

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 8, 2012 3:00 PM
Cayton Center, Room #202
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I. Call to Order 3:06 PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Parker Jean	P	Director of Financial Support: Yacob Zuriaw	P
AS Vice President: Jesus Vasquez	P	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramirez	L 3:11PM
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross	P	Director of Student Outreach: Mohammad Rahman	P
Director of Student Services: Emmitt Rivers	P	ICC Chair: Spin Versele	P
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson	P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel	A
Director of Academic Support: London Tran	P	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson	P
Director of Activities: Angie Vo	P	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez	P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali	P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn	A
Director of Budget Management: Cecile Parcelier	P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

III. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda, Seconded
- Motion to add “ 7.2 Budget Review for Director of Budget Management” by Cecile, Seconded
- Motion to postpone “7.1 Michelle Olivarez on Student Trustee’s Roles” until 2 weeks by Michelle, Seconded
- Motion to add “11.3 DPAC discussion” by Yacob, Seconded

IV. Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2012

- *Motion approved unanimously*

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

- Grant Jean (SMC student) suggests that the Board should look into Prop 37 (concerns food); believes food should show that it has been genetically modified; commended AS on efforts to promote voter registration and the value of student involvement.
- Jasmine Jafari (SMC student) read an open letter to Board in response to last week’s elections on “respect and fact checking”; directed comments at the Director of Publicity; stated that there were lies brought against her which may have swayed the Directors’ votes; believes some people were influenced; gave advice “respect fellow directors” and “don’t lie”; situation made her question the reason for her loss of the election; wished the Board “good luck”.

VI. Guest Speakers

6.1 Speaker on Proposition 37

- Spoke on genetically engineered and modified foods and that the FDA should mandate the labeling of such products pointing out that it is a person’s right to know; Answered questions during Q&A.

VII. Presentations

7.1. Michelle Olivarez on Student Trustee’ Roles
Presentation postponed until two weeks from the 8th.

VIII. Consent Action Items (Less than \$1,000)

- 8.1. Approval of funding for **Black Collegians Club** for Black Collegians Homecoming Ceremony on October 26th-27th, 7pm-11pm in the cafeteria. This includes decorations and food. (Courtney, ICC allotment: \$250.00)
Motion to approve by Yacob, Seconded—Motion approved unanimously

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- 8.2. Approval of funding for **Pre-Health Association** for purchasing t-shirts for officers and advisors. This includes 9 t-shirts. (Negin, ICC allotment: \$261.34)
- No representative for PHA at the meeting; custom design is expensive; PHA should look for more financially sustainable options
Item postponed until further notice

IX. Major Action Items (\$1,000 or greater)

- 9.1. Approval of funding for **The Center for Environmental and Urban Studies** for Sustainability week (October 22-25th). This includes stainless steel water bottles with A.S. logo, postcard/flyers, food from campus kitchen, Plastic pollution panel. (Genevieve, Special Project: \$2,861.00)
Motion to approve by Mohammad, Seconded
Motion approved unanimously

X. Director / Advisor Reports

- AS President: **Parker Jean**—Asked what the role of the advisors are and how much power the AS really have; discussion next week to follow.
- AS Vice President: **Jesús Vásquez**—Reminded everyone about upcoming application deadlines and the College Fair this Tuesday.
- AS Secretary: **Samantha Ross**—Thanked the AS Directors and advisors for their support and patience during her first week.
- Director of Student Services: **Emmitt Rivers**—Thanked everyone for their help during the resource fair; reminded everyone that there's a resource fair at the end of the month.
- Director of Sustainability: **Steven Johnson**—Offered the responsibility of taking care of the garden in the Organic Learning Center; Parker accepted.
- Director of Academic Support: **London Tran**—There are still more applications for committees; organizing it with a spreadsheet, marking those that are full with asterisks.
- Director of Instructional Support and Technology: **Faheem Ali**—Projector now works, we can save paper at meetings.
- Director of Budget Management: **Cecile Parcelier**—Gave updates during presentation.
- Director of Financial Support & Student Advocacy: **Yacob Zuriaw**—Get people to volunteer to spread the word about Prop 30; board in the Director's area has time slots for people to sign up.
- Director of Publicity: **Jesse Ramírez**—Discussed the process on how to go about getting something published in the Corsair; said it would take about a week to get something published.
- Director of Student Outreach: **Mohammad Rahman**—Reminder that Homecoming is quickly approaching; it's on October 27th, which is the same week as Sustainability week.
- ICC Chair: **Spin Versele**—ICC meeting went well; constitution changes approved.
- Student Trustee: **Michelle Olivarez**—Gave report on Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 4th.
- Counselor/Student Advisor: **Benny Blades**—Everyone had a good time at the Dodger game. Scholarship books are out; make sure you start asking for letters of recommendation. Reminded the directors that agenda items should be almost figured out; discussions take up a lot of time at meetings.

XI. Discussion Items

- 11.1. New A.S. Dir. position (Director of International Student Affairs) with the sole duty of representing our SMC international student population. (Jesse)
Discussion postponed by Parker
- 11.2. Teach in (State of Education) and support from the Board. (Parker)

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- Give students the facts; have Prop 30 speaker with Q & A to follow; emphasis on stating only facts.

11.3. DPAC Discussion (Yacob)

Discussion postponed until October 15, 2012

XII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Spin, Seconded
- *Motion approved unanimously*
- Adjournment at 5:13PM