

Cowell College Student Senate

Cowell Conference Room

September 22, 2016

Minutes by: Jose Cadenas

Guests: Kara Snider, Suzie Muniz, Bryna Haugen, Samantha Brito, Katie Beary, Samath Keo, Kaiena Conlon, Nikki Santiago, Tyler Olsen, Gavin Shaw, Lauren (Lo) Vennes, Claudia Lee, Vincente Lovelace, Raul Ortiz, Natan Lao, Brian Buckley, Shahin Karawi, John Angeles, Emily Soth, Gianna Passalocqua, Channdory San, Dominique Kato, Ryan Cormack, Oliver Mulcaly, Sierra Waller, Miguel Lepiz, Greg Morris, Joyce Huang, Keshav Jumar, Sabrina Au, Ava Kristy, Dzhoan (JoJo) Koleva, Keir Negron, Austin Norman

Selectpersons: Sarah Adler, Nima Agah, Jose Cadenas, Bradley DeMoll, William Garvey, Madison Hatflied, Israel Lepiz, Alice Malmberg, Hannah Meyer, Isidro Naranjo, Meg Spalding, Rick Takeuchi

Absent: Rajvi Brahmhatt, Shiron Drusinsky

Agenda: Bryna motions to approve the agenda, Chan seconds the motion to approve the agenda. Agenda passes by consensus.

Introductions: Everyone in the conference room introduce themselves and said their preferred gender pronouns.

Icebreaker: After introductions, the individuals in the room participated in an icebreaker to get to know one another. The icebreaker played was called categories.

Senate Membership: Okay, everyone let's get into Senate Membership. Being a select person means you are able to vote when there are funding requests, voting on school issues brought to us by our representatives, and being able to use our resources. In order to be a select person one must come to four consecutive meetings. Once four meetings are attended, the individual must recite an eight-line poem. It is up to the individual to decide the genre of the poem. After the individual has read the poem, members go around and suggest appropriate and fun adjectives to the new select-member. An adjective will then be voted on. An example of a poem was read by a current select-member, to give an idea to the new prospective members. After, the chair and vice-chair read and explained the senate positions available. The following are the available positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chair, SUA Representatives, SCOC Representative, Academic Senate Representative, CORE Representative, Historians, Parliamentarian.

Questions/Comments:

1. *Does everyone understand what minutes are what the minutes look like?*

Minutes are a record of senate meetings, which are then sent to the entire senate for approval the following meeting. Minutes are as well posted for the community to view. An example of minutes was shown to the individuals in the room.

2. Positions will come up throughout the year.

Select Member Alice reminded the individuals in the room, if for some reason they do not get elected or they are not interested in the positions currently available, more opportunities will come up during the school year. A mentioning of the College Elections Commissioner, as well as how those who already have a position can run for another due to others being uninterested.

3. How do the elections work for next week?

The way elections work is the chair will go down the list of positions and ask the individuals in the room if they would like to nominate someone or self-nominate themselves for the position. All those individuals who want to run for a specific position will be ask to give a short spiel. Once everyone has given their spiel, all the individuals running will be ask to step outside. Once outside, the remaining individuals in the room will discuss who they believe is best qualified and why? After discussion is over, the individuals will do a vote to select an individual for that position. Once the votes have been totaled, all individuals outside can come back in and the verdict will be read.

4. So, if you want to run next week then what must one do?

If one wants to run for a position next week, all they must do is give a short spiel, no more than three minutes about why they are qualified for that position.

5. Will the time be the same for other meetings?

Yes. The time for all senate meetings will be the same, 8:00PM, unless otherwise changed by the chair and in that case members will be notified via email.

6. Who can vote next week?

Anyone who attended this first meeting on Thursday September 22, 2016 can vote in the following meeting, regardless of membership.

7. What is the length of the spiel, if running for a position?

Ideally, the length, should not exceed three minutes. For those who do exceed the three minutes they will be told when time is up. It is up to the individual if they want to use all that time.

Adjournment: Bryna motions to adjourn, Nikki seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus.