLL CALL
Members present:
- V-P of External Affairs: Mi Lin
- 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: Dano Pagenkopf, Zuogang Xie, Ying Guang Zhang, Nicole Ridgell, Emily Harrington, Jason Stanley, Kevin Fock
- Advisor/Secretary: T.K. Erickson
- Dean: Dr. Ben Partee
- Channels: Christianne Rojo
- Guests: Benjamin Goedert, Chao Wang, Martha Oregel, Olga Tabou-Teuis, P. Miguel Arana, Tanja Khosrauripour, Kara Dritschel

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Channels: Christianne Rojo
Absent: Camila Avendano, Laurent Serra, Elena Perez

1.3 WELCOME
Interim President, Mike Lin extended a cordial welcome to all.

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Upon motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the agenda for March 6, 2009.

1.5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2009
Upon motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the minutes of the regular meeting, February 27, 2009.

1.6 PUBLIC FORUM
Rhys Alvarado from The Channels shared about the opportunity for Senate members to receive The Channels news and updates via e-mail. He encouraged Senate members who are currently not receiving e-mails from the Channels to register on their web site. He also passed around an e-mail sign-up list.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - NONE

3. ACTION ITEMS
3.1 Club Grants – Upon the motion by Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved the club grant for the American Sign Language (ASL) club in the amount of $250.

3.2 Parking Fee Increase – Upon the motion of Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate approved the planned parking fee increase of $33.50 that will be implements in the fall of 2009.

3.3 Merchants’ Bazaar – Upon the motion of Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate approved participation in the Merchants’ Bazaar, April 13-16.

3.4 Globe Exchange and Awareness Week – Upon the motion of Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate approved the amendment of eliminating the term “sponsoring” from the proposed agenda item 3.4. Upon the motion of Atty Garfinkel, seconded by Sean Knotts, the Senate approved participating in the Global Exchange and awareness Week.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS
4.1 Survey for Textbook Reduction Committee – Senator Zuogang Xie presented a general action plan to the Senate. After a conversation with Dr. Partee, he has arranged a meeting with John Lorelli, Campus Bookstore manager. He plans to meet with John Lorelli in order to learn more about book buying process and policies.

4.2 Campus Committees – The Senate assigned delegates to campus committees. Priority committees were generally assigned to officers. Advisor will provide Senate members with detail of committees meeting location.

4.3 Leadership Training – Interim President, Mike Lin asked about Senate members’ availability to attend the training on Saturday. Dates suggested were March 28, April 14, and April 18. Most members seemed to be available on April 18.

4.4 Senate Visibility – The Senate discussed redoing the display case and bulletin board. Atty suggested that Jessica would be the most appropriate person to oversee this particular area since it naturally fit the role of the Public Relations Officer. Jessica asked if anyone else was interested in helping with Senate visibility. YingGuang Zhang
suggested establishing a Senate sub-committee. Jessica decided to head up a Senate visibility and asked interested Senate members to contact her after the meeting.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Club Charters – Miguel Arana presented to the Senate a club charter for the Sociedad Nacional Hispanica Sigma Delta Mu club. The Senate had questions about the club’s article II of its constitution. The wording of this section was unclear as to whether the club would be open to everyone or not. The asked Miguel to revise the club’s constitution and submit for review by the Senate’s next regular meeting.

5.2 Club Grants – None

5.3 Senate Applications – After the Senate reviewed Benjamin Goedert’s application, they conducted an interview. Benjamin is a first-year student, majoring in business and economics. He also works at Coldstone Creamery. His main reason for joining Student Senate is “to become more involved with school and community.”

5.4 Appreciation Breakfast – The Senate discussed some possible dates for the appreciation breakfast. Trustee Knotts mentioned in the past, the appreciation breakfast has been held in the John Dunn Gourmet Dining usually beginning at 7:30am. Advisor Erickson and Dean Partee both emphasized the importance of this event. Senators are required to attend this event.

5.5 Board of Trustees Lobbying Workshop – Trustee Knotts will contact Board members to arrange a possible time to conduct a lobbying workshop before the ASACC conference in Washington D.C.

5.6 Thought Spots – Senate discussed several ideas about where to put the Thought Spots in order to create more visibility. It was suggested that this project would fall under the Public Relations Officer’s responsibility.

5.7 General Student Senate Survey – The Senate reviewed and discussed the survey. Minor revisions were made to the survey. Several Senate members suggested the survey needed more improvements. Discussion included not asking for students’ e-mail addresses. Officer Mazzon made a motion to continue this discussion at the next regular meeting due to time restraints. Atty Garfinkel seconded the motion. The Senate approved to continue this discussion at the next regular meeting.

5.8 Student Senate Office Hours – The Senate discussed opening the Senate room to be used for office hours. It was suggested that Senators commit a minimum of two hours a week for office hours.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

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

6.1 Report by President Camila Avendano – Absent
6.2 Report by VP Senate Affairs Vacant
6.3 Report by VP External Affairs Mi Lin - None
6.4 Report by VP Operations and Finance Tram Nguyen – None
6.5 Report by Student Trustee Sean Knotts – None
6.6 Report by Commissioner of Clubs Atsiyah Garfinkel

Report Submitted (see attached)

6.7 Report by Public Relations Jessica Aparicio – None
6.8 Report by Student Advocate Tommy Mazzon – None
6.9 Report by Senators None
6.10 Report by Advisor T.K. Erickson

Report Submitted (see attached)
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None
7.1 Atty Garfinkel gave updates on preparation for ASACC conference.
7.2 Dean Partee shared he saw an article and pictures of the Senate on The Mesa Paper and commented on nice it was. He also shared that starting in the fall of 2009 SBCC will start providing a co-curricular activity transcript that will accompany an academic transcript.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS
8.1 Club Charters – The Senate shall vote on the club charter of the Sociedad Nacional Hispánica Sigma Delta Mu Club pending their submission of a revised club constitution.
8.2 Senate Application – The Senate shall vote on the senate application of Benjamin Goedert.
8.3 Student Senate Survey – The Senate shall vote on the final draft of the Student Senate Survey.

INFORMATION ITEMS
8.4 Merchants’ Bazaar – The Senate shall confirm the schedule of involvement for the Merchants’ Bazaar and letter of invitation.
8.5 Board of Trustees Lobbying Workshop – The Senate shall hear a confirmation of the schedule for the Board of Trustees Lobbying Workshop.
8.6 Leadership Training – The Senate shall hear an update of the Leadership Training Workshop.
8.7 Senate Office Hours – Senate shall hear the updated schedule of the new Senate office hours.
8.8 Thought Spots – The Senate shall hear an update on the possible locations of Thought Spots.
8.9 Senate Visibility Sub-committee – The Senate shall vote on establishing a Senate sub-committee for Visibility and determine its members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
8.10 Club Charters – The Senate shall hear proposals for club charters.
8.11 Club Grants – The Senate shall hear requests for club grants.
8.12 Senate Applications – The Senate shall review prospective Senate applications.
8.13 Improvement of the Senate Room – The Senate shall discuss details of the budget for suggested improvements to Senate room.
8.14 Art Competition – The Senate shall discuss having an art competition to decorate the Senate room.
8.15 Centennial Planning Committee – The Senate shall discuss involvement in the centennial planning committee.
8.16 Textbook Survey – The Senate will continue discussion of survey for the reduction of textbook costs.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Upon the motion by Sean Knotts, seconded by Atty Garfinkel, the Senate approved adjourning the meeting at 12.24p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Senate will be held on Friday, March 13th, 2009 at 10:00am in CC-223.