



MINUTES
DASB SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011
4:30 pm
Student Council Chambers

Call to Order

Neesha Tambe called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early	Excused
Natasha Asar	X				
Mariam Azhar	X				
Alison Chan			X4:34pm		
Ismail Desouki					X
Melanie Dovan	X				
Brenden Fant			X4:36pm		
Amira Farah	X				
Ahmad Fayad	X				
Lena Ghamrawi	X				
Edison Giang	X				
Anaruth Hernandez	X				
Thoa Hoang	X				
Denny Jeon	X				
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur	X			X6:29pm	
Leo Nguyen	X				
Arvind Ravichandran	X				
Nevin Sarina	X				
Meera Suresh	X				
Syed Taha			X4:37pm		
Neesha Tambe	X				
Tevita Tapavalu	X				

Guests: Adam Manzano, Nelson Chuang, Saurav Agrawal, Kenny Perng, Zara Aslam, William Utomo, Joshine Wongsu

Approval of Minutes

Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011

Natasha Asar moved to amend that she was excused.
Tevita Tapavalu seconded the motion.
No objections.
The motion to amend that Natasha Asar was excused passed.

Lena Ghamrawi moved to amend that she was excused.
Meera Suresh seconded the motion.
No objections.
The motion to amend that Lena Ghamrawi was excused passed.

Amira Farah moved to amend that she was present, not late.
Cindy Luu seconded the motion.
No objections.
The motion to amend that Amira Farah was present, not late, passed.

Melanie Dovan moved to approve the minutes as amended.
Mariam Azhar seconded the motion.
No objections.
The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed.

General 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.

- Ahmad Fayad announced that there will be the MSA event about the Pan Arab Revolution/revolts tomorrow at 6:30pm.
- Nevin Sarina announced that the Partners in Learning Conference will be on Friday at 9am. In order to advertise March 14th to teachers, he asked everyone to help tabling there from 9am to 4pm to get the faculty sign up for having presentations in their classes. He passed around a sign-up sheet for people to help out.
- Amira Farah announced that the tabling for March 14th starts next week and passed around a sign-up sheet.
- Kevin Feliciano, a member of the Student Government at Ohlone College announced that he as the Student Trustee wishes everyone a successful quarter and elections and hopes to build partnerships between all colleges.

Senate Announcements

- Taha Syed announced that there had been a website meeting and showed the website proposal.
- Brenden Fant announced that they are looking for leaders for the buses on March 14th and asked everyone interested to talk to him after the meeting.
- Nevin Sarina asked Sana Kathuria to talk about the Senate Retreat on Saturday.
- Sana Kathuria thanked everybody who came to the retreat and everyone who helped planning it.

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- Anmol Mirakhur apologized to everyone for leaving the retreat early, and since he could not fill out the appreciations he asked everyone for their evaluations and promised to do it for everyone too.
- Neesha Tambe announced that Gloria Cheung and Victoria Nguyen officially resigned, and that the Senate Budget dinner will be at House of Falafel later.
- Anaruth Hernandez announced that there was a California Dream network retreat over the weekend, where more than 180 students met to talk about dream act, which shows that the movement is growing.

Internal Reports

- Brenda Kristie from the Finance Committee reported that they discussed and modified the Budget Stipulations, and if anyone has advice they should come to the Finance Committee meetings. They also talked to CCP and they will hold their first Council meeting in March. The revised Budget Stipulation will be presented at the Senate meeting next Wednesday.
- Ze-Kun Li announced that the second Honors Council meeting will be on March 8th at 2pm.
- Anaruth Hernandez from the Environmental Sustainability Committee reported that they tried to restructure their last meeting, but a lot of people did not come prepared. They will submit their proposals on each planned event by 4pm tomorrow so that everyone gets a chance to be prepared for the next meeting. She also announced that they are planning to have four projects for the Spring quarter.
- Thoa Hoang from the Marketing Committee reported that they looked at promotional items again to clarify the term “sunglasses”, and that they decided to order 400 sunglasses with the DASB logo on it, and T-shirts to pass around at sports games. They also talked about that the Student Service Day has been postponed, and they worked with the Student Rights and Services Committee to have a two week plan for the food scholarship, including classroom presentations, flyers, and advertising in LaVoz.
- Natasha Asar from the Student Rights and Services Committee reported that the Student Service Day and the Student Forum have been postponed and that they have only 1 discount per person left. They are expecting to have two more meetings for the scholarships, and the next scholarship meeting will be on Friday from 12:30-2:30pm.
- Lena Ghamrawi from the Diversity and Events Committee reported that they had a meeting on Monday where they talked about their calendar for the Spring quarter, having classroom presentations for March 14th, and that the Student Forum and Student Service Day and the Benefit concert will be in Spring.
- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee reported that they started doing Judicial Board presentations, and that they prioritized their goals for this and next quarter. Neesha Tambe and Kimberly will be working on the point system amendments, Edison Giang will work with Taha Syed on a DASB Wiki proposal that will be sent to the rest of the Committee, Neesha and Ahmad will be working on the definition of field hours, Ahmad will come back next meeting with a proposal for the Parliamentary Procedures, New Senator, and Justice workshops, Brenden will be working with the Environmental Sustainability Committee on the bike amendment and on a system to keep the office clean and he will have a proposal by Monday, Kim will make sure that each person does

- their classrooms presentations, and Ali will bring back a list of our current amendments.
- Ali Masood reported that the Executive Council met before the Senate Meeting and talked about the needs in the Senate, which are to support each other more, and to talk about themselves and their academics to others. To build each other as leaders, everyone has to start having at least one one-on-one conversation per week.
 - Anaruth Hernandez reported that the Executive Council also noticed that there are people who have more capacity and who can do more, and that they have to talk to people who do not work to find out what their problems are. She also suggested that the Senators should acknowledge how much everyone does voluntarily, and ask every single Senator if they want to step back a little or do more.
 - Ze-Kun Li reported that everyone has a different capacity of how much work they can do and therefore should not compare themselves to other but have a look at themselves instead and just try to do their best.
 - Lena Ghamrawi reported that the Executive Meeting notices that the moral of the Senate has gone down due to different amounts of workload, but at the retreat everyone got closer again. Yet, they are still not quite back to where they were in summer, so there should be more retreats and hangouts to bring the Senate back to being a “family”. Thoa Hoang reported that the Senators have been through a lot of tests and that they now have the opportunity to end this year strong and bond.
 - Ze-Kun Li added that the most important thing why all Executives spoke is to show unity. They need to do a better job and check on the other Senators. He asked everyone to help them doing so by approaching them and talking to them. They are trying their best to build leaders and to push that goal, since the DASB is a place for people to come in and learn leadership skills.
 - Natasha Asar and Leo Nguyen reported that the Senate needs more leadership, communication, a better understanding of each other to finish this year strong.
 - Neesha Tambe reported that more details about this change of movement will be presented within the Committees by their Chairs.
 - Leo Nguyen from the Elections committee announced that there will be new senate tasks, and that the candidates have to pass a test about the Bylaws to qualify for running. They will promote elections starting this week, and he will post the banners advertising for the elections tomorrow. If anyone can help out they should meet him at 1pm in the Senate Office.
 - Anaruth Hernandez reported that the 8540 working group worked with the President’s office and that he met with them this Monday. They want to find space for 8540 students to find a computer, and to outreach to students who don’t know about the program.

External Reports

- Melanie Dovan from the Campus Center Advisory board reported that they found that the Senate Committee meetings are hard to work with in college life, and that their meeting rooms have to be changed all the time. Therefore, every Committee needs a set shift, so they should set their meeting times by next week. The board also suggested having a list of annually events held in the Campus Center. The construction for the Senate Chambers begins in July 2011, and the Senate will move to the lobby next to Le Café. The board also noticed that the fire site room was made to eat and work in it, but now it has become

very noisy.

- Anaruth Hernandez from the Campus Environmental Advisory board announced that there is a whole school that is moving to 90% deposable building and that the College received a grant for more energy efficiency to have money for more outreach.
- Anmol Mirakhur from the Student Services Planning Budget team reported that they talked about budget cuts and how they affect different programs, and that they are looking over their criteria and how they relate to programs. They will ask how the programs are serving students and what kind of students they are serving.
- Neesha Tambe announced that at the Academic Senate meeting they talked about that teachers try to develop new methods in the classroom to reach their students better. If the Senators feel comfortable with talking to teachers, she asked them to give the teachers a student feedback and their perspective on the curriculum.

Consent Calendar

Business

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION – SECOND VOTE

Title: Textbook Program – OTI CalWORKs Students

This item is to discuss and approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Textbook Program – CalWORKs Students (Account #41-56825) to DASB Winter/Spring Special Allocations (Account #41-52102).

Presenter: Leo Nguyen

Time Limit: 5 minutes

Leo Nguyen presented the item.

Thoa Hoang moved to approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Textbook Program – CalWORKs Students (Account #41-56825) to DASB Winter/Spring Special Allocations (Account #41-52102).

Anaruth Hernandez seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Ze-Kun Li moved to end discussion.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

No objections.

Vote to approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Textbook Program – CalWORKs Students (Account #41-56825) to DASB Winter/Spring Special Allocations (Account #41-52102).

	YES	NO
Natasha Asar	X	
Mariam Azhar	X	
Alison Chan	X	
Ismail Desouki		
Melanie Dovan	X	
Brenden Fant		X
Amira Farah	X	
Ahmad Fayad		X

Lena Ghamrawi	X	
Edison Giang	X	
Anaruth Hernandez	X	
Thoa Hoang	X	
Denny Jeon	X	
Sana Kathuria	X	
Brenda Kristie	X	
Ze-Kun Li	X	
Cindy Luu	X	
Ali Masood	X	
Anmol Mirakhur	X	
Leo Nguyen	X	
Arvind Ravichandran	X	
Nevin Sarina	X	
Meera Suresh	X	
Syed Taha	X	
Neesha Tambe		
Tevita Tapavalu	X	

The motion to approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Textbook Program – CalWORKs Students (Account #41-56825) to DASB Winter/Spring Special Allocations (Account #41-52102) passed with 22 yes votes and 2 no votes.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION – FIRST VOTE

Title: Bylaw Amendments

This item is to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Junior Senator Duties.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

Nevin Sarina moved to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Junior Senator Duties.

Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Lena Ghamrawi moved to end discussion.

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Junior Senator Duties passed with 22 yes votes and 0 no votes.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION – FIRST VOTE

Title: Bylaw Amendments

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

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

Brenda Kristie moved to approve the amendments to the Bylaw regarding Office Hours and Field Hours.

Natasha Asar seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Ahmad Fayad moved to postpone this item and to talk about the definition of field hours for 5 minutes.

Ali Masood seconded the motion.

The motion to postpone this item and to talk about the definition of field hours for 5 minutes failed with 5 yes votes to 14 no votes.

Anaruth Hernandez moved to have informal discussion.

Nevin Sarina seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to have informal discussion passed with 12 yes votes to 9 no votes.

Informal discussion occurred.

Mariam Azhar moved to extend time by 10 minutes.

Edison Giang seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to extend time by 10 minutes passed by consensus.

Arvind Ravichandran moved to go back to informal discussion.

Tevita Tapavalu seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to go back to informal discussion passed with 12 yes votes and 5 no votes.

Informal discussion occurred.

Ali Masood moved to extend time by 10 minutes and to stay in informal discussion.

Cindy Luu seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to extend time by 10 minutes and to stay in informal discussion passed with 13 yes votes and 7 no votes.

Ali Masood moved to refer the item back to the Administration Committee.

Ze-Kun Li seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to refer the item back to the Administration Committee passed with 19 yes votes and 3 no votes.

4. INFORMATION

Title: Elections Code

This item is to inform the DASB Senate about the Elections Code.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.
Discussion occurred.

Public Announcements

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Nevin Sarina announced that Alex Mendiola is on his way to have his Star of the Week presentation. He also thanked everyone for signing up for tabling on March 14th.

Senate Announcements

- Taha Syed announced that the new website is done and asked everyone to have a look at it on the main homepage. He also announced that he wants to create a calendar on the homepage about the DASB events.
- Brenden Fant asked everyone to come talk to him about being a bus leader on March 14th, and that the Administration Committee worked on the office cleanup each week for one Committee.
- Amira Farah announced that the First Thursday will be tomorrow from 5 to 7pm.
- Edison Giang announced that there will be a DARE meeting at So Choi's house at 7pm today and asked everyone to come and help painting posters.
- Anaruth Hernandez announced that there will be a conference in Sacramento on Sunday and Monday for faculty from Community Colleges to talk about budget cuts and that there will be an IMASS presentation at the home of a person interested in the program.
- Leo Nguyen announced that he will put up banners to advertise for the elections.
- Natasha Asar announced that there had been conflicts about the scholarships during the Budget Meeting and therefore asked everyone to come to the Scholarship meeting this Friday at 12:30pm.
- Neesha Tambe announced that she appreciated that no one talked while others were speaking and asked everyone to continue to remain engaged during the whole meeting.
- Sana Kathuria announced that she passed around a paper for Anmol Mirakhur's appreciation.

Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators

Balaram Fedchenko 5th meeting
Adam Manzano 2nd meeting
Pablo 1st meeting this quarter, 5th overall
Nelson Chuang 2nd meeting
Saurau Agrawal 4th meeting
Peter 2nd meeting

Approval of Zara Aslam.
Zara Aslam presented her case.
Discussion occurred.
Zara Aslam was approved as a Senator with 19 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Approved on Wednesday, March 9th, 2011

Star of the Week

Adjournment

Neesha Tambe adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

Submitted by,

Sara Nierle
DASB Secretary
Approved on Wednesday, March 9th, 2011