

# Meeting Minutes



Monday, 5 February, 2024

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**Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 1702

## Roll Call

Ryan Okada, President (voting)-Present  
Gavin Murray, VP of Finance (voting)-Present  
Erin Hulti, Director of Student Affairs (voting)-Present  
Dylan Fulton, Director of Communications- Not Present  
ShaCameon Wilson, Chief of Staff-Present  
Ryan Edmister, Chair of the Board-Present

School Senators:(All voting members)

School of Engineering:

Sophia Sandoval (Underclass)-Present  
Parker Loden (Upperclass)-Present

School of Marine Transportation, Logistics & Management (MTLM):

Logan Flaxington (Underclass)- Present  
Amanda Carvalho (Upperclass)-Present

School of Letters & Sciences:

Anika Carey (Underclass)-Not Present  
Ambria Gee (Upperclass)- Present

Coordinators:

Judicial Advocate: Ari Lebeau- Present  
Kye Mckowen- Not Present

Lead Event Coordinator: Suchakris Tilakamonkul, Joey Simone, Madalyn Reynolds -  
(Tasha) Present

### Liaison Reports:

Housing & Res Life: Amanda Carvalho-Present  
Corps of Cadets: Mitch Mathai-(Khalai Pratt) Present  
Athletics: Dylan Fulton-Not Present  
Peer Health: Ambria Gee-Present  
Community Engaged Learning: Matthew Ferguson-Present  
Veterans: Noemi Ramirez- Present

Executive Director: Josie Alexander-Present  
Dean of Cadets: Lennon Prothro-Jones- Not Present  
VP of Cadet Leadership & Development: Dr. Beth Hellwig- Present

### Action Items

Approval of the Minutes  
Motioned by Gavin Murray; Seconded by Parker Loden  
Amended by ShaCameon Wilson; Seconded by Erin Hulti  
Approval of the amended minutes: Motioned by Erin Hulti; Seconded by Parker Loden  
All in Favor; minutes approved

Amendment from Cam: After Ben's presentation there was a short Q&A that I forgot to record.

Sophia Sandoval: asked what exactly is the opposition to wearing cultural adornments

Ryan Okada responded: The corps of cadets wears a uniform for multiple reasons. Among these reasons is that it unifies a group of students. When a uniform is worn, it expresses that we are all a part of the same group, and we share our struggles and successes. Although we come from, and celebrate, our many different cultures and backgrounds, when we wear the uniform, we are united as cadets at Cal Maritime.

Furthermore, the physical act of wearing a stole or similar regalia covers the ribbon rack that shows accomplishments cadets have earned at Cal Maritime. Each ribbon

is earned. When cadets, for example, complete a set number of community service hours or participate in a varsity sport, they earn a ribbon. Regalia exists in a separate space. It is given based on factors intrinsic to a person and reflects their heritage and identity but is not awarded in the same way these ribbons are.

Although I do not support the wear of cultural adornments and regalia at commencement, that does not mean I do not support their wear at other events. Last year for example members of the senior class celebrated a “Lavender Celebration” which celebrated the accomplishment of LGBTQ+ students at a small ceremony. Many other colleges also celebrate other groups in a similar way and Cal Maritime could adopt these celebrations. Students are also welcome to wear regalia after walking the stage and with their families after receiving their diplomas. My belief is that at commencement, the whole class should wear their dress “salt and pepper” uniform to celebrate their accomplishments as students and cadets united in their achievement.

Ambria Gee: asked if she could possibly wear something that represents Kazakhstan as that is her cultural heritage?

Response: Yes if approved, that could happen.

Parker Loden: Asked if it would be possible for someone to wear a Lei to graduation?

Response: Yes if approved, that could also happen.

Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Amanda Carvahlo; Seconded by Ambria Gee

Amended by Josie Alexander; Seconded by Erin Hulti

Approval of the Amended Agenda: Motioned by Gavin Murray; Seconded by Ambria Gee

All in Favor; Agenda Approved

## Business

Public Forum - *Public forum is a time for member of the public to address the ASCMA Board with concerns or other issues.*

### Information Items:

- N/A

### Discussion Items:

- Rugby 7's
- Canoe Club
- WaTT club
- Aquarium Odyssey Club
- QSA
- Amendment from Josie: Appoint Nathan George to DEI committee

### **All Clubs in process of approval**

### Action Items:

- CMA Riding Club
- Women's Rugby
- Model UN
- AUP
- Engine Club

**Erin Hulti motioned to approve all clubs, Seconded by Gavin Murray  
All in Favor; Motion passed**

## Executive Reports

President: Ryan Okada –

- Final outline for action teams: outdoor rec, recruitment, and changeover dance. Will send out email to choose at least one so that we can push these 3 objectives forward: each team will have captain to organize things and sure they are done in timely manner.
- There will be a rapid action working groups presentation that will summarize all discussions that happened in each of those February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> is the career fair.
- Spring break is 1<sup>st</sup> full week of March.
- Fee committee is going to wrap up pretty soon

Vice President of Finance: Gavin Murray -

- Nothing to Report

Director of Student Affairs: Erin Hulti -

- We voted some clubs in, some will be voted in next week, paperwork is still being done for the approval of some clubs,
- There will be a round of officer training last week, got email about starting lettuce club,
- Cadet recruitment emailed admissions office and set up a meeting with them at 9 to set that up to discuss the cadet recruitment program, want to have program up by spring break

Director of Communications: Dillon Fulton-

- Nothing to report

Chair of the Board: Ryan Edmister-

- Nothing to report

Chief of Staff: ShaCameon Wilson-

- Nothing to report

## Coordinator Reports

Judicial Advocates: Arianna Lebeau, Kye McKeowen-

- Nothing to report

Event Coordinators: Suchakris Tilakamonkul, Joey Simone, Madalyn Reynolds-

- Nothing to report

## Liaison Reports

Housing and Residential Life Liaison: Ambria Gee –

- Tonight is deadline for RHO application (02/05)
- Corrected mistake on last week's minutes; Tim does not work for the corporation

Corps of Cadets Liaisons: Mitch Mathai-(Kahlai)

- We are currently working on the seabag for next year, working on making it cheaper, taking away unnecessary items, and getting rid of redundant things.
- Applications are open for Corps staff and ship staff, deadline is the 16<sup>th</sup>

Athletics Liaison: Dylan Fulton -

- Nothing to report

Peer Health Liaison: Ambria Gee-

- Valentine's day we are having a flowers for friends event and we will also have condoms
- Salano health will be coming to share info about STDs this Friday (2/9)
- We will have another blood drive sometime this semester

Community Engaged Learning Liaison: Matthew Ferguson –

- This past weekend, CEL collaborated with the Wind Team on the KidWind Challenge, which was a very successful event!
  - Kudos to the Wind Team for their great outreach that brought more middle/high schools than ever to compete (especially Vonne Ng-Bader!)
- Upcoming CEL events:
  - Saturday: A new Community Garden Build Day, helping a local organization create a NEW community garden that is just down on Sonoma, very close to campus!
  - Monday: Operation Valentine, Phase 1 – working with a local elementary school to create Valentines for Veterans
  - Tuesday: Operation Valentine, Phase 2 – creating Valentines for Veterans on campus, in Mayo Hall

- Wednesday: Operation Valentine, Phase 3 – delivering Valentines TO local veterans (at the Mare Island Outpatient Clinic, the local VFW and the Martinez VA Hospital)
- ALL info about events can be found on our Keelhaulers Care site --- ALL are encouraged to participate!

Veterans Liaison: Noemi Ramirez –

- Commandant Rossi and Dansen Brinkerhoff are moving forward with making the student veteran association so on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> voting on By-laws

## School Senator Reports

### Engineering

Parker Loden –

- I spent couple hours this weekend to work on space for co-op just going to be continuing to do that so that I can take good photos for the fundraising which plans to launch by Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> trying to get page set up, Sophia sent an email that came from Ben about resolution policy

Sophia Sandoval-

- Reported through Parker Loden

### Letters and Sciences

Ambria Gee -

- Nothing to report

Anika Carey –

- Nothing to report

### Marine Transportation/Logistics and Management:

Amanda Carvalho -

- Nothing to report

Logan Flaxington –

- Nothing to report

Executive Director: Josie Alexander –

- Tomorrow (02/06) will be off campus at middle leadership academy,
- Following week heading back to Philadelphia,

- DEI will have Lunar New Year event happening on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM-1 PM (you can make own lantern and dragon) also have some chalk to draw dragon on cement and all are invited
- Will have snacks at 5pm noodles and other fun foods
- On February 23<sup>rd</sup> BSA panel of black alum from industry from 5-6pm virtual and will be in Mayo 101 or 102 and afterwards will have share a cocktail and food
- For changeover we are currently playing phonetag with the bank (an old bank that could be a good venue for the changeover dance),
- For clubs or any organizations if anyone is apart of it never use any of Cal Maritime's logos on your stuff unless you get it approved and it has to meet certain guidelines

Dean of Cadets: Lennon Prothero Jones –

- Nothing to report

VP of Cadet Leadership & Development: Dr. Beth Hellwig-

- Nothing to report

## Closing Comments & Adjournment

- Ari: It feels like all the leadership applications this year have had really short periods of time before being due. And with everything else going on its stressful

Answer : This is the usual amount of time they are open, you could also see this as a test of how well you can handle stress and time management.

Noemi: Are they going to bring back the Vegetarian option station at mess?

Response: There will be a meeting with dining pretty soon concerning food choices.

Motioned by Ryan Okada;seconded by Ambria Gee

All in favor;meeting adjourned at 1727

*ShaCameon Wilson*

ShaCameon Wilson, Chief of Staff