

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
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**I. Call to Order 3:05PM**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Parker Jean <b>P</b>	Director of Financial Support: Yacob Zuriaw <b>P</b>
AS Vice President: Jesús Vásquez <b>P</b>	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramírez <b>P</b>
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross <b>P</b>	Director of Student Outreach: Mohammad Rahman <b>P</b>
Director of Student Services: Emmitt Rivers <b>P</b>	ICC Chair: Spin Versele <b>P</b>
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson <b>P</b>	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel <b>L 3:39 PM</b>
Director of Academic Support: London Tran <b>P</b>	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson <b>P</b>
Director of Activities: Angie Vo <b>P</b>	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez <b>L 3:33PM</b>
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali <b>P</b>	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn <b>P</b>
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier <b>P</b>	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes <b>P</b>

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Mohammad, Seconded*  
*Agenda approved unanimously.*

**IV. Approval of Minutes for October 29, 2012**

*Motion by Mohammad, Seconded*  
*Agenda approved unanimously.*

**V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)**

- **Candice Yamaguchi and Tayanara Moura**—General Assembly (SSCCC)-Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to go to the General Assembly. Really educational and beneficial. Went to a couple workshops including a “Women in Leadership” workshop; taught us how to break barriers. Shared governance was informative. Learned how much power the AS has as opposed to the Board of Trustees. Went to the resolution session. The trip was instructive. Interesting to see Parliamentary procedure in action. Learned that if they’re not done well meetings don’t go anywhere.
- **Dennis Uchimara**—(Prop 30 & Cuts)—Mention about tomorrow: it’s a big day. What are we doing to get the word out? This is something special and necessary. Some students are indifferent. I think we have to do more. Tomorrow is a big day for the school. One of the things that got him serious was in a class. “A teacher in theatre arts got us all together and said to vote for prop 30 and against 38.”
- **Debra Locke**—(EOPS Program)—Jesse asked me to talk to the Board. It’s been on the campus for just over 40 years. Here to service the needs for students with academic needs, mainly in counseling. Have assistance with books (book bonuses for students in the program at least one semester). Have tutoring and mandatory meetings for the students. Have to come in to see the counseling a minimum of 3 times per semester. Makes sure students are on track. EOPS students have been in a better position to graduate because of the services offered. Mandatory to keep up grades. CARE program helps single parents who have a child 14 years of age or younger. Helps them get through the time they’re here on campus. This program is on both Community College campuses and 4 years.
  - **Jesse**: Brought here to inform people.
  - **Jesús**: How has your summer bridge program been since the cuts?
  - **Locke**: It didn’t exist last summer. It made this a little harder for students. Hoping to bring summer bridge back for some students.
  - **Jesús**: Did you have to cut some students from the program?
  - **Locke**: Highest point: 1600 students. Capped by the chancellor’s office at a little over 800. Money goes to purchasing books.

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- **Jesús:** Do you see the number going down?
- **Locke:** It shouldn't happen, but it's always possible.
- **Parker:** How will your program be affected by the Student Success Act?
- **Locke:** We already offer all of those services, so it won't really affect us.
- **Omar Padilla**—(Latino Center/Adelante Program)— Here under Jesse's request to speak about the program. Latino Center serves 3000 students. We offer academic advising, workshops, tutoring. Same for Black Collegians, except there is a club. Adelante Program is part of the Latino center. Something significant about the Adelante is that there are workshops that pertain to some of the students (AB540, undocumented). Both programs have specialized classes (\*\*meaning, classes students under these programs can get priority enrollment for.)
  - **Jesús:** There's no priority enrollment, right?
  - **Omar:** No, but you do get priority enrollment for specialized classes.
  - **Jesús:** Can you talk about how the recent budget cuts has affected your program?
  - **Omar:** It affects us when it comes to making appointments. We are limited in the number of appointments we can offer.
  - **Parker:** How are your students as far as engagements? Do they know about AS? Do they want to participate?
  - **Omar:** We do encourage students to participate on the AS. We have 4 members on the Board.
  - **Jesús:** In about 3 weeks, there's an opening for the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship. Awards \$30,000 for each year for 3 years. SMC deadline is Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can talk to Dan Nanini about the scholarship.
  - **Omar:** We have a weekly newsletter that informs students on scholarships.
- **Mike Tuitasi**—(Art Installation Concerns, Informational item)—Spoke to the advisor to the Veterans club. Some felt upset about the graveyard because it mimics a veteran's cemetery. Not asking for action; just wanted bring it to our attention.
  - **Jesse:** I spoke to Linda Sinclair (Advisor) Strongly urges the board to agree to the request. It represents a portion of the veterans. They've experienced combat, and there's a lot of pain that comes along with that. We should consider this something serious. Really respects what they had to say.
  - **Parker:** Some people weren't as discontented as Linda.
  - **Jesse:** She feels the issue because a few people were talking to her about it.
  - **Yacob:** Just to clarify, we put up 500 tombstones to recognize the loss of classes if Prop 30 doesn't pass. Wasn't the intention and on behalf of everyone who help set it up, I apologize and that will be taken down immediately.
  - **Jesse:** You all did a great job on it.
  - **Dean Hearn:** Glad you understand. Saw the impact it had on students. My recommendation is to change the way it looks, change it from two sides to 3 and a 0.
  - **London:** Is the cemetery across the street a veteran's graveyard?
  - **Faheem:** No, it's a pet cemetery.
  - **Yacob:** Weren't trying to offend anyone.
  - **Parker:** The intention wasn't to represent a veteran's graveyard, more the fact that the classes are being cut. Wants to talk to anyone who was upset. Do our best to rearrange it so that it doesn't look like a graveyard. Veteran's Day is coming up. It won't conflict with that.

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

- 6.1 Approval of funding for **Early Childhood Education Professional Development** for funding and equipment for Children Fall event. This includes felt for puppet making and miscellaneous items for puppet making. (Jimena, ICC Allotment: \$100)

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- 6.2 Approval of funding for **Student Veterans Association** for funding for Club Activity. This includes Lucky Strike Bowling on November 18th (Christian, ICC Allotment: \$500)
- 6.3 Approval of funding for **Club Grow** for club T-shirts. This includes 100 cotton shirts and 100 silk screen printing.(John, ICC Allotment: \$350)
- 6.4 Approval of funding for **Nutrition Science Club** to order club T-shirts. This includes 26 club T-shirts. (Marie, ICC Allotment: \$220)
- 6.5 Approval of funding for **Nutrition Science Club** to demonstrate easy recipe to prepare healthy meals. This includes fruits and vegetables.(Gloria, ICC Allotment: \$99.80)

*Motion to approve by London, Seconded*  
*All items approved unanimously.*

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

- 7.1. Approval of funding for **Associated Students, Dept. of Sustainability** for attendance, accommodations, and transportation to California Student Sustainability Coalition on November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at Butte Community College. This includes van rental, hotel accommodations (5 rooms/ 3 days), per diem (15 days) for 8-10 students and 1 advisor. (Steven, Student Success: up to \$2662.42)

*Motion to approve by Cecile, Seconded*

**Steven:** We decided to camp out, so the price will drop.

**Parker:** How many directors will attend?

**Steven:** Three.

**Faheem:** Are there any more seats?

**Steven:** It's pretty much closed

**Parker:** I wanted all of the directors to go, but only 3 are able to. The event itself is really great.

*Action item approved unanimously.*

- 7.2. Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board of Directors** for live music and advocate for election date on November 6, 2012 at SMC Quad. This includes band, pizza, drinks, and gift cards. (Angie, Activities: \$760.00)

*Motion to approve by Michelle, Seconded*

**Angie:** This is the event that I've been talking about. I'm trying to get the price down.

**Parker:** The band will be playing at 11:15am?

**Angie:** Yes

**Parker:** Will you explain the layout for tomorrow's event?

**Angie:** The band will play for about 30 minutes. Then, there will be the debate game. Use it as a way to remind people that this is Election Day. My commissioners and I were working on a banner in the office.

**Yacob:** Did you find an MC for the event?

**Angie:** London said he will do it.

**Yacob:** How did the students find out about the event?

**Angie:** We handed out flyers and Jesse put up flyers in the AS showcase.

**Yacob:** Is there going to be pizza?

**Angie:** There will be 50 pizzas, 35 pepperoni and 15 cheese.

**Parker:** I think it'll be a good event. Music and food is a good way to bring people

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together. I think this will be the final nail to all our work.

**Angie:** Can anyone help around 10:30am to help put up the canopy and set up. The band will be here by 9:45am. If anyone can be at that time to guide them in?

**Parker:** Raise your hand if you can be here at that time to help? (London, Faheem, Yacob raised hands).

**Angie:** Meet down in the quad.

**Mohammad:** London MC'ed the pep rally for homecoming.

**Sgt. Mark Kessler:** People should come in one at a time. Staff parking permits is against the contract. We provided four permits for student parking. We ask that you not put anyone into the staff parking lot.

*Action item approved unanimously.*

**VIII. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports**

**Erin:** Club row is over. Starting to plan the social. For now, theme is Winter Wonderland.

**Spin:** Close to 70 clubs. Made announcement that there will be club games. Several people turn in applications for Joint council. Moving the deadline to let more people apply. Benny says Club row will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> for next semester.

**Faheem:** Sam mentioned that during the alumni party. He owns Quiznos in Santa Monica. Good idea to work with him. Meeting with him this week. Said he wanted come by. Anyone who wants to help figure out the details. Parker and Jesús are working on a list.

- **Parker:** I really have intentions of doing this (after Nov. 6). Get a list of a few reliable companies who can cater. Jesús said he would be willing to work on that.

**Emmitt:** Yacob wanted me to mention the EOPs loan. \$10,000. was going to be \$15,000, but after talking to Benny, \$10,000 seemed better to us. If you have questions, let him know.

**Yacob:** Survey; the Corsair will benefit from it. Interesting questions on there. He will give us a report on it in about a month. Meeting with Marcia. Look at page 7 in the scholarship book.

**Jesus:** Put a pending agenda for this Friday's constitution committee. Meeting from 10-11am. Who will be available to come this Friday? After the meeting, we can discuss the time and date.

- **Sam:** How many people do you need to sit on the Constitution committee?
- **Jesús:** Ideally, we would want at least 4 or 5.
- **Michelle:** How many meetings are you intending on having between now and then?
- **Jesús:** About 2 or 3. Based on the meetings that are needed.

**Parker:** Start off with SSCCC. Learned a lot of things this weekend. We are not politically active as a board. We are failing compared to other schools. There are cohesive efforts from other boards. There are a few people on this Board who are active, but not all of us. Another thing I learned was that I'm extremely relaxed when it comes to Parliamentary Procedure. In the future, I'll be a little stricter: no side chatter, you must get recognized by the board to speak. There's a little bit of seriousness lacking on the Board. I hope the lack of director's reports doesn't mean you're not doing anything. At least talk about something you're working on. As far as the SSCCC goes, we must participate more in our region. See me if you'd like to participate more. I think I am an extremely relaxed person, but it bothers me to see that we're disconnected. We need to find something to do. We need to communicate with each other. I'm going to start a rolling goals document. Everyone should be out there tomorrow. If you're going to drive to a polling place, we're going to get a document around. If anyone needs a ride to a polling place, we can carpool.

- **Spin:** What are your political goals after the election?
- **Parker:** We're going to be less politically active on a federal level, but on a local level. I understand that some positions don't require that you're politically active. We are in Student Government, student politics. This is student government, politics are your job. Maybe there's a lack of recognition on things you should do. We are the paradigm shift. Let's not maintain the status quo.

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- **Yacob:** We know the state is in a crisis, we're looking for solution. We're looking at a resolution for oil taxation. We're getting more involved on a state level.
- **Parker:** Just to be cognizant, they got to work with an assembly member to get something passed. Unfortunately, they lost by 4 votes.
- **Yacob:** You don't necessarily have to be active. It's on those committees that we make changes.

**Sam:** I'd like to say thank you to Dean Hearn and Jesse. I'm happy to see the PowerPoint on the Propositions up in the cafeteria. Also, speaking of going to committee meetings, I went to a Grade Appeals Committee meeting. Unfortunately, the verdict was not in the student's favor.

**Mohammad:** Start working on the movie nights starting from next week. Any ideas/suggestions are welcome. Movies every Thursday.

- **Spin:** Who picks the movies?
- **Mohammad:** I do. I'm going to work with my commissioners on that.

**London:** Went to AGS & ICC and talked to people about sitting on committees. Is going to sit on the Environmental Affairs Committee. Sent an email about student representative committee meeting. Invited all official, alternates, and directors. Supposed to be happening on a Tuesday (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>). It would be great if whoever is sitting on a committee can show up.

**Angie:** Tomorrow is Nov 6<sup>th</sup> event. Next day starts the food drive, will last for 2 weeks. If you donate 2 items or more, you can enter the drawing to win some prizes. Also, there's another student speaker on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> talking about his life experience. He was a former SMC student. Looking for place to order food for upcoming Thanksgiving event. This will be the biggest event for me. One more thing about the food drive, if you can help out with that. Volunteer sign up will be on the bulletin board.

- **Yacob:** Sounds like an elaborate event. Is this on Wednesday?
- **Angie:** It'll be happening over the next two weeks.
- **Jesús:** Have you reached out to Deirdre Weaver?
- **Angie:** Not yet.
- **London:** The first day should be for getting the word out. We should have someone out there.
- **Yacob:** Good point.
- **Angie:** I want to put a canopy and tables. Go out, hand out flyers for the food drive at tomorrow's event.
- **Jesús:** Can you touch on how you've been able to make a list of people to contact? That way the word can spread out?
- **Angie:** If you guys check your e-mail, I sent one out. Please check it. If you can help me, let me know.

**Steve:** I sit on two committees, one being Environmental Affairs. There are 4 meetings. They have put out a survey of how environmental affairs help people out. How many people are inspired by the audience? 50% of students drive here. The other is Garden Oversight committee, gets to oversee which different clubs try to have a spot in the garden. Has been organizing the field trip, 3 directors, 1 commissioner, and 1 club row person. There are now 6 more recycling bins around the schools.

- **Yacob:** At SSCCC, many people come up to us and say "you guys are really good at sustainability". Gave out Steven's contact info at the conference.

**Jesse:** Updating pictures for directors. Decided to keep an office background. Commissioner is in the office. Anyone who wants to take the picture today, you can. Voted by mail already! Got two new commissioners, now has a total of 3. Will bring committee reports next time. Has put up Angie's. Only Mohammad has emailed back. Only. Make a motion for an action item for all board meetings to adjourn by 5:00PM.

- **Yacob:** What's the status of the website?
- **Jesse:** Same as the last board meeting, it's in progress. Getting worked on by his committee. It's pretty clear you're attacking me.
- **Yacob:** I'm not attacking you.

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- **Angie:** Jesse's been getting my flyers put up.
- **Faheem:** Did you go to Jesse to get these made?
- **Angie:** No.
- **Faheem:** Please understand this is Jesse's job. You can go to him.
- **Angie:** We were short of time.
- **Jesse:** Just so we're clear, I am on top of my stuff.

**Michelle:** Went to SSCCC with a couple directors. As a student trustee, talking to others. We're not doing that bad, I think you're doing a great job. Because of us, statistics have gone up. Prop 38 was once winning, now 30 is. After Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, we can think about those things. I'm glad at how you've handled it and how powerful we can be if we work together. Want to congratulate you for the flyers, Angie. All your events are doing well, especially since it's a short amount of time.

- **Parker:** How many people are helping in this effort? There are people who have and haven't done anything.
- **Michelle:** Some people haven't been inviting.

**Dean Hearn:** (Brings calendar out) This lets us know how much time we do and don't have. I want to give you info on a few things. Office will be open the first two days of thanksgiving week. The only counselor we'll have is Michal. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day for events. Goal is to make sure we are finished with activities so you can focus on finals. Watch how fast this week ends. If you have any goals, this is the time to really take it seriously. For these two weeks here, these are the weeks going into winter break. The 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day for finals. The 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have Rosilynn. After that, we're closed. Winter session: I wish I could give you more info about what that means to the AS office. Going to be optimistic about opening the office a few weeks prior to the Spring semester. What I would like to mention about commitment, consider your winter retreat. You select the group that will coordinate it. Time to reflect on what happened in the fall, what we can do in the Spring. Moving along, want to respond about Parker's comment about commitment, you know the level of your commitment, some of you are working throughout the semester. For example, it's your position that once you do your fall resource fair, there might not be anything else for you to do. Maybe it's a time to add more responsibility to your particular position? No excuse that you sit out. Don't get comfortable sitting in your position not doing anything. I think all of you could do more. I commend all of you in your position. Think about how you want to go about looking at the activities that you as a Board put on. Maybe you need to decide the involvement and the input you want to give to this person. When Angie puts on an event, it's in the name of AS, not Angie. I think you guys are going to do a good job. Vote tomorrow! If you're not eligible, make sure you encourage others to vote. Benny, thank you for doing a lot. Commissioners: getting personal complaints are complaining about those who aren't working. They shouldn't be back there if they're doing their homework. If you disagree, let me know. We can look at changing policy. Look at the month of November. There are workshops for UCs/CSUs.

**Benny:** Thank you to those students who went to the GA. They were one of the most engaged groups we've had. I got comments about other advisors; our students did an excellent job. I wish we had more students out there and engaged. This is a very important proposition. We are going to try and keep counseling office open in the winter: 2 to 3 weeks. First time we haven't had a winter since 1993.

- **Jesus:** Do you have any tips as far as what we need to talk to our profs about?
- **Benny:** We have a request for letters of rec in the office. Give that form to them. Get their e-mail address, but try to get their info. Don't miss any deadlines. Starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, you have to renew the FAFSA. Find out if you have to do a CSS Profile Application. That one costs money and requires a lot more information.
- **Rosilynn:** Give your recommenders 2-3 weeks notice. Be cognizant of allowing your professors time to write a letter of rec. Fill out the "brag sheet".
- **Faheem:** Is that the essay so that the professor has a better idea of you as a person? Should that reflect academics or character?
- **Rosilynn:** I want to make that personalized. I have access to your academic records.
- **London:** Make sure it's on a letterhead and has a signature.

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**IX. Discussion Items**

- 9.1. The expected date AS scholarships will be offered (Jesse)  
**Jesse:** Yacob approached me earlier and told me he was working on it. Just wanted to bring out  
**Parker:** How do we go about forming our own scholarships?  
**Yacob:** Just write a proposal for it.  
**Dean Hearn:** Start with Potts and Prather.  
**Parker:** We only have 3 AS scholarships with the office.  
**Parker:** Maybe we could make our own?
- 9.2. AS Organic Garden (Spin)  
**Spin:** We have our own section of the garden. Anyone who is willing to do anything whatsoever with the garden, I'll have a list out. I have to go to an orientation. We want to put in plants, flowers, and vegetables. List of people to figure out who can go, then we can go from there.  
**Steven:** We can bring in a visual of it.  
**Spin:** For the orientation, I just need two people and then we can go from there.

**X. Adjournment 5:00PM**  
*Motion to adjourn by Erin, Seconded*