

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College  
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2013 3:00 PM  
Cayton Center, Room #202**

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**I. Call to Order 3:04**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Ty Moura	P	Director of Student Advocacy: Okky Jaya	P
AS Vice President: Alex Vandertol	P	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg	P
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria	P	Director of Outreach: VACANT	
Director of Student Services: VACANT		ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari	P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Wilis	P	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel	L 3:37
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Maryam Allameh	P	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph	P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson	P	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez	P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini	P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn	P
Director of Budget Management: VACANT		Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

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

**Ryan Duncans:** I am the organic garden coordinator. Tomorrow at 11:15 to 12:30 we have a seed starting workshop. You guys will be able to start to grow your own seeds. AS does have a plot in the garden.

**Dennis Ukimura:** If you guys are in support of having Garcetti down here I have the phone number. I found 2 articles. The articles highlight how generous the pensions are and the job market for ages 16-24. They are really not participating because there aren't a lot of entry level jobs. Something needs to be done and and I think Garcetti can do something about it.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve by Jasmine, Second.*

**Agenda approved unanimously**

**V. Approval of Minutes for September 4th, 2013**

*Motion to approve by Michael, Second.*

**Minutes approved unanimously**

**VI. Presentations**

6.1 Tutoring Apps by Okky (Director of Student Advocacy)

*move to table item until after 6.2 by jasmine, Second*

**table item approved unanimously**

6.2 Microphone Instruction by Michael (Director of Publicity)

**Michael:** In the last couple of board meetings I have noticed it's hard to hear all of us speaking. Move closer to the microphone to hear more clearly. When the mic is off, it takes a couple of seconds for it to start working. Having people hear us will make them want to come to the board meetings more. I think it will increase the turnout.

**Jasmine:** Do not tap the microphone. It can ruin them.

**Ty:** I think we should probably buy some new microphones.

*motion to table 6.2 item after 6.4. by Jasmine, Second.*

6.3 Obamacare

**Karen:** I am with USC's school of education. The state of California has given out millions of dollars to get the word out for the affordable health care act. We are really targeting community colleges. Peer to peer outreach is more successful to than me handing out fliers. We are looking for the best way to do outreach and education to students about the topic.

**Michael:** Do you guys have specific ways in which you want people to do outreach?

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**Karen:** We are pretty open to suggestions. The state just wants us to get as many leads as possible.

**Karen:** I would love to get contact people from people on the board. We would provide training. We would brainstorm which is the best way to get the word out. Is it social media, pamphlets, etc?

**Ty:** I will definitely referral that to the chair of the nursing department.

#### 6.4 Legislation

**Ty:** There needs to be some measures in response to what happened on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Our senator wrote a few bills in terms of safety. This is what the school has to comply with. SB49

**Dean Hearn:** There will be a series of workshops available on Fridays for emergency preparedness.

#### 6.1: Tutoring Apps by Okky (Director of Student Advocacy)

**Okky:** This app will allow you to find books, tutoring, etc. You can make an appointment with the tutor here. You can find books; we can work together with the book store

**Halal (commissioner):** A lot of students don't know how to use the bookstore's website, you can look it up on our app. We are trying to cooperate with postyourbook.com. Unfortunately, we are not including how to order from the bookstore. We will do our best.

**Ali:** They can access the latest news and events on campus. You can put it on the app. You can make group study sessions. Maybe you can book a room in the library.

**Dean Hearn:** Is this going to be an AS exclusive app?

**Ali:** Yes.

**Hearn:** What is the cost?

**Okky:** You have to pay the server.

**Ali:** It won't be a lot. There is a fee but it won't be much.

**Ali:** The information is synchronized with the corsair connect. Only SMC students can log on.

**Ty:** Would we be able to advertise our events?

**Ali:** Yes, we are trying to make it as easy for new students.

**Sarah:** Thank you guys, this is revolutionary.

**Ty:** I commend you all. This institution is very proud of you.

## VII. Discussion Items

### 7.1. My Math Lab Report (AS President: Ty)

**Ty:** Professors are adopting hw and quiz programs. This is becoming costly. Our student trustee brought to our attention that the math lab is using these and starting to use them more.

**Sara:** Was this code enforced by departments or professors?

**Ty:** It is the professor's choice. I believe that they are adapting to this. I was thinking of address this to DPAC technology. If our school could provide something through our website, that would be ideal.

**Alex:** We get money for the 16 hours the students does in the lab. I would like to better understand the purpose of the lab, other than getting a grant.

**Hearn:** What is the additional cost for the access code?

**Ty:** It is usually more expensive than the book. Most of the codes are for homework and quizzes.

**Mathew:** Most of the codes come with an online eBook. I don't understand why the department forced to buy new books with a code.

**Michael:** If a professor says there is no need for a textbook and there's a need for code that's acceptable. Buying both the text and code makes it easier for the professor but makes it more costly for the students.

**Member of the public:** I had a professor who uses his own system to do online hw. It is possible to have a free solution but the instructors need to write the exercises and everything.

**Member of the public-Clayton:** I have never had this problem. I was wondering if it would be

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possible to do this through eCompanion. We already a system for it.

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

**Sara:** I like this trend of trying to save the students money. If we can have hook and ledges in every bathroom stall, it would enhance cleaner belongings.

**Mathew:** I learned how to speak into a microphone correctly today. We have the Brazilian celebration tomorrow. In the quad at 11:15 tomorrow.

**Maryam:** I think I got my 4 commissioners today. I am still looking for people in committees.

**Maya:** Club row will be on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Diana:** The accountability report goal form is due in one week

**Ty:** I am very proud of this board. I like you guys. I am excited about the event tomorrow in the quad. I love free food and free drinks.

**Alex:** I am working on the civic engagement program.

**Michael:** I've noticed an improvement in the mic usage. There is an ad in the corsair paper for the vacancies. If any of the directors or anyone from the public have something that you want publicized, email me a powerpoint slide. One slide with what you want, I prefer a digital format and High definition photos.

**Jasmine:** We had our first ICC meeting on Thursday. The ICC constitution committee is having our first meeting tomorrow 4:00. For club row, Halloween theme is favored. Elections committee is meeting Thursday.

**Halie:** I don't have any updates. There is the AS plot on the garden. We have a lot of tomatoes. I'm going to make salsa.

**Cyrus:** For me, I got my commissioners. We are going to work with Okky's group.

**Dean Hearn:** The Associated students provide scholarship opportunities for your peers. The recipients have sent thank you notes. You guys are eligible to apply if you meet the minimum criteria. All of you guys have the opportunity to put something on the agenda. Any agenda items that you want placed on the agenda has to be placed by noon on Fridays. Please be very specific on the item. If you are the author of the proposal you are expected to show up at the finance committee. You can send a commissioner but they have to be knowledgeable of the proposal. Selection committee for the vacancies has to be a priority. The selection committee will do the interviews and they decide who will be presented to the board. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we have to have names. If you guys only get 2 applications, you guys will probably have to open it up again anyway.

**Jasmine:** After interviewing, we send the top ones to the board. We still have to check gpa and units.

**Hearn:** In section 8: The as board of directors have the power to change the date of a general elections with a 2/3rds votes.

**Ty:** It doesn't say it has to filled in 3 weeks, they have to be nominated.

**Blaydes:** Getting the students gpa and units checked isn't a problem. My recommendation is that the publicity director sends me the information and I'll send it to the professors to tell their students.

**Benny:** Look at all the information about transferring. Look at the tag information. I highly recommend you tag to a school. The more competitive schools have earlier deadlines.

**Appointment committee (Ty):** Me Icc chair, the secretary, the dir of publicity and the vice president.

**Matthew:** How was this committee appointed?

**Ty:** Some need to be there due to constitution and the others were pulled from a hat.

**Cafeteria committee (Ty):** We are still having the event on September 19<sup>th</sup> during the students' activity hour. Come if you have comments on the food.

**IX. Adjournment 4:50PM**

*Motion by Alex, Second.*