

EI Camino College
Associated Students Organization
Senate Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2009
1:00 pm
Activities Center West Conference Room

I. Call to Order

- Vice President Jose Iglesias called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

II. Roll Call (by sign in)

- **Executive Cabinet**

Present: Joshua Casper, Jose Iglesias, Ana Safazada, Elizabeth Mercado, Walter Mendez, Philip Stokes, Breeanna Bond

Not Present: David Nordel

- **Senators**

Present: Anthony Nguyen, Begonia Guereca, John Linehan, Kevin Isomoto, Brenda Kaing, Ashley Smith, Kirstin Nguyen, Johanna Zamora, Michael Shodiya, Edmond Abdou

Not Present: Liz Valencia, Erika Maldonado, Heather Roberts, Paul Hiney, Mark Rehbein, Timothy Johnson (excused)

- **Justices (Non-Voting)**

Present: Danielle Parsons, Hashim Tyler

Not Present: Karla Villaseñor (excused)

- **Commissioner of Fundraising Committee (Non- Voting)**

Christopher Pham

- **Commissioner of Policy Committee (Non- Voting)**

Present: Raven Sevilleja

- **Commissioner of Finance Committee (Non- Voting)**

Jessica Lopez (excused)

- **Commissioner of Public Relations (Non- Voting)**

Present: Lucy Rivera

Not Present: Genesis Flores, Samantha Glunt

- **Student-At-Large (Non- Voting)**

Present: Tim Linehan

- **Administrative Assistant (Non-Voting)**

Present: Jeethu Joseph

- **Advisers (Non-Voting)**

Present: Janice Watanabe

- **Guests**

Debbie Conover (Student Health Service)

III. Approval of the Minutes

- Senate Minutes of Oct. 29 – Edmond Abdou made a correction under New Business, Section 5.2 Health Center Resolution. Remove this statement: “*Edmond Abdou said that he might support this proposal if he is not paying for the Health fee in the*

summer.”

- **Motion to approve Minutes of Oct. 22, 2009 and corrected Minutes of Oct.29, 2009. Moved by Ana Safazada, Seconded by Walter Mendez. Motion Passed.**

IV. Approval of the Agenda

- **Agenda approved by unanimous consent as presented.**

V. New Business

5.1 ASACC

- Josh Casper announced the Senate about upcoming American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) Conference held in the spring. Josh asked the Senate if anyone is interested in attending the Conference.
- **Motion to approve attending ASACC Conference and sending the conference item to the Finance Committee for their recommendation. Moved by Josh Casper, Seconded by Ashley Smith.**
- Hashim Tyler inquired of how many people get to attend the conference. Josh Casper responded that the Finance Committee Meeting makes the recommendation by reviewing the Budget and sent it back to the Senate. John Linehan asked when the Conference is going to be held. Josh responded that the Conference will be held late March. Carolee Vakil-Jessop (Student Development Office Administrative Assistant), have the exact date of the conference. Ana Safazada inquired about the budget for attending the Conference. Josh Casper responded that the Finance Committee makes the decisions on that. Walter Mendez asked since ASO have not appointed Director of Administrative Services, who will be chairing the Finance Committee. Josh Casper responded that he will be chairing the Finance Committee Meeting.
- **Motion Passed.**

VI. Old Business

6.1 Health Center Resolution

- Josh Casper passed out the updated version of Health Center Resolution that has to be sent to the Board of Trustees for their approval of the resolution and opening Health Center in the summer. Josh Casper read out the resolution to the Senate. He told the Senate that the resolution is very similar to Health Center Services Resolution prepared by El Camino student in the fall semester of 2007. He inquired to the Senate if there is any recommendations or questions regarding the updated resolution.
- Edmond Abdou asked do we have to pay health fee. Debbie Conover from the Health Center responded that students still have to pay the health fee. Raven Sevilleja inquired why we have to pay the health fee, if students have health insurance. Debbie Conover responded that it's a requirement even though there are exemptions. Under title 5, students pay health fee. Student may not able to get the immediate help from their Health Insurance provider if something happens to them within the campus.
- Edmond Abdou asked where title 5 is found because in Universities of California (UC), we don't pay health fee. Josh Casper responded that the title 5 is found under ED. Code and it is different for California Community colleges and Universities. Debbie Conover commented that Health Fee's should be paid in UC'S also.

- **Motion to send the resolution to the Board of Trustees to keep the Health Center open in the summer. *Moved by Josh Casper, Seconded by Walter Mendez.***
 - The Senate discussed and made changes and corrections to the resolution.
 - **Motion to amend the resolution to change the words “Health Care Center” to “El Camino College Health Services”. *Moved by Begoña Guereca.***
 - ***Motion to amend passed.***
- ***Motion to send the resolution to the Board of Trustees passed.***
- Josh Casper announced that he will be sending the resolution to the Board of Trustees so that they can have this item in their agenda in December or November.
- Debbie Conover announced that the Health Center has received the first doses of H1N1 Flu Vaccines. The problem is that only 100 doses were received. Debbie Conover asked ASO’s help to work in conjunction with Health Care Center in order to give out the vaccinations.

VII. Reports

7.1 ASO Member Reports:

- Josh Casper announced that he received the summer calendar from Dr. Nishime. The summer calendar has changed six week summer schedule starting June 28 through August 5th. The summer session will be starting early. Josh Casper also announced to the Senate that there will be a campus watch program in session.
- Josh Casper announced that Dr. Nishime would like ASO’s suggestions for potential speakers for the Commencement ceremony in 2010. The list of speakers that are being considered for the Commencement ceremony was distributed. Josh Casper needs the feedback of the Senate members about the list of speakers by this Sunday, so that he could put the speakers in order and send them to the College Council.

7.2 ICC Reports

- Philip Stokes informed the Senate that the deadline to RSVP for the Homecoming after game party has been extended to Friday. Those who want to attend, please talk to Ana Safazada. The blood drive was huge success. The South Pacific Islander club raised more units. We raised 278 units out of 328 units of ICC’s goal

7.3 Committee Reports:

- Philip Stokes informed the Senate that he attended the Academic Senate Meeting. The Academic Senate announced that full time hiring is going on. It was also reported at the Academic Senate Meeting that El Camino College has the highest admission percentage rate out of 7 schools compared. Philip Stokes also gave the faculty development report. Philip informed the Senate that distinguished faculty awards will be held in the spring. Faculty is going to have workshops to motivate students.
- Philip Stokes also attended the Council Deans Meeting. There will be 166 sections cut for the winter schedule of 2009 and 250 sections for the spring of 2009. Philip Stokes also reported that the Fee threshold is \$130. December 11th and February 8th are the dates for threshold otherwise students will be dropped. Depending on number of students, the fee threshold will be raised.

7.4 Advisor Reports: None

VIII. Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items

- Josh Casper informed the Senate that he spoke with Cynthia Mosqueda, in charge of FYE. ASO will be corresponding with FYE for a food drive event. November 23rd will be the last day to drop cans of food. If ASO want, we can setup a storage area in front of ASO Office. Can of food will be taken to downtown LA.
- Christopher Pham announced to the Senate that California Pizza Kitchen and Red Robin are the choices for fundraising for ASO. But currently Red Robin has been taken by another club. The date for the fundraising event will be announced.
- Breanna Bond announced to the Senate that an email has been sent to ECC students regarding the collection of fees.

IX. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn. *Moved by Josh Casper, Seconded by Walter Mendez. Motion passed.***
- Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm

Minutes Recorded by Jeethu Joseph

Minutes Verified by

Josh Casper, ASO President

Janice Watanabe, ASO Adviser