



**SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2019 | 3:00-4:30p.m., |**  
**Location: 9C Council Room**

VOTING: Sebastian Garcia, Jessica Heredia, Gloria Herrera, Andy Shin, Jacob Duran, Luis Vazquez, Sophia Ruiz, Tatianna Alonso  
ABSENT: None  
NON-VOTING: Richmond Tang  
GUESTS: Maria Galvan, Jesus Garcia, Monica Jones, Diana Diaz, Maricela Vazquez, Enrique Lopez, Samantha Moreira, Krisaly Gonzalez, Briana Garcia, Diego Nadaya, Jesse Ramires, Devin Garcineau, Ruby Barajas, Luis Odwa, Ryan Cabrillo, Zirui Xu, Shaegyn Wang, Julia Walker, Jessica Lewis, Eli Flores, Resu Aawar, Kian Bidari, Amy Truong, Geo Castillo, Sabrina Magana, Shadiyah Omar

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Richmond Tang

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of 3/12/19 approved under general consent

**V. OPEN FORUM – None**

**VI. REPORTS**

**A.S. Advisor –**  
**A.S. Secretary –**  
**A.S. President –**  
**A.S. Vice President –**  
**Student Trustee –**  
**ICC –**  
**College Committees –**

**VII. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (15 minute maximum) – None**

**VIII. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Appropriation #16 - \$293 Astronomy Club** M/S Jessica Heredia/Sebastian Garcia. Discussion followed. Vote: Unanimous
- B. **Appropriation #17 - \$1440 Design Village Club** M/S Discussion followed. Motion by Tatianna Alonso increase amount to \$1740 to cover advisor fee. Call the questions Jessica/ Tatianna. Vote: Unanimous
- C. **Appropriation #18 - \$3000 Unity Ball Dream Believe Achieve** Jessica Heredia reduces decorations to \$250 Sebastian Garcia seconds. Vote: 0/8/0 motion fails. Vote: 7/1/0 Jessica Heredia votes against.
- D. **Appropriation #19 - \$5000 Disability Athletics Fair** M/S Sebastian Garcia/Jessica Heredia. Jessica calls the questions, Sebastian seconds. None opposed. Vote: Unanimous

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**E. Bill #2 – AS Financing the Future** – Richmond Tang gave an overview of this bill. Maricela Vasquez understood that we would go from \$11 to \$15 in the next 5 years, instead of right away. She suggests increments of \$1.50 more per year until we get to \$15. Gabe Alfaro said that that's possible, but must pass as one bill to state the increments over the years. Tatianna Alonso said that at the ICC booth today students had heard rumors that the fee is increasing, and there was positive response from students after she informed them of the benefits. Jacob Duarte also said that the fee increase was a positive. Jesus Garcia also said that there has been more of a positive response from club members. Jessica Heredia likes the idea. Shadiyah Omar says the board should consider students that pay the fee but don't utilize the benefits. Jacob Duarte suggests a survey to get feedback from all populations. Richmond Tang said the bill will be voted on at next week's meeting. Richmond said the coast college fees are \$20. Andi Sims said the challenge with a graduated increase is that future populations are affected by this year's vote. Also, regarding the survey, is there enough feedback to make an educated decision on the bill. Timewise, to be on this election, the ballot must be approved by the end of business day, which would be next Tuesday. From Fall semester, there is \$57,000 in SAF that was not paid, or 5000 students. 300 students officially submitted a waiver. For Spring, there is still \$57,000 owed in SAF. Current operating budget is \$533,000 for 19-20. This is lower than last year's. With this year's requests, there would be only \$20,000 for external requests if all internal requests are funded. Richmond said the \$4.00 hike should offset those who opt not to pay for it. Sophia Ruiz said that we should promote what students benefit from with the fee. Gloria Barrera said that some students are really struggling how to pay for their fees. There must be an explanation of what is the benefit of the increased fee. She said there's a lot of messages in the portals, and that a survey may be missed by students. If we can do it somehow that pops up when they log in. Tatianna asked the board by show of hands if they would support this today, and it was unanimous. Andi said that we must get written confirmation from a body of students before it gets put on the ballot. There is more research to be done. Richmond said he will be doing research and will speak with Audrey and Koji about this.

**IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION –**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm  
Minutes taken by Leslie J. Hennings