

MINUTES
DASB SENATE SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Immediately following the regularly scheduled DASB Meeting
Student Council Chambers

Call to Order

Terell Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Roll Call

<u>Name</u>	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early
Andy Chow	X			
Jack Chuang	X			
Zeynep Erturkoglu	X			
Karthi Kumar	X			
Anson Lai	X			
Calvin Lam	X			
Livia Lee	X			
Sean Lee	X			
Patrick Leung	X			
Melody Lin	X			
Jonathan Mai	X			
Esha Menon		X		
Amie Ngan	X			
Valery Nguyen	X			
Cheko Pacheco	X			
Trish Pham	X			
Amir Pourshafiee	X			
Deidre Quan	X			
Asami Sato	X			
Sharon Su	X			
Terell Sterling	X			
Yoshie Takeuchi	X			
John Yan	X			
June Yuan	X			
Michelle Zhong	X			

Junior Senators

<u>Name</u>	Present	Absent	Late	Left Early
Arisa Harada	X			
Levon Minassian	X			
Ji Sin	X			
Christine Tran	X			
Sakura Yoshimura	X			

Guests: John Cогnetta, Patrick Ahrens, Joe Flores, Keith Hubbard, Josh, Chou, Huan Nguyen, Bola Nginimbam, Mark Allen, Marlo A. Custodio, Anaruth Hernandex, Noel Bautista, Rhea Victor, Devin Cormia, Nartej Singh, Lily Loi Lai Ieng, Khoa Bui, Wason Huynh, April Seo, Tram Tran, Bozena "Bobo" Teo, Ernest Chavez, Jing Rachel Zhang, Grace Li, Daniel Galan, Mayra Miranda, Samera Hadi, Nicole Lau, Cain Ramirez, Isabelle Barrientos, Chug Tiha Luong, Kelly Truong, Maurice Shanndefar, Thomasina Russaw, Lucas Ho, Dipinbir Singh

(More than 20 minutes late) Yujin Yoshimura

Valery Nguyen moved to have a 10 minute recess.

Jack Chuang seconded.

Discussion occurred.

Melody Lin moved to end the discussion.

Michelle Zhong seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was passed by consensus.

Motion to have a 10 minute recess was passed unanimously at 6:44pm.

Terrell Sterling called the meeting back to order at 6:55pm.

Public Comments

Please note: Members of the public are limited to two minutes. The Senate cannot take action or respond to items during public comments.

- Jake Parent: Just wants to add what he said before. As a student that's not running and is not going to be here next year is worried that the actions of this Senate are going to disenfranchise his vote. The precedent has been leniency and thinks the Senate should remember that when they make their decision.
- Josh Chou: He signed the agenda and was on the guest list, but it was amended to reflect he was late. And last week he was misinformed about the meeting's start time and had already made a commitment to family and that is why he was late.
- Anaruth Hernandez: Was also one of the people that was misinformed about the meeting's start time.
- Thomasina Russaw: Was here for the meeting that took place on Monday meeting. She heard the words punishment, responsibility, and miscommunication. Punishment is normally reserved for a crime and what happened was a mistake. Usually a mistake, a human error, requires an apology.
- James Chen: Although the issue at hand surrounds Josh and Marlo's candidacy, it also includes those of other students.
- Cain Ramirez: A wise man once said "by any means necessary." Although he was normally against this idea, he has come to realize through much thinking that sometimes when there are no other options left, by any means necessary is needed.
- Joe Flores: This is a community college. Most of the people that the Senate represent are not involved in the intricacies of the school. Many students around campus do not even know that there is this meeting occurring. It would be "lame" to only have one candidates pair running for the presidency and the executive vice presidency.
- Patrick Ahrens: Does not think the guest list roll call is handled in a good manner. He left for a few minutes and he missed the guest list roll call, but had been here the whole meeting.
- Mayra Miranda: just wants to personally vouch for Josh in the May 6 meeting. He was there within the 20 minute time limit. Does not feel like her voice has been represented by this Senate. Asks the Senate to please reconsider their decision to disqualify Josh.
- Paul: Every year we have the same problem in the election. He has been here for five years and has seen issues with the election every time. There always biases in the election.
- Mark: It's important to recognize we have rules for a reason. It is there to keep out people who are not serious about the Senate. However, he does not feel that disqualification over tardiness is not grounds for disqualification.

- Marlo Custodio: At the time of the guest list going around, the guest list had trouble going around within the time frame. Many people claim to have seen him at the May 6 meeting. Please advocate for what's right.

Burning Issues

- Amir Pourshafiee: we can't all use bad language, we can't all cry, but asks that we all be logical.
- Cheko Pacheco: Please don't plan to abstain or not get involved because you don't want to get involved in the mess. It has come to the senate floor because the Elections could not handle it.
- Karthi Kumar: If you are a candidate running, you should abstain as you have a conflict of interest.
- June Yuan: Please be true to yourself.
- Jonathan Mai: As long as you are representing the students' voice, he would not consider it a bias. You are supposed to leave your ties at the door.
- Cheko Pacheco: Believes no one should abstain. We should be unbiased in our decisions.
- Valery Nguyen: We are not here to decide who wins and who loses or to disqualify anybody.
- Terrell Sterling: He will take two comments from Senators before taking a comment from a member of the public. Asks that all senators think in an objective manner. If an individual is disqualified, their coalition is not disqualified.
- Valery Nguyen: Please do the right thing so that after the election is over with, you will feel good when you look at yourself in the mirror.

Business

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION

Approve DASB Minutes for Spring Quarter

This item is to verify and approve the DASB minutes for the Spring Quarter 2009.

Presenter: Chair

Time Limit: 20 minutes

Michelle Zhong noted that Yoshie Takeuchi and she were excused from the Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Senate meeting.

Calvin Lam noted that Victor's Cheung's name is misspelled as Victor Seo on the Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Senate meeting minutes.

Andy Chow moved to approve the DASB minutes for Spring Quarter 2009 as amended.

Deidre Quan seconded.

Discussion occurred.

Karthi Kumar moved to end the discussion.

Amie Ngan seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was not passed with 0 yes to 9 no votes.

Discussion

Yoshie Takeuchi moved for a division of question and to first vote on the minutes of Wednesday, May 13, 2009 and then the minutes from Wednesday, April 8, 2009; Wednesday, April 15, 2009; Wednesday, April 22, 2009; and Wednesday, April 29, 2009; and Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Discussion occurred on the minutes of Wednesday, May 13, 2009.
Andy Chow moved to end the discussion.
Sharon Su seconded.
Motion to end the discussion was not passed with 0 yes to 7 no votes.
Discussion occurred.
Asami Sato moved for a Division of Question to talk about each individual week's minutes separately.
Asami Sato withdrew her motion for a Division of Question to talk about each individual week's minutes separately and there were no objections.
Discussion occurred.
Karthi Kumar moved to extend the time limit by 15 minutes.
Valery Nguyen seconded.
Motion to extend the time limit by 15 minutes was passed unanimously.
Discussion occurred.
Valery Nguyen moved to end the discussion.
Sean Lee seconded.
Motion to end the discussion was not passed with 6 yes to 4 no votes.
Discussion occurred.
Cheko Pacheco moved to end the discussion.
There was no second and the motion died.
Discussion occurred.
Jonathan Mai moved to amend to add Josh Chou to the guest list of Wednesday, May 13, 2009.
Zeynep Erturkoglu seconded.
Discussion occurred.
Karthi Kumar moved to end the discussion.
Calvin Lam seconded.
Motion to end the discussion was passed with 9 yes to 2 no votes.
Motion to amend to add Josh Chou to the guest list of Wednesday, May 13, 2009 was not passed with 8 yes to 9 no votes.
Discussion occurred.
Jonathan Mai moved to amend to include Josh Chou in the guest list of Wednesday, May 13, 2009, with the note that he was more than 20 minutes late.
Anson Lai seconded.
Discussion occurred.
Melody Lin moved to end the discussion.
Amie Ngan seconded.
Motion to end the discussion was passed with 11 yes to 2 no votes.
Motion to include Josh Chou in the guest list of Wednesday, May 13, 2009, with the note that he was more than 20 minutes late was passed with 12 yes to 1 no votes.
Discussion occurred.
Jack Chuang moved to end the discussion.
Zeynep Erturkoglu seconded.
Motion to end the discussion was passed by consensus.
Motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 13, 2009, as amended was passed with 15 yes to 0 no votes.

Discussion on approving the minutes of Wednesday, April 8, 2009; Wednesday, April 15, 2009; Wednesday, April 22, 2009; Wednesday, April 29, 2009; and Wednesday, May 6, 2009.
Anson Lai moved to rescind the minutes of Wednesday, May 6, 2009.
Jonathan Mai seconded.

Discussion occurred.

Michelle Zhong moved to end the discussion.

Karthi Kumar seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was passed by consensus.

Motion to rescind the minutes of Wednesday, May 6, 2009 was passed unanimously.

Anson Lai moved to amend the guest list of the Wednesday, May 6, 2009, minutes to reflect that Josh Chou was not late.

Deidre Quan seconded.

Discussion occurred.

Sean Lee moved to extend the time limit by 20 minutes.

Calvin Lam seconded.

Discussion occurred.

Sharon Su moved to end the discussion.

Amie Ngan seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was passed by consensus.

Motion to extend the time limit by 20 minutes was passed unanimously.

Discussion occurred.

Yoshie Takeuchi moved to end the discussion.

Sean Lee seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was not passed with 1 yes to 10 no votes.

Discussion occurred.

Karthi Kumar moved to end the discussion.

Valery Nguyen seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was passed by consensus.

Motion to amend the guest list of the Wednesday, May 6, 2009, minutes to reflect that Josh Chou was not late was passed with 10 yes to 5 no votes.

Valery Nguyen moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 6, 2009, as amended.

Zeynep Erturkoglu seconded.

Discussion occurred.

Sean Lee moved to end the discussion.

Karthi Kumar seconded.

Motion to end the discussion was passed by consensus.

Motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 6, 2009, as amended was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Terrell Sterling adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

Submitted by

Jessica Dunlap

DASB Secretary

Approved Wednesday, May 27, 2009