Associated Students
Santa Barbara City College
Student Senate

Minutes
September 4th 2009
10:00am
CC-223

1. Call to Order – Meeting was Called to Order at 10:04am by President Harrington

1.1 Welcome – President Harrington welcomed everyone to today’s meeting

1.2 Roll Call - Emily Harrington – President, Atty Garfinkel – VP Senate Affairs,
Jason Stanley – Student Advocate, Kevin Fock – VP External Affairs, Nicole Ridgell –
Student Trustee, Dr. Ben Partee – Advisor, Amy Collins – Secretary. Guest: Dano
Pagenkopf, Chao Wang, Ying Guang Zhang, Ping Gong, Stacy Yakatake, Ashleigh
Brown, Zhenting Cheng, Young-Zoo Ahn, Frank Arredondo.

1.3 Approval of Minutes – No approval at this time, the Senate discussed whether
the minutes from 4/24/09 will be the minutes approved at the next meeting

1.4 Approval of Agenda – The Senate approved the meetings agenda.
Moved/Second/Carried (M/S/C) by Atty Garfinkel/Kevin Fock

2. Public Forum – There was no Public Forum

3. Action Items

3.1 Approval of Returning Senators – The Senate approved the motion to
reinstate three Senators from the 2008-2009 academic year: Dano Pagenkopf,
Chao Wang and Ying Guang Zhang. M/S/C Jason Stanley/Kevin Fock

3.2 Appointment of Vice President of Finance – The Senate approved the
motion to appoint Jason Stanley as Vice President of Finance. M/S/C Kevin
Fock/Atty Garfinkel

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Thanksgiving Food Drive
The Senate discussed the possibility of coordinating a food drive in November. The items
gathered by the aforementioned drive to be donated to local charities.

4.2 Resolutions
The Senate discussed the role of Senators in drafting resolutions to be voted upon at
statewide conferences as well of the correct process of how to do so.

4.3 Senate Leadership Training
The Senate discussed a date and itinerary for leadership training; there is a tentative date
of 10/2/09.

4.4 Student Fee Increase
The Senate discussed the recent increase in tuition per unit from $20 to $26 per unit and
talked about taking any action regarding this change.

4.5 Appointment of Senators to Campus Wide Committees
The Senate discussed appointing Senators to attend the most crucial campus wide
committees as deemed necessary by discussion and experience.

4.6 ASB Participation in Santa Barbara Youth Council Forum - President
Harrington made the Senate Aware that the SBYC is holding a forum and asked for
participation.

4.7 Senate Applications -None

4.8 Club Charters – None

4.9 Club Grants – None
5. Information Items
   5.1 AlertU EMS
   The Senate heard an update on the necessity to actively promote AlertU EMS as a beneficial student service from President Harrington and Dr. Partee. They were encouraged to sign up for the service to encourage SBCC students as well.

6. Officer’s Reports
   6.1 Emily Harrington – President – No report
   6.2 Attty Garfinkel – VP Senate Affairs – see reports at bottom of the page
   6.3 Kevin Fock – VP External Affairs – No report
   6.4 Nicole Ridgell – Student Trustee – A verbal report was given and Trustee Ridgell’s report will be posted on the website when it is submitted to the Secretary.
   6.5 Jason Stanley – VP Operations and Finance – No report
   6.6 Vacant – Student Advocate
   6.7 Vacant – Commissioner of Clubs
   6.8 Vacant – Public Relations

7. Campus Committee Reports – No reports
   7.1 Academic Senate - Harrington
   7.2 Planning and Resources
   7.3 Academic Policies - Garfinkel
   7.4 College Planning Council - Garfinkel

8. Senate Committee Reports – No reports

9. Announcements – Dr. Partee: Constitution Day is 9/17/09, Dr. Partee asked for Senate involvement for a campus activity. Three of our Senators attended the Board of Trustees meeting and gave informative reports: Emily Harrington, Attty Garfinkel, and Nicole Ridgell. Nicole was also sworn in as Student Trustee. President Harrington: The Accreditation Team will be on campus on 10/19-10/22. VP Garfinkel: Conferences are coming up.


11. Adjourn – The Senate moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:17am M/S/C Atty Garfinkel/Nicole Ridgell

Next Meeting: September 11th 2009
Officer Reports – September 4th, 2009

Vice President Atty Garfinkel Officer Report: Senator Garfinkel- SSCCC report

BUDGET

The California State Budget as it relates to California Community Colleges as we all know is in a state of crisis. The community college state tuition fees are being raised from $20 to $26 this fall, causing revenue for the state of $80 million. However not all of this money will stay in education, it is being folded into the entire state budget. No allowances have been made for growth or cost of living adjustments. There will be cuts to categorical programs including EOPS, Disabled Students Services, Technical Training and General Student Services. There will be major reductions in general purpose funds also. These monies fund programs like ESL and Veterans Services. The states shortfalls won’t show as cuts, they are the result of estimated revenue that never paid out. We can also expect much of the state funding to be coming in the form of deferred pay. The state Chancellor was able to get a workload reduction adjustment to ease the strain on each individual college. On the upside financial aid wasn’t cut and neither was kinship/foster-care educational funding. But essential programs like Cal works will receive cuts. EOPS and DSPS on the state level will get a significant cut. We will receive cuts to matriculation, childcare and counseling.

Now I’m sure some will depend on the state stimulus plan, don’t. The state of California will only be getting 25% of the promised funds for the entire state budget. The Federal Government won’t be of much help to us. We need to start looking at non-essentials because deeper cuts are coming. Word from the state capitol is that the Governor is already looking at suggested mid-year cuts to share in his January announcements.

For our individual campus, each districts superintendent must bring the issue before the board of trustees before they can “modify” their campus funds. This gives each student body in the state the chance to voice their concerns before any actions are approved.

Despite the passage of prop 98 the state has elected to not fund the required monies in the ‘09-‘10 budget. Community colleges are scheduled to receive only 8% of the mandated funds once it can be restored. The restoration is not expected until the budget stabilizes, this is estimated to happen in the 2013-2014 school year.

So what can we do now? We can watch our legislators; write letters arrange for students to visit their congressmen. We can vote on the issues and urge others to be actively responsible Americans. We can bring our international students to rallies so they can help even if they can’t vote and we can disseminate information.

I urge each of you to keep a close eye on AB386, AB669 and AB 440. These are student issues and as students we must make our voices heard. Please keep up on the news at www.studentsenateccc.org

CPC Report

On Tuesday the first of September I attended the CPC meeting in the place of our ASB President Emily. While at the meeting I received the Accreditation review book (It is the size of a large phone book). I will be reviewing it and as I read it I will keep you (the ASB senate) updated on any new information.

The primary topics of conversation were (naturally) Accreditation and the processes and affects in various areas, and the budget. The budget is a huge concern to everyone right now. Our student services like counseling, DSPS, EOPS and so many others are under a lot of pressure right now. The Dean of Student Services Keith Mc Leallan shared how he
went through and cut the maximum amount of spending (without changing too many services) as he could in anticipation of the cuts. The new Adult Ed VP, Ofilia, shared her views on the budget within her program and her plan for coping. So what did I take away from this meeting for the students? We need to be watching the budget closely and share with the student body the changes in services but more importantly, why there are changes and how we can help.

**AP Report**

On Thursday September third I attended the AP committee meeting which I served on last semester. I informed the chair, chuck Grogg, that committees were being reassigned but that AP WOULD HAVE a student rep be it myself or another senator. Major topics were problems like students not submitting teacher evaluations for online classes. This makes it very hard for department chairs to complete instructor evaluations. We can help by telling students what is done with their evaluation forms and encouraging participation. Kenley who runs our library also mentioned that he has been working on a draft of a copyright policy to present to the board. This is designed to protect teachers writings but may affect students by osmosis. It is also note worthy that if done correctly anyone may write a policy to present to the board of trustees. It is up to the Board however, to decide if they will adopt the drafts.

Supplemental report data. On Friday the 18th of September Region VI will hold its first meeting of the year. Everyone is welcome but please RSVP with Emily Dr. Partee or on the Facebook site for an accurate head count for refreshments.

We need to decide if we will attend ASACC or USSA and if we want to attend the CCSAA Conference October 16-18th and the ASGA Conference in LA on Dec. 5th 2009

**Proposed Resolutions By Atty Garfinkel:**

**Smoking Policy Resolution**

Region VI, SBCC VP Senate Affairs, Regional Senator Garfinkel

Whereas; The American Medical Association has formally recognized the harmful effects of smoking tobacco and that second hand smoke has been shown to cause lung cancer with greater consistency than first hand.

Whereas; Smokers using their tobacco products in hi access public areas are causing physical harm to themselves and those around them.

Resolve that; The Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) in the strongest way possible, urge the Academic Senate to cause each campus to adopt the public smoking policies of their city and or county to be enforced in the manner prescribed by said governments.

Resolve that; The SSCCC encourage the Academic Senate to strongly encourage those schools in areas that may lack a public smoking law to establish or move designated smoking areas to locations out of the way of frequent foot traffic or off their campus.

Resolve that; the SSCCC work toward the eventual goal of making California Community Colleges the first 100% Tobacco smoke free system of higher education in the country.

**Disabled Student Services Resolution**

Region VI, SBCC VP Senate Affairs, Regional Senator Garfinkel

Whereas; The Americans with Disabilities Act requires, by Federal mandate, all colleges to provide reasonable accommodations to all students with documented disabilities.

Whereas; The afore mentioned mandate is 100% unfunded by the federal government and
is only supplemented by the state
Resolve that; the SSCCC advocate on the state and federal level for the ADA to be funded by the mandating government.
Resolve that; the SSCCC should coordinate with various congresspersons, senators and the Governors office for funding when they are in Washington D.C.
Resolve that; the SSCCC urge the Governors office to review the current and antiquated "Rule of four" for funding to the various campuses Disabled Students Programs.

Student Tutors Resolution
Region VI, SBCC VP Senate Affairs, Regional Senator Garfinkel
Whereas; The State of California is in a fiscal crisis and California Community Colleges are functioning on smaller operating budgets
Whereas; Student tutors are shown to increase the ability of the general student body to comprehend material taught and therefore affect student success
Whereas; The goal of nearly every CCC student is to learn the required material so they may earn a certificate, vocational license, Associates Degree or units sufficient to transfer
Resolve that; The SSCCC shall urge the Academic Senate to assist such colleges as desire to establish accredited transferable tutor units which may be used at the agreement of the college and student, in lieu of pay and as lab hours
Resolve that; the SSCCC shall work with the League of California Community Colleges and the Academic Senate to incorporate the aforementioned program into the liberal arts teachers credential program at affected schools
Resolve that; the Regional Senators of the SSCCC shall make presentations to the representatives of the student governments in their region on the above mentioned tutor program to encourage student and administration support and success of the program.