

California Community College Student Affairs Association

Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday & Thursday, March 4 & 5, 2009

Embassy Suites Napa Valley

- I. Call to Order: 4:31 pm
- II. Roll call was taken through the conference attendance sheets. (Proxy sheets were collected on Wednesday and Thursday.)
- III. Board reports – Adrienne made the motion to move Board reports to the end of the meeting. Allison seconded the motion and the body approved.
- IV. Professional Conference Update – Victoria reminded the 39 attendees to fill out their evaluations at the end of the conference. Darlene thanked the board for reducing the professional conference fee. Adrienne mentioned that the Board lowered the fee because it believed that the money should be put back into the advisors.
- V. Action Items
 1. Adoption of Minutes from 10/16/08 @ San Diego, CA – The minutes were adopted with changes.
 2. Approval of Scholarship Amounts for 2009-2010 –

Allison made a motion to allow the membership to set scholarship amounts for the 2009-2010 scholarships. Debbie Douglas seconded the motion and the motion passed. Adrienne told the body that we would vote on the student scholarship and professional scholarships separately.

Student Scholarships – Sesario recommended that we add more scholarships for students. Craig made a motion to increase the amount of the student scholarships to \$750 each with a maximum of ten scholarships. Harold seconded the motion. Skip mentioned that he agrees with the amounts for this year, but he is concerned that it would be locked in forever (and effect CCCSAA's overall budget). He mentioned that he is comfortable if it is voted on each year, which Adrienne assured is the case. Skip called question on 10 student scholarships of \$500 each, Earic seconded the motion. No debate, motion passed unanimously.

Professional scholarships – CCCSAA typically offers up to three scholarships at \$500 each with a maximum of \$1500 per person. This year the amount was increased to \$1000 each. Skip moved to extend the number of scholarships from three to four in amount of \$4000 for overall, not to exceed \$1000 per scholarship for tuition or professional development. Benny seconded the motion. Victoria commented that the deadline was extended until April 20th and that according to the

application, the northern rep, southern rep, treasurer and president elect were the selection committee. Victoria mentioned that she would re-do the professional scholarship to include professional development. Arley called the question, Yvonne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Nominations for 2009-2010 CCCSAA Executive Board Members

- a) President-Elect
- b) Treasurer
- c) Northern Rep
- d) Southern Rep
- e) Communications Officer
- f) Student Senate Liaison Elect

Allison made a motion that the membership opens the election process and Deyna seconded the motion. The available positions are northern rep, southern rep, treasurer, communications, and student senate liaison elect.

The student senate liaison elect will shadow Carlos for a year; the elect does not have to go to every meeting. Carlos also mentioned that the liaison also assists with the resolution writing process in the fall and spring general assemblies. Carlos suggested that the elect go to the last three meetings of the year. The conversation turned to Maryann's contributions. Adrienne commented that the Board sent Maryann a nice card and bouquet of flowers before she left her position. She also mentioned that CCCSAA will advocate strongly for her position to be filled.

The following people were nominated for positions.

President Elect - Winnie LaNier and Frankie Moore

Communications Officer - Carla Martinez

Southern Rep - Earic Peters

Student Senate Liaison Elect - Erin Miramont

Northern Rep - Aaron Schaffer

Treasurer - Fauzi Hamadeh

Victoria commented that there would be a transitional meeting for the new and current board in either June or July.

The meeting was postponed at 5:22pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:39 pm on March 5th.

Adrienne returned to item V, 3 Elections for 2009-2010 CCCSAA Executive Board Members and asked if there were any further nominations. The following people were nominated.

Northern Representative - Christopher Rodriguez

Southern Representative - Kathy Butler

Skip moved to close the nomination process and Sergio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Elections for 2009-2010 CCCSAA Executive Board Members

Allison moved that each person would be allowed two minutes for his or her campaign speech. Deyna seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Arley made a motion to hear candidate statements from candidates who were running unopposed first. Carlos seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Each candidate's statement was made.

Skip made a motion that the membership votes on all unopposed candidates in one vote. Allison seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Carla is the new Communications officer, Fauzi the new Treasurer, and Erin is the new Student Senate Liaison Elect.)

The votes were tallied and the following 2009-2010 officers were announced.

President Elect – Frankie Moore

Northern Rep - Christopher Rodriguez

Southern Rep – Earic Peters

Adrienne returned to Board Reports (item III):

a.) President – Adrienne mentioned that she wants the membership's feedback for her upcoming meeting with the CSSOs. She mentioned that the board meets consistent through phone calls and she also mentioned that she is pleased with turn out at the professional conference despite budget crisis. She said that serving as president has been a great ride and she encourages everyone to take on a board position. She thanked everyone for the opportunity and the board for being on the conference calls.

b.) President Elect – Victoria thanked Adrienne for her support. She mentioned that the student scholarship information is correct and that she will update the professional scholarships applications next week. She reminded everyone that April 20th is the deadline for both scholarships. She mentioned that the directions on the student scholarships instruct the student to submit their application to their advisor by 4/15. She also clarified that no advisor will read their own students' applications. She mentioned that the scholarships will be read at the next General Assembly meeting and asked for volunteers.

c.) Former President – Allison mentioned that she will be working with Aaron on the student leadership conference. Allison mentioned that she hopes that the board will continue looking at creating an advocacy position because it needs someone to keep track of legislative issues in CCC and provide a professional voice.

d.) Treasurer – Sesario reported that the membership is currently about 120 members, up from 105 when he first took over the position. He mentioned that increasing membership was one of the board's goals. He reported on income/expenditures from conference and briefly about income from Contra Costa Courts. (Please see attached budget report, which was explained during this report.)

e.) Secretary – Celena mentioned that being on the board has been fun and educational. She said that it is great to be part of a network that supports our students and our professional development. She congratulated everyone on the new board and mentioned to the membership that there are opportunities to help out at the conferences.

f.) Communications – Yvonne reported on the survey of the membership that was taken at the fall conference. She mentioned that she is working with Earthlink to update the listserv and website. She will upload all new members onto the listserv. She mentioned that members have a choice of using their college email or an additional email. Yvonne also mentioned that serving on the board was a great opportunity.

g.) Student Senate Liaison – Carlos congratulation the new board members. He reminded everyone that the General Assembly is coming up (May 1-3). He said that the cost for students/advisor is \$195 and \$100 for the delegate. A preliminary program should be at our colleges when we return from the conference. Carlos mentioned that his position has been tough since Maryanne left her position. He mentioned that during the last CCCSAA meeting, the board approved contributions to CCPRO and General Assembly. Carlos mentioned that there is a possibility for SSCCC only having one General Assembly. Our recommendation is that the two conferences are not back-to-back, but they made more money when the conferences were. He mentioned that their mandates are not the same as ours and that the Chancellor's Office assumes responsibility. Student senators can attend the senate without advisors.

h.) Northern Representative – Aaron did not have a report.

i.) Southern Representative – Frankie mentioned that she looked at all the schools websites that the southern representative is responsible for (regions 6-10) and felt that some websites were good, but noticed that information was outdated. She encouraged everyone to update their websites or indicated that sections are under construction. She mentioned that she is looking forward to continuing to serve on the board.

VI. Open Discussion/New Business

1. State Budget – What can CCCSAA be doing to support the efforts?

Adrienne mentioned that we must continuously remind the legislature about the students. Allison agreed and mentioned that CCCSAA should send a letter. She mentioned that if we had a legislative liaison that we could have sent letters to republicans saying thank you for voting for the budget. The membership agreed that a position is needed and that CCCSAA should be more involved in statewide issues.

2. March in March update – Adrienne reported that that board voted to under-write some of the costs for the March in March (March 16th). Some members have expressed concern to Carlos that the march is still going on despite the new budget. He reported that the League hired a consultant to work with student senate. If the budget situation remains positive for CCC, the event's message will be to rescue education; It will be broad and the UC, CSU, and some K-12 schools are invited. Many colleges are pulling out of the march while others see it as an opportunity to be proactive. Carlos mentioned that the Student Senate is paying for parking and that the rally ends at the capital. Harold mentioned each college's public relations representative should make the appointments with state and legislative representatives. Carlos mentioned that the link for donating through the Community College Foundation is www.iwillmarch.com.
3. Status Report on Combined CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference and General Assembly for Fall – Adrienne commented that CCCSAA tried to work with the student senate, but the logistics did not work out.
4. CCCSAA By-laws update group – Adrienne mentioned that some of the bylaws need to be updated. She mentioned the Bylaws committee would meet on Friday, March 6th under the atrium and invited the entire membership to participate.
5. Continued open dialogue with the CSSOs – Adrienne recommended that CCCSAA should continue its relationship with the CSSOs. Adrienne mentioned that Linda was going to send an email to all CSSOs encouraging them to get their staff involved in CCCSAA. The membership discussed teaming up with the CSSOs or other student services areas for professional conferences.
6. Future directions of CCCSAA
7. Other Hot Topics as time permits

VII. Adjournment

Celena motioned to adjourn and Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed and the membership adjourn at 3:42 pm

Next Meeting: October 2009, Student Leadership Conference