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Tatyana Hamady is elected new ASOC president

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Tatyana Hamady was declared ASOC president Wednesday night.

The official candidates were Tatyana Hamady for president, Yao-li Yuan for treasurer, Sahar Yousef for student trustee, Daniel Calloway for representative at large and Ken Steadman for legislative representative.

A total of 302 student cast ballots. The results were as follows, according to the official ASOC count:

Tatyana Hamady received a total of 265 “yes” votes and 9 “no” votes.

Yao-Li Yuan received a total of 279 “yes” and 13 “no” votes.

Sahar Yousef received a total of 267 “yes” and 21 “no” votes.

Daniel Calloway received a total of 255 “yes” votes and 27 “no” votes.

Ken Steadman received a total of 265 “yes” votes and 23 “no” votes.

Tauheed Safi dropped out of the presidential race on account

of having too many engagements next semester, according to ASOC adviser Renee Wong Gonzales. On the ballots, Safi’s name was crossed out.

Election co-commissioners Jackie McCulley and Alexa Corrales shared several of their thoughts on this year’s election. McCulley said, “Turnout was disappointing. Free food at the election booth didn’t give us the turnout we were expecting. We thought we were offering a pretty attractive incentive.” McCulley continued, “People considered their votes more. They stopped and read the statements. Normally, most people just vote for who looks good.”

Alexa Corrales said, “Hopefully everyone will want to vote without getting something for free, that they would care enough. I think we will still give out free stuff next year, though. We’re thankful for those that voted.”

The elections were held Tuesday and Wednesday in the Quad, as required by the ASOC constitution. The new officers will serve for two semesters, beginning next fall.

Kangaroo pitches trip



Photo by Jack Husting

In the Quad on Tuesday, Ohlone student James Gallagher dressed as a kangaroo to promote the fall '07 semester abroad in Australia. He explained the trip’s goals and gave out volleyballs. The Sydney semester will last from Sept. 5 to Dec. 3 and cost \$7,199. If 12 more students sign up, the price will drop to \$6,599. Business Professor Christine Bolt will oversee the trip.

Tahmasbi sworn in as new board member

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Trisha Tahmasbi was sworn in as the new Board of Trustee member last night during the biweekly meeting. She was elected as a replacement for former representative Dan Archer at a special board meeting on April 18. Although there was initially contention over the voting process, with much of the dissention coming from board member John Weed, a look at the Robert’s Rules of Order parliamentary guidelines convinced him to change his stance in favor of a consensus.

One of the younger people to run for the board, Tahmasbi beat out candidates like Cal State East Bay administrator Jan Giovanni-Hill, who also ran for Weed’s seat in the last election, and former Fremont and Newark teacher George Mathiesen, both of whom have far more years of field experience than Tahmasbi. Her own experience, however, includes her time as a field representative for Newark

Assemblyman Albert Torrico and her help with the campaign to elect Bob Wieckowski to the Fremont City Council.

She received a 2004 bachelor’s degree in political science from Cal-State East Bay after transferring from the University of Oklahoma. Having such recent experience as a student in the California college system has encouraged her to work toward lowering tuition fees and increasing community participation in college affairs. This is compounded by the fact that she worked while in college. Due to her youth and dedication to student affairs and involvement, President Doug Treadway said he feels she will bridge the generational gap between students and faculty.

Her personal history is littered with stories of triumph and achievement. Her father, an Iranian immigrant, came to the United States in 1979 and studied computer science and chemical engineering. Her mother, a native of Arkansas, was a nurse and died 10 years ago. She

also has a younger sister, Farrah, who lives in Ventura and works as a software engineer.

As a trustee, Tahmasbi plans to tackle various issues concerning the growth and improvement of Ohlone. She said she would like to see a collaboration with private companies, specifically nanotechnology and biotech firms, that would help Ohlone’s new health science-based Newark campus conform better to current work place standards. She also intends to work on making Ohlone less of a commuter school by finding ways to improve resources around the campus such as the building of new apartments, restaurants and cafes.

After a grueling three-hour interview and the fact that out of all the other candidates, the votes favored her, Tahmasbi seems to have gained the trust of the board. She will continue Archer’s term, which will end in November 2008. Wednesday’s meeting was her first serving as a trustee.

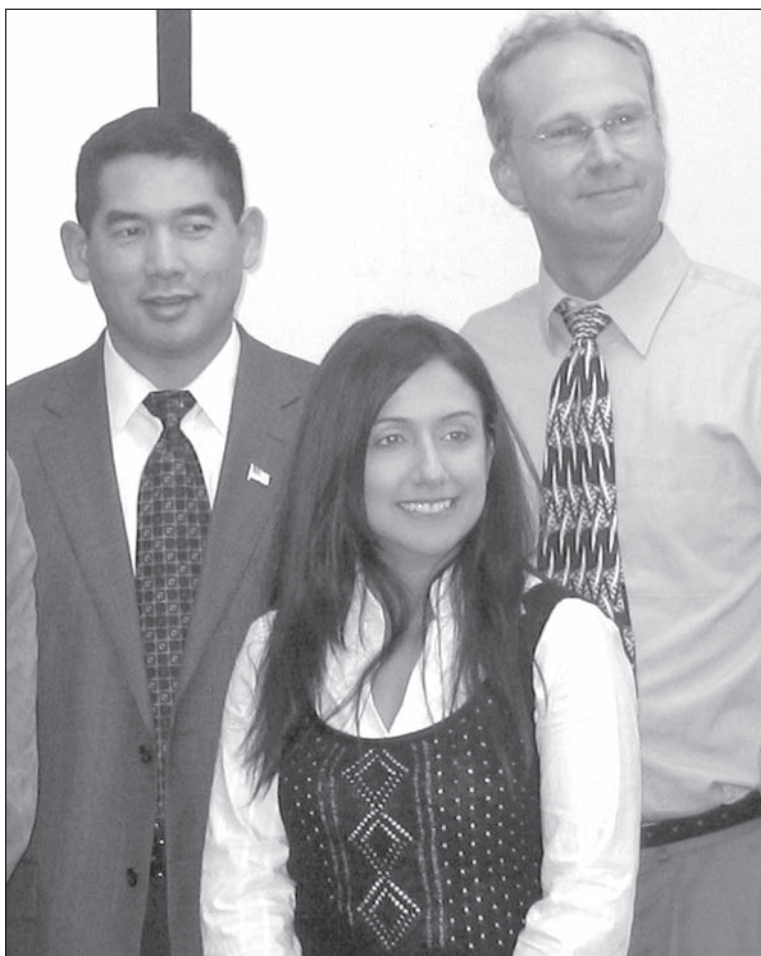


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New Trustee Trisha Tahmasbi stands between Board Vice President Garrett Yee, left, and Trustee Bob Brunton.