

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**February 11, 2013 3:00 PM**  
**Cayton Center, Room #202**  
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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Parker Jean	Director of Student Advocacy: Yacob Zuriaw
AS Vice President: VACANT	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramírez
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross	Director of Outreach: Mohammad Rahman
Director of Student Affairs: VACANT	ICC Chair: Spin Versele
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel
Director of Acad Supp/Shared Gov: VACANT	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson
Director of Activities: Angie Vo	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Yacob, Seconded*

**IV. Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2012 and January 31, 2013**

*Motion*

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

**Rigula Zigler**—neighbor of SMC, go between between neighbors and the college. There's a problem because neighbors are complaining about students smoking on the perimeters of the college. In order to avoid that, I could come here if we could do something together. "Smoking problem around campus. Wants us to remind students that SMC is a smoke free campus. Please don't throw smoking paraphernalia on neighborhood streets. Maybe put it in a newsletter."

**VI. Guest Speakers**

6.1 **Gary Avrech**—was Student Body President of the College. Started his own newspaper with advertising. The Board decided to cancel the last student loan program. Printed 20,000 copies of his own newspaper telling students what was going on. Learned how to do graphics and became a graphics artist. Did the ads every night for the LA Times. Also published the Student Shopper. Focuses on closing the achievement gap. Leave the world in a better position than you came in. Do as much as you can and it will flood back to you. Word of advice: Offer to work for free and you can be successful. Always stay positive. Working on an Initiative to create an International fair. Wants to infuse ethnic and multicultural education through libraries. A different ethnicity weekly; hopefully the AS could be a part of it. This is something that is sorely missing in Santa Monica.

**Parker:** How is your relationship with the Corsair after you made your newspaper?

**Gary:** We were actually really good friends; worked with the independent journal. I ended up being hired by the college to do the advertising for the Corsair.

**VII. Presentations**

7.1. Student Trustee Presentation (Michelle)

**Michelle:** I will postpone this for a later time.

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**VIII. Action Items**

8.1. Approval of Election Code Section 6A12 (Spin)

*Motion by Spin, Seconded*

**Spin:** This is the one thing that the Board didn't agree on.

**Parker:** I think this is something we needed more time on.

**Spin:** It's just saying that the Directors could not endorse any particular candidate or slate.

**Parker:** If you approve this, then you approve not endorsing a candidate/slate.

**Michelle:** If we endorse, what are the consequences?

**Dean Hearn:** I don't recall anyone violating it in the code.

**Steven:** If someone's running again, what are the boundaries? (A current director running again)

**Spin:** I take it neutral across every way you can. You can speak for what you've done. It's neutral on opinion. Factual information is perfectly acceptable, but that's not an opinion.

**Steven:** Are commissioners held to the same silence?

**Spin:** According to the language in the code, no. It could always be brought up later.

**Yacob:** Is there any way that there can be some middle ground?

**Spin:** Speak factually. Tell them what you know about. Don't move from fact to opinion.

**Faheem:** As long as we're supposed to be stating the facts, that's fine. We technically do have an opinion; it's just not labeled.

**Jesse:** You're not knocking them off and you're not saying they're good.

**Sam:** Two things: 1. Just think about it. Is this fair? 2. We have to remain neutral and think about the advantage someone gets because you know them and are supporting them.

**Yacob:** If we're allowed to give some of our own opinion. We still want to give our own opinion. Maybe we can put it in some of the language that we

**Jesse:** I don't think anyone is being silent.

*Call to question by Jesse. Upheld unanimously.*

*Vote: 7 In favor, 2 In opposition, 0 Abstain*

8.2. Confirmation of vacancy for AS Director of Student Affairs and AS Director of Academic Support/Shared Governance

*Motion to amend language to add "AS Vice President" by Sam, Seconded*

*Motion to approve action item by Spin, Seconded*

**Parker:** We need to set up the appointment committee. Talk to me after.

**Spin:** Is it possible for me to appoint someone to take my place?

**Parker:** Yes.

*Action item approved unanimously.*

8.3. Approval of AS professional photos (Yacob)

**Yacob:** We were planning on taking photos by the Corsair.

**Spin:** My plans were to get my Primary Commissioner. Felicia agreed that we would do it.

**Parker:** Who would do the work for that?

**Yacob:** We wanted some uniformity in the pictures. We could wear the sweaters.

**Spin:** You can base it off your schedule. Just to take your picture.

**Parker:** There will not be any funding for this.

**Spin:** Yes, save for the printing costs.

*Action item approved unanimously.*

**IX. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports**

**Spin:** I have a primary commissioner now, Felicia Harder. I picked her for her artistic ability and ideas. First meeting next week, Thursday. No big changes to the code, just tidying it up.

**Cécile:** Revised budget; finance mtg at noon Tues. Lost a commissioner, looking for new applicants.

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**Michelle:** Since we've been gone, I've gone to two board meetings. Take a look at the summary of the meetings. We changed our Non-Resident tuition. It has gone up \$9. It went up \$20 for International students. We had our audit report recently; came out clean.

**Parker:** Welcome back everyone. It's tough that we have the new vacancies on the board. It's not new, its something we can overcome like we did last semester. I hope everyone was able to get their applications in. Now we'll have a lot more time to work on AS. I hope you all got my e-mails. Hopefully you took the time to read that. I want to raise points when I see things that aren't addressed. I'm collaborating with Yacob and Angie in the March in March.

**Sam:** Just finished working on the newsletter with Mico Lazaro. Sending it to be printed today. Sorry for the delay on the call to order, I was doing a quick revision with an English professor.

**Mohammad:** Hope to catch up.

**Yacob:** There's a lot of advocacy stuff going on. We'll talk more.

**Steven:** As far as sustainability goes, I've grouped it up into four sections, one is Waste. Our logo is on the front of it. As far as water goes, we have our new containers. We have plenty of handouts for all those who are helping. The third is transportation, in two weeks on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we're having the SMC Bike Corral. It looks like its going to be a good event. It seems that the President of the College is going to speak at the event. I never mention energy, but there's not much I can do with that. We have one of the stronger plots now, thanks to Spin.

**Jesse:** Since it's official that we have the vacancies, I'll make announcements in some of my classes. I'm also on top of what's Yacob's going to talk about. I'm going to be contacting about the AS website.

**Parker:** The last we saw was \$37,000 on a website.

**Jesse:** I asked for us to get two options 1) to get it all at once, and 2) to get it done in three segments.

**Angie:** Tuesday at 11 are my Activities meetings. We're going to have an AS booth and an event on Valentine's Day. Event is from 8am-2pm. My commissioners made a Facebook page.

**Sam:** Wear your polo shirts!

**Parker:** Get students to see their officials.

**Benny:** I love the first day of school. Reminders: CalGrant deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All you have to do is the FAFSA. If you have less than 24 units, see a counselor. Check out the brochure full of events.

UCLA is decreasing their acceptances; not enough seats. Might not have a big impact on Transfers.

**Dean Hearn:** It's so good to see you guys! I, too, love the first day of the semester. I want to commend you for coming back and balancing your school work and AS. Do not publicize your activities until it goes through the process. Two AS workshops that I always include in the semester is under March: Election informational. I want to challenge you guys to note the date, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Put the General Assembly, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Don't quit on your students; they're depending on you.

**X. Discussion Items**

10.1. Legislative Visit (Michelle)

**Michelle:** Over the break, I made some phone calls. I scheduled an appointment at 2:45pm on March 4<sup>th</sup> with Naz Williams. Is there anyone else you'd like to get scheduled with?

**Yacob:** What about Ted Lou? We'll be getting back from the March in March in the evening. I would focus on Blume if I were you.

**Parker:** The key is asking questions on their values and where they stand on issues.

10.2. Inter-office e-mails (Michelle)

**Michelle:** Since last semester, I kept seeing something that kept bothering me, and I keep seeing it through the winter. I see that it's the directors and there's one commissioner. Why are we including Candace if this is the Director's email? Are we going to include everyone? ---Discussion ultimately led to:

**Parker:** Give me a list of everyone's e-mails and I will CC them on things that are relevant.

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10.3. Town Hall Meeting (Angie & Yacob)

**Yacob:** We want to fill more seats and get more involvement. There isn't really any two way talk with student meetings. I think that's the way we should make our decisions. We don't really have an agenda planned out. Maybe a speaker, some food, no games. Now students are divided. Anyone else who is interested, please let me know.

**Angie:** I think it's best to include everyone. At least make an effort to include everyone. If we agree to do it, let me know if we still need to do the flyers. You guys always say I have a good team; you can have a good team too!

**Michelle:** Why don't we make an official visit to the ICC?

**Yacob:** That's a great idea and we can do that in the coming weeks. I want to reach out to those students who aren't involved. I want to talk to as many students as I can.

**Parker:** The idea is to get the connection going with the elected officials and the student body. There's not a whole lot of connection. A town hall meeting would be like a forum between students and elected officials. Write that down on your calendar. It's going to be really open, a combination between organized and organic.

**Yacob:** I'd like to have a planning committee. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

10.4. March in March (Yacob)

**Yacob:** We're looking at one bus. We need two advisors before we can go.

**Dean Hearn:** Rosilynn can be one advisor.

**Yacob:** Good! We just need one more. We can speak to our legislators. Parker went last year. Now it's used as a tool to inspire. Our slogan is March forth on March 4<sup>th</sup>. All they really need to do is show up. We're giving them food.

**XI. Adjournment 4:59PM**

*Motion by mohammad, Seconded*