



MINUTES
DASB SENATE MEETING
Wednesday, April 27th, 2011
4:00 pm
Student Council Chambers

Call to Order

Anaruth Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early	Excused
Natasha Asar	X				
Zara Aslam	X				
Mariam Azhar			X4:05pm		
Alison Chan		X			X
Ismail Desouki	X				
Melanie Dovan			X4:02pm		
Brenden Fant			X4:09pm		
Amira Farah	X				
Ahmad Fayad		X			X
Balaram Fedchenko			X4:02pm		
Lena Ghamrawi			X		X
Edison Giang		X			
Anaruth Hernandez	X				
Thoa Hoang	X				
Denny Jeon			X4:17pm		
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur			X4:18pm		
Leo Nguyen			X4:06pm		
Arvind Ravichandran	X				
Nevin Sarina			X4:20pm		
Meera Suresh			X4:05pm		
Syed Taha		X			X
Neesha Tambe	X				

Guests: Cecilia Zhang, Carolyn Chen, Chen Xu, Leela Tanikella, Victor Chien, Anastasia Inez, William Utomo, Wai Pak Yip, Christian Aguilar, Shaila Ramos, Saurav Agrawal, Tedros Berhane, Timothy Chun, Kurt Pham, Tuan Nguyen, Maylea Saito, Lydia Hearn Madden, Sean Pen, Christine yu, Jeremy Lee, Nahui Quetzalcoatl, Monica Carrillo

Approval of Minutes

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Neesha Tambe moved to amend the minutes to accurately state that Alison Chan was excused.

Ali Masood seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to amend the minutes to accurately state that Alison Chan was excused passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed.

Public Announcements

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Senate Announcements

- Sana Kathuria announced that we all have to learn the Cha Cha Slide for the Benefit Concert's launch party. She will try to get everyone together at 12:30pm to dance, so the Senate has to learn it and show it to everyone.

Internal Reports

- Mariam Azhar from the Diversity and Events Committee reported that they will have a launch party next Monday from 11:30am to 2:30pm and that they need a lot of people to help out hype up the Benefit Concert. There is going to be a Hollywood themed red carpet leading up to the table you can buy tickets at, and performances by Leela, who will be singing, and SAP and ISA, who will be dancing. Also, the Committee will contact 4Elements to join the event. It is planned to do the Cha Cha Slide to attract more attention and get more people involved, so they need all the participation possible for this dance. There will be cotton candy and a goodie bag giveaway to the people who buy their tickets first. In the future, the Committee wants to focus on the Benefit Concert, the Meet your Senate Day, and the launch party and tabling. They need assistance with making goodie bags, performing the Cha Cha Slide, and helping out during the events.
- Ali Masood from the Budget Cut Task Force Committee reported that they established the Committee's purpose, which is to help the DASB to better represent the students by gathering information on the campus budget cut process, to research ways that the DASB can get involved, and to pass on their information to the future Senate. The Committee assigned the members to meet with the administration, faculty, and staff, and established a core of questions they will be asking each person. He thanked Zara Aslam for taking excellent notes and sending them out in a beautiful, readable, and organized e-mail, Arvind Ravichandran for providing great input and analysis and taking on many tasks, Kenny Perng for providing great input and analysis, keeping the time, and taking on many tasks, and Ze-Kun Li for providing a lot of good background information. In the

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future, the Committee wants to meet with people throughout the week, and compile their interviews into a gmail account. They need assistance with meeting the people from administration, faculty, and staff, and they are meeting on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Senate Office, but that time may shift to 6:20pm or another day.

- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee reported that the Judicial Board recruitment is not going well, and that the Committee will try to assess the recruitment process. Also, they will be working on the Finance, Marketing, and Judicial Board Amendments, and need everybody's patience. They are meeting on Fridays from 11:30am to 12:30pm.
- Thoa Hoang from the Marketing Committee reported that the new DASB website is up, that there will be a launch party for the Benefit Concert on Monday, May 2nd, 2011, and that the Meet your Senate/Candidate Day will be on May 4th, 2011, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. She asked everyone to tell their friends and family to buy tickets for the Benefit Concert and appreciated Vivian Nguyen for making the Newsletter, Taha Syed for always being on time, Cindy Luu for making the flyers, Edison Giang for his involvement in the Benefit Concert, Sana Kathuria for organizing the Student Forum and Service Day, and Meera Suresh for being her right hand. In the future the Committee wants to concentrate on the launch party, and they need assistance with selling tickets for the Benefit Concert. They are meeting in Meeting Room 2 from 2:30 to 4:30pm.
- Melanie Dovan from the Environmental Sustainability Committee reported that there are 29 applicants for the bike program, over 60 people showed up to the Campus Cleanup event, and that Brian Murphy and Donna Jones Dulin dropped by as well. They sent the eco-pass draft to the attorney, and the bus-pass will be distributed for the month of June. She thanked everybody who is working on the bike program, all the people who helped out with the Campus Cleanup event, and the ones working on the bus-pass and eco-pass. In the future, the Committee wants to campaign for the eco-pass, help with the launch party, and start advertising for the bus-pass, and they need assistance with implementing the eco-pass.
- Leo Nguyen from the Finance Committee reported that they are trying to find additional available funds; Balaram Fedchenko looked at the Wellness Center and the Committee got back \$5,900 for Winter/Spring Special Allocations, and Leo Nguyen is looking at the Dance Program and some others. Also, Arvind Ravichandran and Brenda Kristie are continuing to work on the CCP and Honors Council meetings, and the budget book is done, so the Budget can be presented next Monday. For the Finance Code changes, Ze-Kun Li and Balaram Fedchenko are looking at the Budget Request changes and the proposed "field trips" to visit programs. He appreciated Balaram for working so hard for the Committee ever since he joined it 2 weeks ago.
- Natasha Asar from the Student Rights and Services Committee reported that they completed all their projects, posted up the scholarship applications and are getting applicants for it, and that the Joshua Lovell case was dropped. She appreciated Amira Farah for her work on the scholarships and Ismail Desouki, Meera Suresh, and Anmol Mirakhur for their work on the Campus Cupboard. In the future, the Committee will review all marketing and finalize it this Friday, figure out their plans for intramural sports, smoking, and the rights aspect, and it will be having a Midterm Giveaway soon. They need assistance with marketing their efforts, and they are meeting Fridays at 11:30am in the Student Council Chambers.

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- Ze-Kun Li reported that he talked to people and found out that all sections and programs will be reduced. Instructors will be cut by a certain amount of money that each department has to cut, and the department will first send a proposal to its dean, and after his approval the proposal will be sent to the IPBT. Regarding services, the IPBT will be looking at different criteria, and then sent the proposals to the SSPBT. After they approved the proposal will be sent to the College Council, and then to Dr. Murphy. The people he talked to suggested to go to the Town Hall meeting on Monday from 12 to 1pm to learn more about the process and figure out what to do.
- Neesha Tambe from the Elections Committee reported that they graded the test, and the 12 people who did not pass will be taking it again. She thanked Dennis Shannakian for informing these people, and reported that they did an interview with La Voz. She acknowledged the whole Committee and the new member, Will, for their good work. In the future, the Committee will be making some formal decisions on questions that have come up in the coalition, work with the Marketing Committee on promotion the elections, aiming to have teachers come out with their whole classes to vote during elections week, and they want to outreach to teachers and implement the cool marketing ideas.

External Reports

- Thoa Hoang reported for Taha Syed that Kurt Pham is the new ICC representative in the Elections Committee.
- Anmol Mirakhur reported that the SSPBT is going over different budgets to see what services the different departments can still provide, and that they have different proposals. Certain employees will have to be cut in SSRS or EOPS, which means longer waiting times for students, and less services that can be offered. He asked everyone who wants to discuss this to come to the Town Hall meeting on Monday from 12 to 1pm, and to the SSPBT meeting on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5pm.

Consent Calendar

1. Removal of Brenden Fant from the Administration Committee.

Ismail Desouki moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar passed by consensus.

Business

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION – URGENT

Title: De Anza Men's and Women's Swim/Dive Team

This item is to approve \$2,000 for Travel for the De Anza Men's and Women's Swim/Dive Team.

Presenter: Arvind Ravichandran

Time Limit: 15 minutes

Arvind Ravichandran presented the item.
Kulwant Singh co-presented the item.

Brenda Kristie moved to approve \$2,000 for Travel for the De Anza Men's Swim/Dive Team from Winter/Spring Special Allocations.

Mariam Azhar seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Anmol Mirakhur moved to end discussion.

Denny Jeon seconded the motion.

No objections.

Vote to approve \$2,000 for Travel for the De Anza Men's Swim/Dive Team from Winter/Spring Special Allocations:

	YES	NO	Abstain
Natasha Asar	X		
Zara Aslam	X		
Mariam Azhar	X		
Alison Chan			
Ismail Desouki	X		
Melanie Dovan			X
Brenden Fant	X		
Amira Farah	X		
Ahmad Fayad			
Balaram Fedchenko	X		
Lena Ghamrawi			
Edison Giang			
Anaruth Hernandez			
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		
Neesha Tambe			X

The motion to approve \$2,000 for Travel for the De Anza Men's Swim/Dive Team from Winter/Spring Special Allocations passed with 16 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 4 abstain.

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION – URGENT

Title: Honors Program

This item is to approve \$1,200 for the Honors Program.

Presenter: Arvind Ravichandran

Time Limit: 15 minutes

Arvind Ravichandran presented the item.

Lydia Hearn Madden co-presented the item.

Leo Nguyen moved to approve \$1,200 for the Honors Program from Winter/Spring Special Allocations.

Balaram seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Brenda Kristie moved to end discussion.

Ismail Desouki seconded the motion.

Objections.

The motion to end discussion failed with 6 yes votes to 13 no votes.

Discussion continued.

Brenden Fant moved to extend time by 3 minutes.

Ali Masood seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to extend time by 3 minutes passed by consensus.

Brenden Fant moved to end discussion.

Ali Masood seconded the motion.

No objections

Vote to approve \$1,200 for the Honors Program from Winter/Spring Special Allocations:

	YES	NO	Abstain
Natasha Asar	X		
Zara Aslam	X		
Mariam Azhar	X		
Alison Chan			
Ismail Desouki			
Melanie Dovan	X		
Brenden Fant	X		
Amira Farah	X		
Ahmad Fayad			
Balaram Fedchenko	X		
Lena Ghamrawi			
Edison Giang			
Anaruth Hernandez			
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			
Neesha Tambe			X

The motion to approve \$1,200 for the Honors Program from Winter/Spring Special Allocations passed with 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstain.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Transportation Fee Ballot Measure
This item is to approve a Transportation Fee Ballot Measure.
 Presenter: Anaruth Hernandez
 Time Limit: 30 minutes

John Cognetta presented the item.
 Neesha Tambe moved to postpone the item until next week.
 Thoa Hoang seconded the motion.
 Objections.
 Discussion occurred.
 Melanie Dovan moved to end discussion.
 Meera Suresh seconded the motion.
 No objections.
 The motion to postpone the item until next week passed by consensus.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Elections Code
This item is for the DASB Senate to ratify the Elections Code.
 Presenter: Ali Masood
 Time Limit: 20 minutes

Neesha Tambe presented the item.
 Leo Nguyen moved to ratify the Elections Code.
 Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.
 No objections.
 The motion to ratify the Elections Code passed by consensus.

6. INFORMATION

Title: DASB Bylaws
This item is to inform the DASB about the new Bylaws.
 Presenter: Ali Masood
 Time Limit: 15 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Parli Pro Workshop

This item is to hold a Parli Pro Workshop.

Presenter: Ahmad Fayad

Time Limit: 30 minutes

Ahmad Fayad was not present.

Item was skipped.

8. INFORMATION

Title: Environmental Sustainability Code Changes

This item is to approve the Environmental Sustainability Code Changes.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

9. INFORMATION

Title: Diversity and Events Code Changes

This item is to approve the Diversity and Events Code Changes.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ali Masood presented the item.

10. INFORMATION

Title: Finance Code Changes

This item is to approve the Finance Code Changes.

Presenter: Ali Masood

Time Limit: 10 minutes

The item was not yet approved by the Administration Committee, and was postponed until it gets approved.

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Goals for the last month

This item is to decide on how to finish off the year.

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 20 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.

12. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: End of the Year Award suggestions

This item is to decide what End of the Year Awards will be distributed during Inauguration.

Presenter: Natasha Asar

Time Limit: 15 minutes

Natasha Asar presented the item.

Public Announcements

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- Matt Diaz announced that the Benefit Concert is coming up, and that there will be tabling for it as well as a launch party on Monday, and he told everyone to make some money for Japan.
- Amira Farah announced that all Senators are awesome for getting into very good grade schools, and that Alison Chan is throwing a get together at her house on Friday at 9pm, so bring food and soda.

Senate Announcements

- Ahmad Fayad thanked everyone who responded to his e-mail, and he passed around paper to find out what languages everyone speaks. He announced that he will be making a song and wants every Senator to sing in it, to make it an international song. He will contact everyone to schedule a recording time for the singing.
- Mariam Azhar showed the spreadsheet for tabling, and asked everyone to sign up for it.
- Neesha Tambe announced that selling 5 tickets for the Benefit Concert counts as one field hour.
- Zara Aslam announced that on Friday from 12:30 to 2:30pm, there will be music and goodie bag making in the Senate Office.
- Mariam Azhar announced that on Monday at 9am everyone should gather in the Senate Office to make the balloon arch for the launch party. Also, they need people to sell tickets at the launch party, and she sent out an e-mail with instructions on how to sell. She announced that the launch party will be in a Hollywood style with a red carpet, and that they will have a Japanese flag behind the tables for people to hold a sign and take pictures in front of. They will have performers on Monday, cotton candy, and Matt Diaz will be the MC.
- Anaruth Hernandez thanked everyone for their support, and announced that Japan is devastated, and the numbers increase, so thanks for recognizing the impact of the Benefit Concert.
- Matt Diaz announced that the timing is really perfect to make people aware of Japan's situation again, because people are already forgetting about what happened, so we need to show that Japan still needs our help.
- Neesha Tambe announced that the money goes to the Northern Japanese Relief Fund, and that 100% of the donations go straight to various organizations that help, and nothing

goes to administrative costs.

- Anmol Mirakhur announced that he wants to hold an event on Fridays, and to make it a competition between the DASB and clubs. He asked for an advisory vote to choose between soccer, flag football, and volleyball. Volleyball got 15 yes votes, soccer got 6 yes votes, and flag football got 15 yes votes.
- Neesha Tambe announced that if someone is interested in finalizing the event they should talk to Anmol Mirakhur, Ismail Desouki, and Ravi Joshi.
- Nevin Sarina announced that the budget cuts will start happening soon, so they will have a DARE meeting this Friday at 4pm at Coffee Society, to talk about how to encourage people to pressure legislators through lobbying. He asked everyone to come out, because it would be helpful to have more people there.
- Neesha Tambe asked the organizers of the Campus Cleanup to stand up to give them a round of applause for the event, where over 60 people came out, and they got a good feedback from the staff and administration, and made a difference to our campus.
- Anaruth Hernandez thanked the Student Rights and Services Committee for cancelling their meeting, and committing to the event.
- Anmol Mirakhur announced that we should all clap for each other for coming out and having the event, and that we should thank Mariam Azhar and help her with her work.
- Nahui Quertzcoatl thanked the people who worked hard to get free food for the event, especially Sachin and Sri.
- Sana Kathuria taught everyone the Cha Cha Slide.

Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators

Saurav Agrawal
Carolyn Chen
Chen Xu
Leela Tanikella
Victor Chien
Anasrtasia Inez
Patrick Yip
Christian Aguilar
Shaila Ramos
Tedros Berhane
Timothy Chun
Kurt Pham
Tuan Nguyen
Maylea Saito
Christine Yu

Star of the Week

Natasha Asar, Amira Farah

Adjournment

Anaruth Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:06pm.

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Submitted by,

Sara Nierle
DASB Secretary
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