Associated Students of Cerritos College

Regular Senate Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
2:00 PM
Zoom Conference
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I. Organizational Items

I.01 Call to Order

VP Avila called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm

I.02 Roll Call

I.02a Present (13): Senators Criollo, Guerra, Hernandez, Marquez, Mclaughlin, Medrano, Nguyen, Orellana, Perez, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo, Sanabria

I.02b Excused Absent (0)

I.02c Non-Excused Absent (2): Senators Avila & Uraizee

I.02d Tardy (1): Senator Gutierrez

I.03 Approval of Minutes

Senator Hernandez moves to approve the May 5th minutes, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes.

I.04 Approval of Agenda

Senator Hernandez moves to place item III.02 before item III.01, Seconded by Senator Marquez. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Hernandez moves to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Senator Guerra. No objections, motion passes.

II. Public Forum

This time is reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate on issues of concerns, public comment, future events, fundraisers, and any topic relating to Cerritos College and their constituents. A limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and nine (9) minutes per topic will be enforced. This is not a time for discussion by the ASCC Senate; however, the vice president or senators may respond to specific questions and concerns made by the public.

Professor Ramos – thank you student government leaders, what you do makes a difference.

Currently clubs are not allowed to meet in person until Spring 2022, would like to request that clubs are allowed to hold in-person meetings in Fall 2021.

III. New Business

III.02 Review Revised 2020-2021 Funding Requests, Discussion and Action Item, 10 minutes

The Senate will review the 2020-2021 Revised ASCC Funding Request for 600-02-102 Art & Design Department.

Senator Medrano moves to approve the 20-21 revised funding request for the Art & Design Department, seconded by Senator Hernandez. No objections, motion passes.

III.01 A Bill To Address Students' Concern Regarding Online Privacy, Discussion and Action Item, 60 minutes.

The Senate shall discuss and consider SB-2021-08.

DISCUSSION

- Questions
  - What if there is no Director of Communications that semester/year?
    - Would be unlikely, because role would be more critical. It would be responsibility of the President to fill the role.
  - Who will enforce fines?
    - Director of Communications. It is similar to fines issued by Election Board.
  - Ability to revoke consent?
    - Yes, students can change their mind and revoke prior consent. Things might change and they don't want to consent anymore.
  - What is student's personally identifiable information (Section IV.A and B) – what are examples of data points?
    - Likeness, name, birthdate/age, things that can be linked back to a profile – your favorite ice cream, restaurant, also meta data such as where the photo was taken; being linked to a picture, having email address published, etc.
  - What inspired the speaker to write this bill?
    - ASCC should be one of the first CC's to protect student privacy
  - Why is this important now (why being presented now)
    - Because of online courses we have become more engaged with technology.
    - Would be strong to have it in ASCC law.
  - There was reference to students having an issue with Proctorio, however Proctorio is for the classroom, so is the bill only for ASCC orgs or is it also for classes?
    - Just ASCC organizations.
  - What would this extend to – what types of social media?
    - Not just social media – could be a blog, website, etc.
  - Who would update things, like the fines and amount of time to take it down?

        - Are designed to be standard, but could be amended in the future with legislation.
        - Timelines are not specified because it might depend on the process. I.e. it is asked to be taken down but someone doesn't see their email/message before the deadline. The policy can be further formed later on.
    - Wouldn't we want to have a set deadline? If there's no limit, what stops someone from not deleting it?
    - Why is this bill brought up now, it affects a Cabinet member? Shouldn't Cabinet be aware of this process?
        - Now because it is important to take action before legislative session ends, and because we are transitioning back to in-person learning (50%).
        - Senate does not need permission from Cabinet, Senate makes the laws and Cabinet enforces them. Cabinet will be made aware when bill passes.
        - Social media was added to Director of Communications during by-law revisions.
    - Yes but wouldn't it be better if they were informed ahead of time?
        - Question – why would it be better, please explain? Think it is better if they were informed ahead of the change, instead of when coming in.
        - Response – involving Cabinet can take away the power of the Senate. If consulting them on all matters, it adds time to resolve student concerns. Senate should pass laws it sees are appropriate.
    - Is there already a Director of Communications?
        - Yes, exists in Senate. This adds an additional duty.
    - How important is this legislation in the broader scheme of current events.
        - Very important, can help shift the mindset of students to be more aware of their privacy. Also a difference between privacy and security. Can promote both
    - Comment – like the bill, but uncomfortable voting on something without hearing from the Director of Communications. Prefer bill would have been brought forward when Cabinet was in session, to be able to hear how the bill would affect them.
    - If something is going to be removed, i.e. from our meetings, how would that work?
        - Can we edit videos? If the participant is active the entire meeting, possibly offer an alternate form i.e. transcription.
    - Comment – communicating with the people who would have the additional responsibility important.
    - What if an individual student publishes an Instagram post, and ASCC publishes the picture in a booklet, would this be included?
        - If in using the image consent was not given, yes it would be included.
    - Comment - provided an example of a student who had image shared via College, wants to ensure this doesn't happen to other students.

Senator Perez moves to extend time by 15 minutes, seconded by Senator Sanabria. No objections, motion passes

- Why fines?
  - Fines is the most common type of punitive action. Funding is precious, so can be more effective.
- Who gets fined, how are they accountable?
  - Fine the student organization, not an individual student. May incentivize students to remove it, because impacts club.
- Comment – In response to an earlier question/comment - this year there was not a Director of Communications, last academic year there were challenges filling the position. Who would take over the role if the position is not filled? If the President, it adds another responsibility to that position. Wish this bill would have been brought before Cabinet.
  - Response: Senate has the right to fulfill its duties, to pass laws.

Senator Hernandez moves to extend time by 5 minutes, seconded by Senator Ramos. No objections, motion passes.

- Comment – there is always someone who must take up duties when a role is not filled. This policy creates guidelines. We don't have a Director of Communications to speak to about it, so how would we have called them in for comment?
- Would the speaker be open to having the responsibility not be strictly enforced by one seat in the cabinet but rather a task force or group in the future and the policy serve as a sort of guide for the committee?
  - Might not be as efficient, would add to bureaucracy.
- Since this legislation only applies to members of student organizations, would this hold if a current organization member wants a picture that was taken before they were a member, deleted?
  - Could depend on whether consent was acquired. Benefits apply to all students (as activity relates to a club), with protection and accountability required of clubs. Yes – because it is the club's responsibility to the student body (even those not members or in ASCC).

Senator Sanabria moves to suspend the rules of the day, seconded by Senator Ramos. No objection, motion passes.

Senator Ramos moves to extend time by 15 minutes, seconded by Senator Sanabria. No objections, motion passes.

- Section 5.e outlines the fine system set in to place. Would the fines stack up in any shape or form? Example – a club gets to the second fine, then another incident and get another warning, does it add up?
  - Fine are assessed based on individual request/violation.
- Comment – sounds like there is a lot of work to be done, and it may need more deliberation.

- Comment – we need to pass this, so we can focus on protecting student safety – think of Senator Oath. Privacy is important, think of DACA students, it can be more than privacy but also safety.

Senator Marquez moves to end discussion, seconded by Senator Hernandez. Objection by Senator Rodriguez, so the bill could be amended.

Ayes (8): Criollo, Marquez, Medrano, Nguyen, Orellana, Perez, Ramos, Rotondo
Nays (6): Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Mclaughlin, Rodriguez, Sanabria
With 8 ayes, and 6 nays, the motion is approved and discussion ends.

Senator Guerra moves to approve of SB-2021-08, seconded by Senator Marquez. Objected by Senator Rodriguez.

Ayes (7) : Criollo, Guerra, Gutierrez, Marquez, Mclaughlin, Nguyen, Orellana
Nay (7): Hernandez, Medrano, Perez, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo, Sanabria

Tie-breaking vote by Vice President Avila – Nay.

With 8 Nays, and 7 Ayes, the motion fails and SB-2021-08 is not approved.

IV. Announcements

IV.01 ASCC Awards Banquet, Friday, May 14, 2021 at 4pm
Congratulations Senate 2020-2021!! A job well done!

V. Adjournment

VP Avila adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm.