



**MINUTES**  
**DASB SENATE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**3:30 pm**  
**Student Council Chambers**

**Call to Order**

Ze-Kun Li called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Left Early</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Natasha Asar	X				
Mariam Azhar	X				
Alison Chan			X3:33		
Gloria Cheung	X				
Ismail Desouki			X3:49		
Melanie Dovan	X				
Brenden Fant	X			X6:25	
Amira Farah	X				
Lena Ghamrawi	X				
Edison Giang	X				
Anaruth Hernandez	X				
Thoa Hoang			X3:32	X6:10	
Denny Jeon			X4:23		
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Jarren Lu			X3:38		
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur	X			X6:26	
Leo Nguyen	X				
Victoria Nguyen	X				
Nevin Sarina			X3:33		
Syed Taha	X				
Neesha Tambe	X				
Tevita Tapavalu	X				

Guests: Isra Ahmad, Nelson Chuang, Jasper Enal, Tanya Ghaemmaghami, Ravi Joshi, Man Kin (Ken) Hui, Ernest Linous, Yizhuang Liu, Kenny Perng, Arvind Ravichandran, Navya Rekapally, Sanya Sequeira, Ashwin Srinivasan, Meera Suresh

**Approval of Minutes**

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Neesha Tambe moved to excuse Edison Giang and Denny Jeon.

Mariam Azhar seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to excuse Edison Giang and Denny Jeon passed.

Brenden Fant moved to change that he was not absent but late.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

No objections

The motion to change that Brenden Fant was not absent but late passed.

Anmol Mirakhur moved to change that he was late.

Melanie Dovan seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to change that Anmol Mirakhur was late passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to strike Ahmad Fayad's name from the role call, since he was on his Leave of Absence.

Brenda Kristie seconded the motion.

The motion to strike Ahmad Fayad's name from the roll call passed.

Anaruth Hernandez moved to amend that she was sick.

Neesha Tambe seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to amend that Anaruth Hernandez was sick passed.

Neesha Tambe moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.

No objections.

Minutes approved.

**Public Announcements**

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**Senate Announcements**

- Thoa Hoang thanked everybody who helped out at the Meet Your Senate Day.

**Internal Reports**

- Lena Ghamrawi from the Diversity and Events Committee thanked everyone for their help at the Meet Your Senate Day. She also announced that they were starting to work on the walk-in on February 9<sup>th</sup> and that they are hoping to hold a benefit concert with the help of the clubs. The Senators should contact her if they want to help.
- Taha Syed from the Marketing Committee announced that they spoke about making a newsletter, which they plan to put on the Senate's web page and that they worked on the Meet Your Senate Day. He informed the Senate that he is currently working on the DASB website, making some changes for the layout. The Committee also spoke about

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making new, more professional-looking DASD brochures, if anyone has ideas for changes they should come talk to him.

- Leo Nguyen from the Finance Committee announced that they still have around \$37,000 for this year. John “Jarren” Lu and Victoria Nguyen will work with the Honors Program, and Leo Nguyen and Brenda Kristie will work with CCP to make sure that these programs will be funded. He also recommended the Senate to found an extra \$12,200 for the Math Performance Success program and reminded them that next week the Budget Deliberation will be presented in the Senate meeting.
- Melanie Dovan from the Environmental Sustainability Committee announced that there had been 20 people at the last meeting and thanked those people for helping out with the bus passes. They have about 90 applicants and are working on finalizing the applicants within 5 days. They also work within the bike-committee; they have the Liability and Application forms ready and now need the Senators to sign up for the check-out service for the bikes, whereby they can get field hours. The eco-pass committee is working together with the bus pass committee and the Zim-ride program was brought to the Committees as well. Foothill College launched their Zim-ride program last week, so the Environmental Sustainability Committee is waiting on their data about it. They are planning on holding several events for this quarter, including the Eco-beauty Day and the Climate Change Forum. Anaruth Hernandez added that the bike subcommittee will be included in the Meet Your Senate Day in Spring and that the whole Committee is trying to focus on developing more leadership, therefore Anmol Mirakhur and Melanie Dovan had the chair for one of the last meetings and Alex Mendiola will have the chair at next meeting.
- Ali Masood from the Administration Committee announced that they had changed the bylaws amending that Agents will be Junior Senators now. They also approved the Office Policy and put in an order for supplies that should arrive this week. They postponed the DASB Wiki until next quarter, but will focus on the Judicial Board reform and recruitment in the Winter quarter. Neesha Tambe and Ali Masood are going to submit a Special Allocations request for a new printer, Denny Jeon will present an idea for the Parliamentary Procedure workshop and there will be a sheet for people to list their problems with the computers. The other members of the Committee are supposed to bring additional changes to bylaws and read the Judicial Board Bylaws.
- Natasha Asar from the Student Rights and Services Committee announced that they had a Midterm Giveaway on Monday, encouraging people to vote for the Pepsi Refresh project. Their main goal for the last meeting was to plan for the Student Forum and Student Services Day, make food vouchers for Kirsh’s Kitchen, focus on scholarships and discounts, and to work with DARE. The deadlines for the scholarships and discounts are on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Neesha Tambe announced that she had given Anaruth Hernandez an emergency excuse for the last Senate meeting because she was sick, and that Brenden Fant was excused because he had to pick up his dad. Edison Giang and Denny Jeon were also excused. She thanked everyone for filling out their field hours.

### **External Reports**

- Leo Nguyen informed the Senate that there had been a budget meeting the day before,

where they went through some scenarios for the next year if the budget cuts will take place. One of the worst scenarios was that the College could not have as much part-time faculties anymore.

- Ze-Kun Li added that if there were cut \$7,000,000, the College would have to cut on part-time faculty, which causes less classes and a loss of full-time students. If the College has less than 20,000,000 students, De Anza will lose up to additional \$3,000,000. Therefore, they have to figure out why they lose students and launch a campaign to do so, which will take place either in the middle of February or around March.

## **Consent Calendar**

### **Business**

#### 1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Endorsement of the new Smoking Policy

*This item is to endorse the new Smoking Policy presented at the last Senate Meeting.*

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 5 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.

Neesha Tambe moved to endorse the new Smoking Policy.

Ali Masood seconded the motion.

Objections.

Discussion occurred.

Ali Masood moved to end discussion.

Victoria Nguyen seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to endorse the new Smoking Policy passed with 23 yes votes and 0 no votes.

#### 2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Endorsement of the February 9<sup>th</sup> Walk-In

*This item is to endorse the February 9<sup>th</sup> Walk-in.*

Presenter: Nevin Sarina

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Nevin Sarina presented the item.

Anaruth Hernandez moved to endorse the February 9<sup>th</sup> Walk-In.

Thoa Hoang seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to endorse the February 9<sup>th</sup> Walk-In passed by consent.

#### 3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Election Committee

*This item is to appoint 3 DASB Senators to be part of the Election Committee.*

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 15 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.  
Neesha Tambe nominated Leo Nguyen.  
Mariam Azhar seconded the motion.  
Leo Nguyen accepted the nomination.  
Thoa Hoang nominated Neesha Tambe.  
Edison Giang seconded the motion.  
Neesha Tambe accepted the nomination.  
Sana Kathuria nominated Lena Ghamrawi.  
Lena Ghamrawi did not accept the nomination.  
Edison Giang nominated Ali Masood.  
Taha Syed seconded the motion.  
Ali Masood accepted the nomination.  
Leo Nguyen, Neesha Tambe, and Ali Masood were appointed.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: DASB Retreat

*This item is to approve February 26<sup>th</sup> as the mandatory Senate Retreat Day.*

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 10 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.  
Sana Kathuria presented the item.  
Neesha Tambe moved to approve February 26<sup>th</sup> as the mandatory Senate Retreat Day.  
Sana Kathuria seconded the motion.  
No objections.  
The motion to approve February 26<sup>th</sup> as the mandatory Senate Retreat Day passed.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Approval of the Marketing Chair

*This item is to seek the majority vote of the DASB Senate to confirm the Vice Chair of Marketing as the new Marketing Chair.*

Presenter: Ze-Kun Li

Time Limit: 20 minutes

Ze-Kun Li presented the item.  
Thoa Hoang presented the item.  
Discussion occurred.  
Sana Kathuria moved to extend time by 10 minutes.  
Melanie Dovan seconded the motion.  
Objections.  
The motion to extend time failed with 8 yes votes to 12 no votes.

Secret ballot vote to confirm the Vice Chair of Marketing as the new Marketing Chair.

	YES	NO
Natasha Asar	X	
Mariam Azhar	X	
Alison Chan	X	
Gloria Cheung	X	
Ismail Desouki	X	
Melanie Dovan	X	
Brenden Fant	X	
Amira Farah	X	
Lena Ghamrawi		
Edison Giang	X	
Anaruth Hernandez	X	
Thoa Hoang		
Denny Jeon	X	
Sana Kathuria	X	
Brenda Kristie	X	
Ze-Kun Li		
John “Jarren” Lu	X	
Cindy Luu	X	
Ali Masood	X	
Anmol Mirakhur	X	
Leo Nguyen	X	
Victoria Nguyen	X	
Nevin Sarina	X	
Syed Taha	X	
Neesha Tambe		
Tevita Tapavalu	X	

Thoa Hoang was approved as the Chair of Marketing with 22 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Public Announcements**

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- Neesha Tambe announced that she had sent out an e-mail regarding the Angel Island exhibition, and that the Senators could sign up to help for field hours. The Senators can also get field hours for encouraging people to vote.
- Meera Suresh announced that the Senators could sign up for one-on-one advertising for the Pepsi Refresh Project.

### **Senate Announcements**

- Ze-Kun Li announced that he had written down where the Senate is at. They are currently focusing on four big projects: the Diversity and Events Committee is focusing on having big events with several organizations and clubs, and small events from the DASB to promote the bigger events. Starting Monday, there will be a transition within the Committee to adjust to the new goals. The Administration Committee is doing well, despite Ahmad Fayad's Leave of Absence, because Ali Masood is doing a good job to keep everything going and all members work together very well. In the Student Rights and Services Committee, Nevin Sarina switched to help the Environmental Sustainability Committee, So Choi resigned, and Pamela Jara is taking a Leave of Absence until next week. Therefore, Natasha Asar, Ismail Desouki, and Amira Farah need support to keep the Committee going, since Student Rights and Services is a combined Committee. In the Finance Committee, Leo is doing a good job and since the Budget Deliberation was over early, John Cognetta owes the whole Committee dinner. For the Marketing Committee, Thoa Hoang was approved as the new Chair. The Senate should try to connect the Marketing Committee closer to the other Committees. The Environmental Sustainability Committee is doing a good job, too; they had 15-20 people at their meeting. Ze-Kun Li thanked everyone who had made an effort for the Pepsi Refresh project and told them well done. Finally, he said that the whole Senate has to learn from every project to determine what they can do better. Therefore he wants everyone to meet up next Wednesday at 3:30pm to discuss what to do better for the next big project. He also asked everyone who was not that involved in the Pepsi Refresh Project to come and join.

### **Introduction and Approval of Prospective Senators**

- Kenny Perng 1<sup>st</sup>
- Nelson Chuang 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sanya Sequeira 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Ken Hui 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ashwin Srinivasan 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Zaroven 1<sup>st</sup>

Ze-Kun Li proposed to have a vote consisting of a run-off to decimate the 3 prospective Senators to two, and an individual vote on each of the finalist to determine whether they should be approved.

Arvind Ravichandran introduced his case.

Discussion occurred.

Meera Suresh introduced her case.

Discussion occurred.

Jennifer Uvira introduced her case.

Discussion occurred.

Brenda Kristie moved to have a 5 minutes recess.

Amira Farah seconded the motion.

No objections.

The motion to have a 5 minutes recess passed by consensus.

Role call after recess:

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Left Early</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Natasha Asar	X				
Mariam Azhar	X				
Alison Chan			X		
Gloria Cheung	X				
Ismail Desouki			X		
Melanie Dovan	X				
Brenden Fant	X				
Amira Farah			X		
Lena Ghamrawi	X				
Edison Giang	X				
Anaruth Hernandez	X				
Thoa Hoang	X				
Denny Jeon	X				
Sana Kathuria	X				
Brenda Kristie	X				
Ze-Kun Li	X				
Jarren Lu	X				
Cindy Luu	X				
Ali Masood	X				
Anmol Mirakhur			X		
Leo Nguyen	X				
Victoria Nguyen	X				
Nevin Sarina	X				
Syed Taha	X				
Neesha Tambe	X				
Tevita Tapavalu	X				

Discussion continued.

Thoa Hoang left the meeting at 6:10pm.

Vote to determine the two finalists.

The voting method was “head down, hand up”.

Arvind Ravichandran received 19 yes votes.

Meera Suresh received 17 yes votes.

Jennifer Uvira received 6 yes votes.

Ismail Desouki left the Council Chambers at 6:20pm and returned at 6:22pm.

Vote to approve Arvind Ravichandran and Meera Suresh:

Arvind Ravichandran was approved with 16 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Meera Suresh was approved with 14 yes votes and 4 no votes.

Brenden Fant left the meeting at 6:25pm.



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Meera Suresh and Arvind Ravichandran were sworn in.  
Anmol Mirakhur left the meeting at 6:26pm.

**Star of the Week**

**Adjournment**

Lena Ghamrawi adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.

Submitted by,

Sara Nierle  
DASB Secretary  
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