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A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 25, 2013 3:00 PM
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I. Call to Order 3:01PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Parker Jean P	Director of Student Advocacy: Yacob Zuriaw L
AS Vice President: Jemal Hussein P	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramirez L3:05
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross P	Director of Outreach: Mohammad Rahman P
Director of Student Services: Chioma Ojini P	ICC Chair: Spin Versele P
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel L
Director of Academic Supp.: Jon Kent Ethridge II P	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson L
Director of Activities: Angie Vo P	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn A
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Cris Gutierrez—Sustainability Bill—Thank you. You were so open to listening to the sustainability bill of rights. Suggestion for future: a number of you showed up at the meeting on March 12th. I sent out an announcement with the link to the evening and I will do that again so it can get out to the community. That gave an approval gave the first reading of the Sustainability Bill of Rights. As far as I know, this will be on April 9th. There will not be any public comments at that meeting. I'd like for you to figure out how you can make an announcement on this event. You took initiative a few years ago and took on sustainability.

Ryan Sindon—I sent out a newspaper clipping from 1978 to give you ideas on getting students involved. You guys can contact me. I wasn't contacted by anyone.

Jon: You didn't leave your information.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mohammad, Second

Motion to add Consent action item 6.4 for "Approval of funding for AS Board of Directors for new directors' business cards. This includes 250 business cards per director (Jesse: Publicity Account: up to \$304.41).

Motion to amend language Consent Action item 6.3 from "Newspaper" to "Newsletter" by Spin, Second

Amended agenda approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2013

Motion to approve by Sam, Second

Motion to amend Spin's Director's report to read "We need to have a discussion on the election committee" by Spin, Second

Amended minutes approved unanimously.

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

Motion to approve by Spin, Second

6.1 Approval of funding for **ALAS** for Cesar Chavez/UFW. This includes fruta, drinks, lime, papel picado, chile, construction paper and table covers.(Cinthia, ICC Allotment: up to \$410.00)

Motion to discuss by Cecile, Second

Ramirez—This is important because it Will have a speaker on the day of the event by an SMC alum. The event will be associated with other AS clubs.

Parker: The plastic table covers violate our fiscal policy. I think we have some in our

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storage bin you could use. If not, you could use paper covers.

Faheem: Is there a problem with balloons?

Motion to amend action item 6.1 to read "Approval of funding for ALAS for Cesar Chavez/UFW. This includes fruta, drinks, lime, papel picado, chile, construction paper and table covers.(Cinthia, Activities: up to \$200, ICC Allotment: up to \$210.00)" by Cecile, Second

Parker: We need to make sure that we're spending money on things that are sustainable. It's in our fiscal policy.

Angie: Is there a way we can provide table cloths that can be recycled?

Steven: Yes! We could always buy tablecloths and the clubs can wash it and return it.

Sam: I was going to suggest a sustainable butcher paper table cover, but I think the table cloths will be a better idea.

Consent Action item approved unanimously.

6.2 Approval of funding for **Math Lab Club** for welcome party on March 29th. This includes pizza, soda, salad, chips, and gift cards. (Nikhil, ICC Allotment: \$120.00)

6.3 Approval of funding for **A.S. Board of Directors** for A.S. Newsletter. This includes 1,500 copies (3 issues of 500 each). (Samantha, Contingency: \$900.00)

6.4 Approval of funding for AS Board of Directors for new directors' business cards. This includes 250 business cards per director (Jesse, Publicity Account: up to \$304.41).

Consent action items 6.2-6.4 approved unanimously.

VII. Action Items

7.1. Approval of Zimride Renewal (Steven)

Motion by Sam, Second

Steven: The Director of Sustainability a few years ago. This goes into something else. How can we obligate people beyond ourselves to make contracts for a year?

Faheem: I think it's situational. Like the Big Blue Bus. I think we need to step back and be more aware of what we do

Jon: I think it should be a one year

Parker: If we take a stance on this.

Steven: s

Yacob: What would be done so future boards know what we're doing?

Sam: Last meeting, Dean Hearn

Call to question by Cecile, Second

Call to question unanimous.

Action item unanimously opposed.

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

8.1. Approval of funding for A.S. Board of Directors for financial awards to students for outstanding academic and/or personal achievements. This includes scholarship going to Associated Students High School Award, Associated Student Dream Scholarship fund, Associated Student International, Associated Student Government: ASG Leadership. (Yacob, Scholarship Accounts: \$40,000)

Yacob: This amount is split \$10,000 among four accounts.

Parker: Can we discuss the fact that some part (about 4%) of this scholarship money goes to staff?

Benny: This can be discussed with a meeting with VP Tuitasi.

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Yacob: What I would think is that some part of the money goes to pay the staff, just like any nonprofit.

Parker: Hopefully we can get that meeting to get this cleared out. Maybe we can put in the Corsair that we funded this.

Major action item approved unanimously.

- 8.2. Approval of funding for A.S. Board of Directors for extending library operation hours. This includes 8 extra hours of staff funding. (Jemal, Student Success: \$1,500.00)

Motion by Sam, Second

Jemal: We did this once before about two years ago (Fall 2011). This will happen from May 28-31 and June 3-6. It will close at 10:30pm these days.

Parker: I think it'd be really cool if we passed this and make an announcement saying "thanks to your Associated Students, the library is open".

Jemal: Last time it wasn't publicized as much, so people didn't really show up. There's a sign that the Dean is willing to put up saying that this was funded by the AS.

Parker: They could say over the intercom "Next week, library hours will be extended an extra hour thanks to the Associated Students".

Major action item approved unanimously.

- 8.3. Approval of funding for **English Dept./A.S. Board of Directors** for Screening and Q&A with Director Katie Dellamaggiore of BROOKLYN CASTLE DOCUMENTARY. This includes honorarium, round trip airfare for 2 people and hotel accommodations. (David Burak, Student Success: up to \$1,300.00)

Burak: Thank you for considering this proposal. It's extraordinary; it can be a game changer, a paradigm shifter. It's on the same level as Stand and Deliver. It is about a group of underprivileged middle school students in Brooklyn. Despite the difficulties they face, they compete in a national chess championship. It becomes more than a game because of the scholarships the students are able to win at such schools as Stanford, Harvard, and Princeton.

Parker: Do you have a friendship with the Director?

Burak: I talked to her once the film was done. There was a screening at the Landmark theater. I called her today to make sure we're still on board. She's asked to put it up to May 16th or so. I know her, but only a little. More of her professional work.

Jemal: How is the estimate determined?

Burak: I made the estimate on Hotwire, but the prices vary by day. Chess is both science and art.

Chioma: Are there students attending the trip? One for the director and one for the students who was in the film.

Jon: Who is hosting this honorarium? What's the format going to look?

Burak: We've done this before. When

Motion to amend the language to "Up to \$1300" by Jemal, Second

For more information on the film, visit: <http://www.brooklyncastle.com/>

Parker: The documentatry

Yacob: Where is she flying from and when will this be? Will this be a free event to students?

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Parker: New York on May 16th. Yes. We're thinking of adding
Action item approved unanimously.

- 8.4. Approval of funding for Psychology Club for psychology college trip in May 3rd- 5th. This includes Charter fee and hotels cost. (Aaron, Student Success: \$2,290.39, ICC Allotment: \$500.00)

Motion to approve by Sam, Second

Aaron: We're going to UCSB, UC Berkeley, Stanford, and UC Davis. We did a similar trip last Spring. The main goal is to have speak to professors and look at labs on the campus. If you want to be successful, you do need to be involved from the start. We're hoping to give students the chance to see it. We have space to up to 40 students. We're hoping to keep it at \$45 per student. Any questions?

Spin: How many students are signed up?

Tatiana: We didn't want to release the event until it got approved.

Faheem: Is this trip open to all board members?

Tatiana: This is open to all AS members.

Aaron: We have opened this to all students, but this will be Psychology heavy.

Jon: \$45 is a good price. How would you choose the people?

Aaron: We will have the first 40 people get a spot and then a random drawing after that.

Parker: When you go to these campuses, what will you be seeing?

Tatiana: It's focused on the research labs in the Psych department.

Major action item approved unanimously.

- 8.5. Approval of funding for Pico Promise Transfer Academy for Northern California College Tour. This includes transportation, hotel, meals and aquarium entry fee. Students and advisor will contribute \$5 per person (Aimee, Student Success: up to \$1477.74)

Aimee: These students . This year, students will go to CSU Monterey Bay and UC Santa Cruz. Each student will pay \$5 each. Students are excited about this. We've had 15 or so students apply, but we're looking at .

Aimee: You have to have gone to a Santa Monica resident or

Jon: I think it's a great program and we should fund this.

Motion to amend price to "up to \$1447.74" by Jon, Second.

Major action item approved unanimously.

IX. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports

Spin: Went through and talked about a bunch of . Once you start endorsing members outside of the slate. We're informing them that they can no longer publicize other slates. If they violate that, their slate will be disbanded; if they continue, they will be disqualified. Buttons are now ok; they don't have any other promotional value. Using Facebook likes due to the different candidates running, it goes against the neutrality we decided upon. Reminder, Joint Council meeting afterward.

Caitlin: ICC meeting last Thursday. We installed 8 clubs. Our total is now between 50-60 clubs.

Faheem: Mohammad and I need more time on the businesses. Give me your sizes for the polos.

Cecile: I'm still having problems with proposals. –lists rules for people touching the folders—.

Yacob: Scheduled an appointment with our Assembly member Richard Blume. I'm taking 4-5 people. There was a region meeting last Friday. It looks like the 90 unit cap is not going to happen. © That

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shows that when students come together and fight, our representatives will listen.

Chioma: In contact with Judith White for the fair. Speaking with Charlie Yen. Called and left voicemail. Noticed that there are more options, and there's a student saver menu, but the prices aren't anything different from those that already exist. The prices aren't lowered, they're just now more advertised. We want more Kosher items. The appointment is tomorrow from 10am-1pm.

Jemal: I think I want to change the name of the Town Hall to the Student Assembly. Working on the Book Rental. We're getting petitions signed for the Board of Trustees. Sign the petition if you haven't already.

Parker: Everyone should be at the Town Hall. There will be a debate for the candidates. Hopefully we can get the Corsair to go. I'm working on some environmentalist speakers for Earth Day. I'm thinking about Ralph Nader. Working on negotiating and getting him to campus. Going to meet with Dr. Tsang this week for funding from the President's account. Food justice: I think we need to educate students on food. I want to create a Food Justice day. I want to get people off this fast food picture.

Sam: AS newsletter will be sent in to Gary sometime this week. I'll be getting a committee together to work on it so they come out more quickly. I chaired the Club Games meeting last Friday. Looks like it's going to be a good event. I think it'd be a good idea for everyone to take a petition from Jemal and get your classmates to sign it.

Mohammad: sent out e-mails to students for the Town Hall meetings. I'm going to post it one more time. The name tags I ordered should be here sometime this week. I created a list of businesses and we'll be calling them this week. We need pictures of all the Board members to go on the AS website.

Parker: When do you expect to have the sheet with the businesses done?

Mohammad: We already have one but not all businesses want to work with us.

Jon: My biggest priority is getting these committees filled. We're working on getting extra funding from . Maybe we could get profit from the garden. Maybe we could go to

Angie: Tomorrow is the Health fair and Thursday is the Town Hall.

Steven: Water: We started giving out bottles. Introduce them to the hydration stations. –Discussion on gas and its use.—

Jesse: Homepage layout is done. The website should be up by mid-April. We need all directors' pictures in landscape form. Our #1 priority is publicizing the elections. We were thinking about getting tutor vests for people in the tutoring labs (math lab). We can spread it to the other labs with time.

Benny: Special thank you to Spin and the board for the election publicity. Sent the resolution to Samantha so she can forward it to the rest of the board. If you're transferring, please fill out a graduation petition. There's a deadline. Make sure you come and let us know if you get denied to the school you applied to.

X. Discussion Items

10.1. Limitations on Candidate Endorsements (Parker)

Parker: This is piggybacking on Spin's director's report.

Spin: Parker brought up the good excuse that it would be going against your first amendment rights. Keep in mind that you all agreed the code. Support that goes beyond the spoken word, like digital representation. Outside slates, no liking. Anyone else who's not running on the board, keep your neutrality. Anyone has access to it and they can see it.

XI. Adjournment 5:19PM

Motion to adjourn by Jon, Second