

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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I. Call to Order 3:02 PM

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: Cassandra Ramirez	P
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina	P	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari	A
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis	P	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel	P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Maryam Allameh	P	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph	P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson	A	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez	A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini	P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn	A
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa	P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2013

Minutes approved unanimously.

V. Public Comments (2minutes per person)

Nehasi Ronald Lee: I'm here to congratulate your associated students. They did an excellent job representing you. It's one thing to go to state but not to go to the region 7.

Alex Abramoff: I'm here to report for Jesse. We would like to open to discussion to find a more appropriate place to pray and practice.

Eduardo Duarte: I'm a commissioner of Matt Nicholson. Club Olympics is at Nov 15th. We have been promoting club Olympics at the ICC meetings and via Facebook. We will have a student appreciated day, we will have food, a DJ and literature for students to know more about AS.

Raymond Jimenez: Thank you for the funding for us to go to the PTK regional leadership convention. The board got to bond on a personal and professional level. We networked with other chapters. We learned about a program that consists of online programs. It's great because it guides you what to do. You can make an online portfolio and it will help you get to the work place. If some of you are interested in it I'll give you more information. It's not just for PTK students.

VI. Director Reports / Student Trustee

Michael: The November Cayton poo times is done. We will be taking this to DPAC. I was at the GA over the weekend.

Okky: The cafeteria app is going to be done next week.

Sarah: I wanted to thank Alex and Jesse for bringing up the prayer room situation.

Ty: Thank you for giving out Qurans during club row.

Maya: Club row finally happened. There were a lot of last minutes problems that taught me a lot. We do have an ICC meeting this Thursday. Club Olympics is coming up.

Cassandra: I worked on this birthday card to give to Kseniya.

Halie: We finally got the AS plot in garden. I look forward to watching it grow.

Alex: tomorrow is the job/volunteer fair. It'll be during activity hour. Also, on Nov 17th there will be the tree people event. If you're interested come to the AS office and fill out the CEP application.

Rosalynn: The volunteer fair will be from 10:00-1:00PM.

VII. Presentations

7.1 Budget Review (Inayat Issa, Budget Management).

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Inayat: On the right side of both sheets, I have an item that is called approved to spend. It says what we have approved to spend.

Ty: So this 35,940 is what we have approved to spend?

Inayat: So far we have spent 61,400. The approved to spend is more than 61,400.

Ty: Is the 34,940 already included in the 61,400.

Inayat: yes

Ty: We have 100,000 left to spend?

Inayat: No, we have about 320,000 dollars left in budget.

Ty: So publicity, don't get too excited now.

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

- 8.1. Approval of funding for **Pico Promise Transfer Academy** to fund for 6 PPTA students and 1 staff member for CSUN campus tour trip. This includes bus and dining. (Aimee Lem/Steve Brooks, Student Success: up to \$150.00).
- 8.2. Approval of funding **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase 16 microphones with switch box for A.S. Board Meetings. This includes Pyle wireless microphone system and tax. (Cyrus Hosseini, Office: up to \$800.00).
- 8.3. Approval of funding for **SMC Bike Club** to fund for the SMC Bike Club Camping Event. This includes 1 Sports Chalet Tent Rental and 2 three flavor Subway sandwich platters. (Armand Kizirian, ICC Allotment: \$115.00).
- 8.4. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Civic Engagement Program** to fund a volunteer opportunity to SMC students. This includes transportation and food. (Alex VanDertol, Student Success: up to \$475.00)
- 8.5. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase t-shirts for A.S. Commissioners and staff. This includes 90 shirts. (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$981.00).
- 8.6. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund outreach items for Obamacare law coming into effect next year. This includes rectangular table covers, sunblade banner display, wide base display sign 10 shirts, and shipping. (Michael Greenberg, Activities: \$794.00)
- 8.7. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase posterboards promoting A.S. This includes 5 24"x36" pvc poster boards, shipping, and tax. (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$365.63).
- 8.8. Approval of funding for **SMC Glass Club** to purchase T-shirts for the club members. This Includes 33 t-shirts, 6 hoodies and 20 wristbands (ICC Allotment: \$323.36).

Consent Action Item 8.2 pulled

Consent action items 8.1, 8.3-8.8 approved unanimously.

Pulled Item:

8.2 Approval of funding **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase 16 microphones with switch box for A.S. Board Meetings. This includes Pyle wireless microphone system and tax. (Cyrus Hosseini, Office: up to \$800.00).

Cassandra: I support the idea of looking into the smaller packages. If they are well made we won't need to buy so many.

Cyrus: The best way would be to order the packet of 12 microphones.

Ty: Do you have quotes for this different packet?

Cyrus: No, I don't have it with me. It's in my email.

Alex: These are products from people from 3rd world countries. It makes more sense to buy them in bulk.

Michael: Was that a pro or con?

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Alex: It was a pro to buy 16 but I destroyed my own argument.

Maryam: We don't need 16, we need 12 because some of them are working.

Ty: My only concern is that some will break. We have less.

Cassandra: If they are well made then we won't break so soon.

*Motion to amend language to read "Approval of funding **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase up to 16 microphones up to the discretion of the director of instructional support with switch box for A.S. Board Meetings. This includes Pyle wireless microphone system and tax. (Cyrus Hosseini, Office: up to \$800.00) by Michael, Second by Jasmine.*
Amended Consent Action Item passes.

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

- 9.1. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Cayton Computer Lab** to purchase paper, toner, maintenance parts and labors costs for repairs for A.S. office and lab printers. This includes printer paper, toner, maintenance labor cost, maintenance kit, sheet feeder, and paper tray. (Sasha Mirabi, Cayton Center: \$32,600.00).

Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.

Maryam: Can we just wait until Saasha can come and give is details.

Lee Peterson: The associated students funds the equipment in the Cayton computer lab. Last year the board approved several allocations. This is a restricted fund item. This Cayton Center fund pays for new computers every 5 years or so. Our budget item is based on estimates because the number of pages used is based on the number of students. Paper is a commodity; the prices go up and down from time to time. Amelia finds the cheapest paper source. We have just switched to remanufactured toner.

Maryam: I'm really happy that we print double sided. I like that idea.

Kseniya: every computer would be set up to print double sided?

Lee Peterson: they will print double sided unless you click to print one sided.

Major Action Item 9.1 approved unanimously

- 9.2. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to move money out of contingency line item into publicity line item. This includes moving \$15,000 from contingency into publicity. (Inayat Issa, Publicity: \$15,000).

Motion to approve by Inayat, second by Halie.

Inayat: if you look back on the unrestricted sheet and look at line 25, we have 111,282. We would move 15,000 to publicity. Our director of publicity has done a good job with investing in items that the AS will benefit from.

Major action item 9.2 approved unanimously.

X. Discussion Items

- 10.1 Rebranding AS (Michael Greenberg, Publicity).

Michael: There will be signs out on the quad soon enough. Stickers are coming out soon. The cayton poo times are coming. Shirts will be coming out soon. Directors' shirts will be coming son. There are a lot of things in the works. I want to emphasize that if any of you guys are working on something, fill me in on it so that I can help publicize it.

Sarah: I have more people tell me that they have been looking at the bulletin boards. I might be contacting you about the discount board to make the cosmetics of it more appealing.

Michael: On November 15th I will be taking the Cayton poo times to DPAC.

- 10.2 Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly Report (Ty Moura, AS President).

Pablo: This was my first GA and I really enjoyed it. I was very inspired by how many people were there that cared about the resolutions.

Michael: It was a very difficult weekend. There were things that should have been passed that weren't passed. A lot of great things happened. It was a very difficult weekend and it was not

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fun. Pablo, I am so glad you had fun. I am exhausted. I want my weekend back. My spirit was broken on my way back from the GA. I was left sad, disappointed and hurt. These GA meetings are not for the people who want to go and network. These are work. Ty lobbied for 12 hours a day. It was not an easy weekend to be part of. This makes you want to go to your room and sleep but that's the opposite of what you want to do. We did pass the CMED act which was a huge victory.

Ty: A lot of the times, whoever speaks best gets votes. It is very frustrated. That's why you have to lobby for your resolutions. It's very complicated and you meet very conservative students who almost go against what's best for students. One of the arguments that I heard from CMED is that oil companies are taxed enough. Poor corporations, as if they didn't have enough money. There were people who were the opposite side of everything I debated on. The resolution about student debt, 8.01, was hard. The biggest argument was that if this passed then it would encourage students to get loans. It passed. I had to pull out my best speech there. 9.01, I didn't do so well. It opposed legislation to the master plan of public education. It did not pass because someone said they should update the documents. Unfortunately, the group think was too strong on that one. People didn't read the resolution.

Michael: group think was a big issue at the GA. Some people do not read the language.

Ty: You have to read it through and ask questions. A similar resolution to this passed a few years ago.

Michael: 9.02 say student trustees should get the full rights and privileges that board of trustees. It passed 35-28. Parliamentary procedures can go both ways. We recalled and voted on it again.

9.03 was postponed until the spring

9.04 was a great victory! As soon as we got to the hotel, I tried to schedule a special meeting. The chair of the SSCCC canceled the meeting. He told people it was canceled but it wasn't. We then went to other special interest meetings session and spoke. We had someone from UC Berkeley to answer questions about the resolution. Because of persistency, we were able to pass this.

20.02 right before this went to the floor we had to catch our flight. I was going around the GA floor right before that and tell them that this would not affect book stores. We found delegates to speak on its behalf. About 20 minutes after we left, it passed.

Michael: 22.02 was submitted by Pasadena city college. It says that the sccc would advocate for colleges to post their syllabi to be posted online so that students can see the syllabus before enrolling in the class.

Ty: The way we receive funding for our classes by how many seats are occupied in our classes. When students drop a class, we receive less funding. We thought this was a good idea to reduce drop rates. We thought to bring this back to the board.

Maryam: I love this idea. That way you can see what the professor wants from you

Okky: would it be through email or ecompanion.

Ty: This is for the student senate, it was meant for all colleges. Not all colleges have the same system.

Maryam: What about rate my professors? Can we put it there?

Ty: Rate my professors is not affiliated with the college. Some students who post are angry and they can say anything.

Cassandra: This is the happy cousin of rate my professors. Having it posted will show you exactly what you will get.

Benny: Any time you deal with faculty, you have to talk with the academic senate. A lot of things that faculty does is a contract issue. A lot of faculty is on vacation before the class starts.

Inayat: I don't understand why this hasn't been implemented before. A syllabus is like a contract. I agree with this as well.

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Ty: even though this was an exhausting and frustrating weekend I am pleased because three of our resolutions passed. One didn't pass but we'll try again next time. If you're thinking about going to the next GA, you have to go to the region meetings. Get acquainted with resolutions format. Understand how you write one. Have a clear understanding what the student senate is there for. Start by going to a region meeting.

XI. Committee / Advisor Reports

Ty (campus cleanliness committee): Cyrus made an awesome survey about the bathroom.

Michael: How many people responded?

Cyrus: around 260 students filled it out. I sent it to PTK, math lab and cafeteria.

Kseniya: How are we going to address this? I wish there was a question that asks who you think is responsible for the mess. The numbers show that students create the mess. I think the workers are doing their job.

Ty: The times they are doing the job is ineffective. They prefer to do the cleaning when fewer students are around. We are trying to prove that the graveyard shift should not be the shift with most of the workers cleaning.

Cassandra: If the bathrooms were clean more often they would more likely keep it clean.

Michael: we are not blaming the custodians; the blame is on the students. I think the custodians are doing a good job. They are clean when we come in the morning.

Kseniya: I was here during the summer and I saw the same person cleaning the bathroom at 11:00. When I see a person cleaning I feel more responsible to be clean for myself. It is usually a really nice lady.

Ty: We need more people allocated to shifts when there are more students at the college.

Cassandra: We should recognize the custodians.

Ty: If we knew the custodians, we would be more inclined to clean up after ourselves.

Michael (fashion supplies committee): Check your desk and try on the shirt.

Halie: Sustainability ad hoc committee has their first meeting this Friday, in the den, 10:00 AM.

Benny Blaydes: I want to thank the students who went to general assembly. Always research what is going on in the conference before going. Make sure you do a second contact by the end of next week. We still have application workshops, we have UC application workshops. I want to thank my ICC vice chair for an incredible performance at club row. She was able to step up. I want to also thank Rosalynn to come to this trip with the students. It's not a fun conference and she gave up her weekend. The scholarship applications are out. Make sure you apply by February the 1st.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael, Second by Sarah.

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