



MINUTES
DASB SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, January 19th, 2011
3:30 pm
Student Council Chambers

Call to Order

Ze-Kun Li called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early	Excused
Natasha Asar	X				
Mariam Azhar	X				
Alison Chan	X				
Gloria Cheung	X				
Ismail Desouki			X 3:39		
Melanie Dovan			X 3:31		
Brenden Fant			X3:50		
Amira Farah	X				
Lena Ghamrawi	X				
Edison Giang					X
Anaruth Hernandez					X
Thoa Hoang	X				
Pamela Jara			X 3:36		
Denny Jeon					X
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Jarren Lu	X				
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur			X3:45		
Leo Nguyen	X				
Victoria Nguyen	X				
Nevin Sarina	X				
Syed Taha	X				
Neesha Tambe	X				
Tevita Tapavalu			X 3:49		

Guests: Zara Aslam, Bobby Flores, Brendon Gill, Ravi Joshi, Arvind Ravichandran, Sanya Sequeira, Meera Suresh, Jennifer Uvira, Cho

Approval of Minutes

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Neesha Tambe moved to amend that the Minutes should state that Ahmad Fayad and Victoria Nguyen were excused.

Taha Syed seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to amend that the Minutes should state that Ahmad Fayad and Victoria Nguyen were excused passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to have the Minutes accurately show that Meera Suresh was present for the Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators.

Lena Ghamrawi seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to have the Minutes accurately show that Meera Suresh was present for the Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to amend the Minutes to include the Guest List.

Mariam Azhar seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to amend the Minutes to include the Guest List passed.

Brenda Kristie moved to approve the Minutes as amended.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

No objections.

Minutes approved.

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.

- Bobby Flores announced that he was working with the “Energy Service Corps”. He said that they are active at Foothill College and De Anza College and also go out and fix up homes for free to show people that it is simple to avoid wasting energy.

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Arvind Ravichandran

Meera Suresh 2nd

Zara Aslam

Jennifer Uvira

Angela 2nd

Cho

Senate Announcements

- Sana Kathuria announced that she had sent out e-mails to everyone participating in order for them to daily text message other people reminding them to vote.
- Thoa Hoang announced that tomorrow is Club Day and she passed around a sign-up sheet for everyone to put down the time they can help out.

- Cindy Luu stepped down from her position as the Historian because her schedule conflicts with all events.

Internal Reports

- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee reported that they had met on Monday and that the Senate Cleanup went well; they removed any personal items and stored them on the pushcart. The Committee also wants to make an amendment to the bylaws to change the title of “Agents” into “Junior Senators”.
- Thoa Hoang from the Marketing Committee announced that their meetings are going to take place on Fridays at 2:30pm. In their last meeting they talked about the Club Day and decided that every 4th week of the Quarter will be a “Meet your Senate Day”, taking place from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. She asked the Senators to wear their DASB shirts for Club Day and to come out and help. The Marketing Committee is also going to order promotional items, so if the Senators have any suggestions they should let her know.
- Lena Ghamrawi from the Diversity and Events Committee announced that Club Day is tomorrow and that they want all people to print their handprints on a big sheet of paper and to take a picture of everyone holding the sheet in front of the library at the end of the event.
- Natasha Asar from the Student Rights and Services Committee announced that their meeting time was changed to 10:30am on Fridays. In their last meeting they talked about the Pepsi Refresh Project and determined what was going right and wrong.
- Leo Nguyen from the Finance Committee announced that there had not been a meeting this week, but that they had Budget Deliberations on Saturday. It went really well and will be continued this weekend at the second meeting this Saturday from 10am - 5pm.
- Melanie Dovan from the Environmental Sustainability Committee announced that they had talked about the liability form for the bike program. They already have the check for the locks and now just need to purchase them. She also reminded the Senators that the application deadline for the bus pass is this Friday and that they need more applications to show that there is demand. The demand for bus passes will also determine the success of the eco-pass. The Committee also held presentations for the eco-pass, the bus pass program and the Pepsi Refresh Project and they are working on getting all the workshops and events done.
- Anmol added that they were advertising for the bus pass program and the Pepsi Refresh Project, which was Alex Mendiola’s idea and thanked everyone for holding classroom presentations.
- Neesha Tambe showed around the Office Hours sheet from last week with an attached list of points and reminded the Senators to fill it out today.
- Ze-Kun Li announced the plan for the Senate Meetings next month: they will present the proposed Budget in the first week of February, the first approval will be the week after, and the second approval will be on February 16th, 2011. He also announced that there will be a retreat in mid February or at the end of February and that they will have an Executive meeting after the Senate Meeting today.

External Reports

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- Nevin Sarina announced that there was an update about the Foothill/De Anza District. They will lose about \$7,000,000 or even have a \$13,000,000 deficit, which can cut up to \$18,000,000. On their SSCCC meeting on this Friday they will talk about fundraising.
- Ze-Kun Li announced that he had found out that the enrollment for De Anza College went down to under 20,000 full time students this year. Therefore, the College will be on probation for 2 years and could lose about \$7,000,000 of funding if the amount of full time students does not increase again. At the moment there are 3% less than 20,000 students and the College needs to figure out why.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Pamela Jara's Leave of Absence from 01/18/2011 to 02/02/2011.
2. Approve Ahmad Fayad's Leave of Absence from 01/18/2011 to 03/10/2011.
3. Approve Amira Farah's Leave of Absence from 01/17/2011 to 01/28/2011.

Neesha Tambe moved to put Business Item #4 before the Consent Calendar.

Leo Nguyen seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to put Business Item #4 before the Consent Calendar passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to move all Consent Calendar items to Business Items.

Ismail Desouki seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to move all Consent Calendar items to Business Items failed.

Ismail Desouki moved to approve Pamela Jara's Leave of Absence.

Tevita Tapavalu seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Leo Nguyen moved to end discussion.

Lena Ghamrawi seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve Pamela Jara's Leave of Absence passed with 23 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstain.

Mariam Azhar moved to approve Ahmad Fayad's Leave of Absence

Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Neesha Tambe moved to amend the end date to February 6th for Ahmad Fayad's request.

Lena Ghamrawi seconded the motion.

No objections.

The discussion about the main motion to approve Ahmad Fayad's Leave of Absence from today to February 6th continued.

Tevita Tapavalu moved to end discussion.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to end discussion failed with 14 yes votes to 8 no votes.

Discussion continued.

Victoria Nguyen moved to end discussion.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to end discussion passed with 20 yes votes and 4 no votes.

Discussion ended.

Secret ballot to vote on Ahmad Fayad's Leave of Absence.

Ahmad Fayad's Leave of Absence was approved with 15 yes votes to 10 no votes.

Amira Farah moved to table Consent Calendar Item #3 indefinitely.

Ismail Desouki seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to table Consent Calendar Item #3 indefinitely passed.

Item was tabled indefinitely.

Business

4. INFORMATION

Title: Information about changes to smoking areas

This item is to inform the DASB Senate of new designated smoking areas and ask for their support.

Presenter: Mary-Jo Lomax

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Mary-Jo Lomax presented the item.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Approval of the Marketing Chair

This item is to seek the majority vote of the DASB Senate to confirm the Vice Chair of Marketing as the new Marketing Chair.

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Neesha Tambe moved to table this item until the next Senate Meeting.

Thoa Hoang seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to table this item until the next Senate Meeting passed.

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Senate Announcements

- Brenden Fant announced that they were having an Administration Committee meeting at

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5:30pm to discuss the Office Policies.

- Ali Masood announced that they try to collect all computer problems to address them. Therefore, a paper is posted next to White board for everyone to write down which problem with which computer they have. If the Senators want any amendments to be made they should forward them to Ali Masood. He also stated that earlier in the meeting people moved to end the discussion even though other people wanted to continue the discussion.
- Anmol Mirakhur apologized for being late and pointed out that Emily did a lot of work as well and was doing even more for the eco-pass. He also reminded the Senators again that the application deadline for the bus passes is on January 21st.
- Ze-Kun Li announced he wanted to try to get Executive meeting started as soon as possible.
- Edison Giang announced that he was at the Technology Task Force Meeting. They are going to improve the GSM and wireless on campus and therefore want to make surveys, etc.
- Sana Kathuria reminded the Senators to text message to the numbers she sent in the e-mails.
- Neesha Tambe had an unfriendly reminder for the Senators, claiming the lack of work that some people show and how inspirational it is that other people work so much.
- Ze-Kun Li pointed out that it was the second week in a row that he had to remind the Senators to step up. He is not doing so because he wants force the senators, but because everyone should get a chance to grow as leaders.

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Star of the Week

Adjournment

Ze-Kun Li adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.

Submitted by,

Sara Nierle

DASB Secretary

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