

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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I. Call to Order 3:03PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Ty Moura P	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg P
AS Vice President: Alex Vandertol P	Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez P
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria P	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari P
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina P	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel L 3:32
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis P LA 4:56	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Maryam Allameh P	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez A
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson P	Dean of Students: Deyna Hearn P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini A	Associate Dean of Student Life: Sonali Bridges A
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P
Director of Student Advocacy: Okky Jaya P LA 4:50	

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Inayat, Second by Jasmine
Motion add Major Action Item 10.2 to add sixty dollars for the Civic Engagement volunteering event on November 17, 2013 by Inayat, Second by Alex.
Motion to add Action item 8.2 to reallocate funds from water balloons to volleyball nets for Club Olympics by Inayat, Second by Matthew.
Amended Agenda Approved Unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2013

Motion to approve Minutes by Diana, Second by Alex

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Shristy Armani: I put in a proposal for international culture day which is tomorrow. This morning, my advisor got a call why our advisor needed a speaker system. We need a speaker system.

Inayat: Do you remember who your advisor spoke to?

Shristy: We just know that the AS called us. Can we borrow the popcorn machine?

Ty: We will talk to you after the meeting

Armand Kizirian: We had our bike event this weekend. We had 18 people in total. We have a lot of pictures.

Sarit Kashavian: I would like to bring to your attention the SMC shuttle bus. The schedule is not accurate. The shuttle fails to arrive at the time posted and it makes more sense to have it run later.

Ksenita Lyalina: I am speaking behalf of the veteran's program counselor and veteran's club president. They wish to thank you for helping fund veterans day. Henley spoke and he was really funny. They want to bring him back for graduation.

VI. Director Reports / Student Trustee

Matthew: Club Olympics is this Friday. A lot of you raised concern for the headbands. I listened to your concerns and was able to get all the headbands donated. That leaves around 300 dollars of unallocated funds and we wish to reallocate it to other club Olympics related things.

Michael: On Tuesday there is an event called get lit from 4-6pm on Tuesday. I would love for some people to come and volunteer. We have a table at the end. We will be bringing the popcorn machine and giving out free things. I got all of our pictures back. Come by my desk and view the pictures.

Halie: I will bring water bottles to the get lit event.

Okky: I don't think I can present my presentation.

Ty: There has been a theft in the office. Someone opened our fridge and deliberately stole my cheese. This is not ok. Theft should not be tolerated in the office. I happen to have a personal attachment to

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my cheese. We cannot endorse this behavior. I'm conducting an investigation. If I don't find out who it was, there will be stricter regulations. If you happen to know any information, let me know and no questions will be asked. We are going to be putting a table in the quad and giving out pizza the week of thanksgiving. I spoke to Reich and his assistant and we might have him come to SMC, probably in the spring.

Alex: The CEP will be having our first event this Sunday. This event is currently full. Look out for future events.

Maryam: November 19th, we will have a meeting in the conference rooms with student representatives.

VII. Presentations

7.1 Santa Monica College's GRIT initiative and its possible role with Associated Students (Oifer, SMC Professor).

Oifer: I teach political science and am the faculty leader of the grit initiative. An initiative is something the college engages in every five years. The initiatives are specific projects such as global citizenship. We came up with GRIT which is based on the stuff that you need to do well that does not follow under academics such as perseverance and resilience. Those are responsible for success. You need perseverance, it's what happens when you don't get an A on the first test and what keeps you coming back. We are in the second year of the initiative. One thing we did was that we came up with a new learning institution outcome. You have seen the questions around campus. If you had ideas or promote it as an AS initiative.

Ty: What I really wanted was for students to listen and think as we as directors how we can integrate grit.

Jasmine: I have been taking pictures of the stands and posted their stories on Facebook.

Oifer: We want faculty to see those questions and adapt to their class. You can connect what you're doing here to your life. And if you don't have one yet, we can help you figure it out.

Michael: One of the ways to get people to respond is if there is an incentive around it.

Oifer: The third major piece is a thing called coaching. Basically, it's analogous to mentoring. The coaching idea is that we want to take advantage of affective relationships. People will agree to be a coach for you. We will provide information and guidance for you and the coach. We did a questionnaire with about 300 students. I would love to get your thought. In the spring we are going to try to pilot it.

Maryam: I took counseling 12, we said the same thing. She suggested that in the class. I think it's a great idea.

Ty: the question is how to help students apply concepts in class to life. If we can come up with ideas for guest speaker of activities.

Oifer: We would love to speak with inspirational speakers to campus. We meet the 1st and third Friday of every month at 1:00 in HSS.

Ty: Adversity is a good thing. How do you address that? Do you just give up and give up on the world? No. People shouldn't go to school for the sake of a degree. They need to use it to better themselves.

Cassandra: I think we should incorporate these questions in the planners. When they are daydreaming and doodling they can daydream about the questions.

Oifer: The grit and as could help sponsor forums on teaching approaches.

Ty: We should be making policies that incentivize good behavior and not de-incentivize bad behavior.

Cassandra: My favorite way to get inspired. Instead of having a panel, I encourage the use of youtube videos and interview teachers on campus. Ask them what classes they took that they didn't want to take and to talk about it.

Oifer: If you have professors in mind, we would love to make those videos and post them.

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Jasmine: Bringing real life examples help in the classroom. I think teachers need to ask the students feedback.

Ty: there is also academic freedom. We need to be mindful of that. Sometimes students don't participate because they don't see the value in doing that.

Maryam: Some students get insecure and some teachers don't address the problem and they just put you down. Teachers need to give more attention to those who are struggling.

Inayat: I think it's very hard to put a value on education. I took a history 1 class and it was probably one of my favorite classes. I still use knowledge from that class. It's a beautiful thing.

Michael: I think a problem is that there are people of different interest levels in the same class.

Ty: I had professor that would notice those who participated a lot and not call on them. I think that because of that, I was more connected to my class and classmates.

Maryam: I think professors should really encourage study groups.

- 7.2 Collegium, smart maps and cafeteria app for SMC (Okky, Advocacy).
Motion to postpone until next week by Michael, Seconded by Inayat.

VIII. Action Items

- 8.1. Adoption of a stance to support the establishment of a universal prayer/meditation space (Sarah, ICC Communications Officer).

Motion to approve by Michael, Second by Diana

Sarah: It will be in the basement of the science building. It accommodates students pretty well. It would be expanded. I am representing students, not MSA alone.

Michael: I would want to take this to GA. The 3rd whereas would have to be taken out so it applies to every campus.

Sarah: People have been really respectful. People are usually quiet.

Dean Hearn: The idea is universal. Legally, the college is not required to provide a prayer location for students. I think we need to talk about this more when we have more information.

Ty: We could all be in the same place doing what makes our soul feel good. Whether the college will provide something, I don't know. I think AS and the clubs could try to find an ideal open space.

Jesse: I am curious to which universities have this and how successful they are.

Sarah: it is hard to find a college that doesn't have it. UCLA has one.

Michael: If airports can do it, then we can do it here. Abroad, every airport has a prayer area.

Move to postpone 8.1 until next week, second.

Vote in favor: 12

Action Item 8.1 postponed until next week.

- 8.2. Reallocation of funds from water balloons to volleyball nets for Club Olympics.

Motion to approve by Matthew, Second by Jasmine.

Action Item 8.2 approved unanimously.

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

- 9.1. Approval of funding for **Art Department** to sponsor the Art Historians of Southern California. This includes AHSC Sponsorship. (Walter Meyer, Student Success: \$300.00).
- 9.2. Approval of funding for **Veterans Club** to fund for end of semester event. (Shaphan Koresland, ICC Allotment: \$490.00).
- 9.3. Approval of funding for **Pre-Health Association** to fund an end of the semester party to honor and reward loyal club members. This includes 8 various pizzas, 7 2 liter soda, and 1 bag of ice. (Kian Fahimdanesh, ICC Allotment: \$159.97).
- 9.4. Approval of funding for **Eco Action Club** to fund for 100% organic USA made t-shirts. This includes 41 t-shirts, 41 prints, and tax. (Chioma Ojini, ICC Allotment: up to \$450.00)

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Pulled Item: 9.1

Consent actions items 9.2-9.4 approved unanimously.

9.1: **Cassandra:** The membership is like 20 dollars, that's why I pulled it.

Michael: There are not even people signing in the right places.

Move to kill proposal and have author go through the procedure again by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.

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

10.1 Approval of funding for **Communication and Media Studies Department** to fund a film project about domestic violence and racial discrimination. This includes wardrobe, set dressing, props, rentals, and dialect coaching. (Salvador Carrasco, Special Projects: \$5,000.00)

Motion approve by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.

Kevin Maxwell: We have reached out to many companies to help fund this project. We are partnering with operation streetkids.

Cristiano: you will have a thank you on the credits. We might do a screening for the students.

Major Action Item 10.1 approved unanimously

10.2 Approval of adding the amount of sixty dollars to the Civic Engagement Program to fund a Tree People volunteering event.

Major Action Item 10.2 approved unanimously

XI. Discussion Items

11.1 Installing a point system for activities (Michael, Publicity)

Motion to postpone 11.1 to next week by Michael, Second Maryam.

XII. Committee / Advisor Reports

Fashion Michael): If the shirt did not fit, go to the express store and exchange it.

Rosalynn: Make sure you show your personal statement to one of the counselors.

XIII. Adjournment 5:03PM

Motion to adjourn by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.