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|  | <p>MINUTES DASB SENATE MEETING Wednesday, March 16th, 2011 3:30 pm Student Council Chambers</p> |
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Call to Order

Brenden Fant called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Roll Call

| | Present | Absent | Late | Left Early | Excused |
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| Natasha Asar | X | | | | |
| Zara Aslam | | | | | X |
| Mariam Azhar | X | | | | |
| Alison Chan | X | | | X4:14pm | |
| Ismail Desouki | X | | | | |
| Melanie Dovan | X | | | | |
| Brenden Fant | X | | | | |
| Amira Farah | X | | | | |
| Ahmad Fayad | | | X4:03pm | | |
| Balaram Fedchenko | | | X5:55pm | | X |
| Lena Ghamrawi | X | | | | |
| Edison Giang | | | X4:11pm | | X |
| Anaruth Hernandez | | | | | X |
| Thoa Hoang | | X | | | |
| Denny Jeon | | X | | | |
| Sana Kathuria | X | | | | |
| Brenda Kristie | X | | | | |
| Ze-Kun Li | | | X3:33pm | | |
| Cindy Luu | X | | | | |
| Ali Masood | X | | | | |
| Anmol Mirakhur | X | | | | |
| Leo Nguyen | | | X3:39pm | | |
| Arvind Ravichandran | X | | | | |
| Nevin Sarina | X | | | | |
| Meera Suresh | X | | | | |
| Syed Taha | | X | | | |
| Neesha Tambe | X | | | | |
| Tevita Tapavalu | | | X3:36pm | | |

Guests: Kenny Perng, Cecilia Zhang, Pablo Zamorano, Alex Mendiola

Approval of Minutes

Wednesday, March 9th, 2011

Ismail Desouki moved to approve the minutes.

Neesha Tambe seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the minutes passed by consensus.

Public Announcements

Please note: Members of the public are limited to two minutes. The Senate cannot take action or respond to items during public announcements.

- Kenny Perng announced that he will not run for Senate this year. The Senate is about motives, and his motives are to do what he can to help the senate and be friends with everyone because everyone is amazing. He apologized for possibly making someone feel uncomfortable if they thought he just wanted to impress them to get into the Senate.
- Neesha Tambe thanked everybody who came to the March in March.
- Ali Masood announced that Natasha Asar had a car crash and needs 3 days of bed rest, but she does not do it so everyone has to look after her.
- Nevin Sarina thanked everyone who came to the March in March, especially Meera Suresh who helped organizing it but could not come. He also pointed out that Amira had asked a lot of people to table and many signed up, but a lot of them ditched her. He requested that if someone commits to do something he or she should do it or let people know if he or she cannot make it.

Senate Announcements

- Neesha Tambe announced that she thinks she has food poisoning and apologized for having the trashcan in front of her.

Internal Reports

- Cindy Luu from the Marketing Committee reported that they had been reviewing the Benefit Concert, promotional items, and their meeting times for the next quarter.
- Leo Nguyen from the Finance Committee reported that they did not have a meeting because of the March in March, but they met with CCP to talk about the Council, and to decide who the members will be and what goal the Council will have.
- Melanie Dovan from the Environmental Sustainability Committee reported that they mostly want to focus on the bike program. From April 18th to April 22nd it is Earth week, so the Committee is planning on some event and in June the rented out bikes will be returned. They met up with Donna Jones to talk about the Campus Clean-up and finalized their proposal. For the eco-pass they will focus on the Spring Ballot and want to talk to John Cognetta about having a vote on the eco-pass during elections. They will also meet with VTA at April 20th. In June they want to focus on the bus pass and start advertising a month in advance and taking 3 weeks for reviewing the applications.
- Lena Ghamrawi from the Diversity and Events Committee reported that they had a

Subcommittee meeting about the Benefit Concert, and that they decided to send the money towards Japan.

- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee reported that they had talked about Office Hours, Field Hours, and Senate Hours, and that they tried to narrow it down to a more concrete proposal.
- Natasha Asar from the Student Rights and Services Committee reported that they have 3 more essay topics for the Scholarship application to come up with, but that everything else is already formatted, and the application will be done this week. For the Campus Cupboard, everything is complete except the website.
- Arvind Ravichandran from the Finance Committee announced that they had the 2nd Honors Council meeting, and that it was really efficient, because they had a priority list to decide what to discuss in future meetings.

External Reports

- Anmol Mirakhur reported that the SSPBT is reviewing program outcomes and determining how to review and evaluate them, and that they will be going over every program starting March 17th. The deadline was changed to April 22nd. He suggested making it an agenda item for the DASB to talk about it, and to discuss what to keep or to combine. The 3 different scenarios of the Budget cuts that the SSPBT went over will affect students, so they need students' opinions.
- Nevin Sarina pointed out that it is important for the Student Senate to be at the SSPBT meetings to offer their opinions. He reported that the English and Language Arts Department will be having teacher evaluations, because the part-time faculty rehiring decision is based on student evaluations, and some teachers could improve. The DASB should try to get the best teachers and work with the Language Arts Department regarding how to evaluate teachers, and the DASB should play a role in that. Proposing evaluation criteria for teachers should be a Student Eights project.
- Amira Farah announced that the IPBT went through every department and named fulltime and part-time faculty. They started coming up with criteria for what departments should be eliminated: transfer and vocational, and high student demand, are the first ones, but the IPBT will be developing more criteria soon. They also want more input from the students and their next meeting will be the first week of Spring quarter.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Zara Aslam for the Diversity and Events Committee.
2. Approve Balaram Fedchenko for the Finance Committee.

Mariam Azhar moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar passed by consensus.

Business

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION – SECOND VOTE

Title: Bylaw Amendments

This item is to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Office Hours.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Neesha Tambe moved to postpone item until after business item #4.

Ali Masood seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to postpone this item until after business item #4 passed by consensus.

Ali Masood presented the item.

Nevin Sarina moved to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Office Hours.

Cindy Luu seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to end discussion.

Cindy Luu seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to end discussion failed with 6 yes votes to 8 no votes.

Discussion continued.

The motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Office Hours passed with 13 yes votes and 1 no vote.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION – FIRST VOTE

Title: Bylaw Amendments

This item is to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Field Hours, Office Hours, and Senate Hours.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 45 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

Ze-Kun Li co-presented the item.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve Proposal A – Summary Sheet for Field Hours.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to end discussion.

Ismail Desouki seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve Proposal A – Summary Sheet for Field Hours failed with 8 yes votes to 10 no votes.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve Proposal B – Task List.

Mariam seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Sana Kathuria moved to postpone the item until after the discussion on “Senate Hours”.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to postpone the item until after the discussion on “Senate Hours” passed with 15 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Ze-Kun Li moved to approve Proposal C – “to maintain a minimum of 1 Office Hour, 2 Senate Hours, and 2 Field Hours per week.”

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Nevin Sarina moved to amend Proposal C to strike “a minimum of 1 Office Hour per week” and to add “a minimum of 2 Office Hours per week”.

Ismail Desouki seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to extend by 20 minutes.

Arvind Ravichandran seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time by 20 minutes passed with 11 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Neesha called the main motion as a compound motion, which made it an illegal motion.

Ahmad Fayad moved to approve “to maintain a minimum of 2 Office Hours per week”.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to postpone this item until after the discussion of “Senate Hours”.

Lena Ghamrawi seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to postpone this item until after the discussion of “Senate Hours” passed with 14 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Discussion about “Senate Hours” occurred.

Sana Kathuria moved to extend by 10 minutes.

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time by 10 minutes passed with 12 yes votes and 5 no votes.

Discussion about “Senate Hours” continued.

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Nevin Sarina moved to amend to strike “a minimum of 2 Senate Hours a week” and add “a minimum of 1 Senate Hours per week”.

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

The motion to amend to strike “a minimum of 2 Senate Hours a week” and add “a minimum of 1 Senate Hours per week” failed with 8 yes votes and 8 no votes due to the Chair’s decision.

Neesha Tambe moved to extend time indefinitely.

Ze-Kun Li seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time indefinitely failed with 7 yes votes to 10 no votes.

Ali Masood moved to send the whole item back to the Administration Committee.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to send the whole item back to the Administration Committee failed with 8 yes votes to 9 no votes.

Time ended.

The main motion died.

Ze-Kun Li moved to reconsider “Senate Hours” under business item #4 regarding pros and cons.

Arvind Ravichandran seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to reconsider “Senate Hours” under business item #4 regarding pros and cons passed with 10 yes votes and 7 no votes.

Discussion occurred in pro/con style.

Amira Farah moved to end discussion.

Cindy Luu seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve “a minimum of 2 Senate Hours per week” passed with 11 yes votes and 6 no votes.

5. DISCUSSION

Title: Committee Time

This item is for Committees to decide on their Committee meeting times for the Spring quarter.

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 20 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.

The Committees met to decide on their meeting times.

Approved on Wednesday, April 6th, 2011

The Diversity and Events Committee will be meeting Mondays at 3:30pm.

The Student Rights and Services Committee will be meeting Fridays at 11:30pm.

The Finance Committee will be meeting Mondays at 4:00pm.

The Environmental Sustainability Committee will be meeting Fridays from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

The Administration Committee will be meeting Thursdays at 1:30pm.

The Marketing Committee did not decide on a meeting time, because their Chair was not present.

Public Announcements

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- Brenden Fant announced that CCP is having a fundraiser at Panera Bread tonight from 4pm to 9pm.
- Ali Masood announced that the Senators should be respectful at the meetings, and should not shut each other down, but hear other people out.
- Nevin Sarina announced that the Senators should set up rules about how many times someone can talk during discussions, because some people talk more than others.

Senate Announcements

- Leo Nguyen announced that it was a really long meeting today, and that he observed that if proposals come to the Senate floor it should be one concrete proposal and not many to choose from.
- Melanie Dovan announced that she appreciated Natasha Asar for putting in a lot of effort to create a Wikipedia page for the DASB, which is longer than the De Anza page.
- Natasha Asar announced that a lot of people have been complaining about a lot of things, but no one took action and did anything about it. For example, the people from SRS worked very hard on the scholarships and still people complained about it, but no one showed up to the Committee meeting. If someone cannot make it to the meetings but has advice or complaints he or she should talk to her about it.
- Amira Farah announced that it was Anmol Mirakhur and Tevita Tapavalu's birthday and congratulated them.
- Anmol Mirakhur announced that the Athletics Department is working on a new stadium and are planning to move it to the Coaches' office. They also want to move the storage near the plant area.
- Ahmad Fayad announced that he will make a Senate dance video, so if you see him with a video camera you are required to dance.
- Nevin Sarina announced that people had complaints but did not talk to the respective Chairs about it, so Natasha should talk to people who had complaints about the scholarships to make sure these people are fine with the scholarships. He also announced that people that have 7 points will be put up for removal at the first meeting of the Spring quarter, and that everyone should recognize if someone is fulfilling their Senate responsibilities or not.
- Natasha Asar requested everyone who uses the desks and tables to clean them up

afterwards.

- Ismail Desouki announced that him and Ravi Joshi talked about setting up an Intramural Sports event where students play against students. If someone wants to help out with that they should come talk to him.
- Lena Ghamrawi announced that she will step down as the Chair of the Diversity and Events Committee, and if someone wants to know why they should talk to her after the meeting.
- Nevin Sarina thanked everyone who came to the Senate meeting, because it is Dead Week and no one has to show up, and he announced that they talked about a lot of important things.
- Ahmad Fayad announced that he stepped down as the Chair of the Administration Committee and that Ali Masood is the new Chair.
- Ze-Kun Li thanked Ali Masood and Ahmad Fayad for working with him on the Field, Senate, and Office hours and facilitating conversations with him.
- Neesha Tambe thanked Nevin Sarina for coming to the Administration Committee meeting, because he was really helpful and brought up new points. She apologized to Ismail Desouki for being rude during meeting. She also announced that if people are available, her parents said it would be ok to have a couple of people over at the Friday of the Finals week, and she extended the invitation to everyone.

Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators

Cecilia Zhang 1st meeting
Nelson Chuang 4th meeting

Star of the Week

Adjournment

Brenden Fant adjourned the meeting at 6:08pm.

Submitted by,

Sara Nierle
DASB Secretary
Approved on Wednesday, April 6th, 2011