

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**January 7, 2014 3:00 PM**  
**Cayton Center, Room #202**  
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**I. Call to Order 3:07 PM**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Ty Moura	P	Director of Student Advocacy: Okky Jaya	A
AS Vice President: Alex Vandertol	A	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	P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis	P	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel	P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Maryam Allameh	A	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph	P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson	P	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez	A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini	A	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn	P
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa	P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*motion to approve by Jasmine, second by Michael*  
*Agenda approved unanimously*

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

**George:** You have to suspend fiscal policy to approve these items

**Inayat:** if we had to the agenda to increase and then go to the action item we can't do that?

**George:** A net revenue for cayton center is projected, write now, the way the budget is, 180,000. The budget is showing you have to deficit spend. You have to suspend the policy.

**Dean:** My recommendation is to not suspend the policy. How much can they spend on the project?

**George:** 140,000. Inayat said you already changed the budget from 100,000 to 200,000 dollars. I need to change this to go back to what you approved.

**Dean:** I don't think it is ever wise to suspend the fiscal policy.

**Michael:** we have money in the cayton account. Right now, we don't have it in our projected budget.

**George:** In order to comply legally with the fiscal policy, we will suspend it. As of December, we have, in the bank, \$884,000. Any district budget, they are deficit spending. That's a whole other story. I put in the budget that you are going to spend 100,000.

**V. Director Reports / Student Trustee**

**Ty:** So over the course of finals, we have lost 2 directors. So we are going to look for a new Vice President and a new director of academic support and shared governance.

**Diana:** New name plates are in, you can keep these old ones.

**Cassy:** I am working on the discount board and would love for someone to come. We are more persuasive in a group.

**Jasmine:** Over the next 2 weeks, my commissioners and I will be working on the elections and publicity. I will run my ideas through Michael. I would love opinions from any of you.

**Ty:** What were the guidelines for directors with regard to candidates and what we have to behave?

**Jasmine:** The only difference is that you can't cross support through slates.

**Ty:** We cannot help in the campaign of any candidate in any form.

**Matthew:** Another director has accused me of collecting information for the future alumni club.

**Cassy:** I would like for us to have an open discussion about promoting AS events.

*Motion to suspend the fiscal policy rule that prohibits deficit spending exclusively for the proposal to renovate the cayton center by Michael, Second by Inayat.*

*motion approved unanimously.*

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

6.1 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to increase the Cayton Center Expenditure Line Item by \$ 200,000.00 given a total of 400,000.00 (Cayton Center, \$200,000.00).

*Motion to approve by Michael, Second by Jasmine.*

**Sarah:** Why are we increasing the amount?

**Ty:** The expenditures include carpet which is very costly and cost up to \$60,000.

In favor: 4 opposed: 5

**Ty:** we are just approving to increase the budget line item. This is strictly to give us a larger budget.

*Call for division by Michael.*

Secretary: YES

Director of Student Affairs: YES

Director of Sustainability: YES

Director of Activities: NO

Director of Budget Management: YES

Director of Publicity: YES

Director of Outreach: YES

ICC Chair: YES

ICC Vice Chair: YES

ICC Communications Officer: YES

Vote in favor: 9

Vote in opposition: 1

**Major Action Item 6.1 approved.**

6.2 Approval to increase Cayton Center Renovation Project by \$200,000.00 given a total of 280,000.00 (Cayton Center, \$200,000.00).

**Ty:** First we approved 80,000 then we talked to facilities that alone would cost 80,000. We would like to replace it. The carpeting company that the college has a contract with, the carpet will be recycled and will be tiled. It is sustainable. We can change just the carpet tile. The furniture is recyclable and the old furniture will be recycled. It is all fair trade, it is local. It will be a little costly. You will see designs going around. The quote was close to 250,000. Plus appliances.

**Cassy:** With this new estimate, is that just cayton center.

**Ty:** It is the whole floor except the computer lab, but the computer lab will have new carpet.

**Sonali:** The sub committee has gone and has seen sustainable furniture. The front office will be changed.

**Ty:**

**Inayat:** This cayton center is huge and if we have to take out the carpet. When do you plan to do all these things?

**Ty:** The reason why we called the special meeting this week, then we can have it all retractably.

**Jasmine:** I think it's a great idea. I would like to get lighting on the west end of the cayton computer lab. It strains the eyes of students to be in there. I used to do sound engineering; I would propose to put a PA system. We would have a sound panel and 2/3 speakers and we could put a large projector.

**Michael:** I met a past AS directors from 3 years ago. When I spoke to her, she said she wished she had done it.

**Dean Hearn:** Greg Brown told me a while back that he has a brand new flat screen TV.

**Michael:** We were going to replace the blinds with a blue curtain with an AS logo.

**George:** Do you have quotes? Is this 280,000 based on a quote based on specifics?

**Sonali:** We have quotes from carpet but when it comes from furniture we have been given an amount for everything we have so now we need to see how much we want or don't want.

**Ty:** This amount came out of putting an agenda together. It is random.

**George:** You will approve up to 280,000 so if it is more then you have to come back to a special meeting. I wouldn't approve something that is a shot in the dark.

**Michael:** we asked for general things.

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**Sonali:** This was starting to work the last week before winter break. Some quotes were not available before the break. Hopefully we will have everything very detailed by Friday.

**Cassy:** I don't feel comfortable voting for something I don't understand fully. I would love to see quotes.

**Ty:** In order to have this ready before spring starts, we needed to have a meeting this week. The person we were working with is out of town. I want us to have a large budget so then together we decide what we can spend.

**Dean Hearn:** Look at the board, my recommendation is to divide this motion. I think this would be fine if you go by the committee. It looks like you need a budget of 250,000.

**Sonali:** the 80,000 you already approved will be gone on carpet, paint, closing the storage. That 80,000 will be spent. Our goal is to start this conversation. All of the things you guys value like sustainability is found in this company. This is why it was chosen. It is a reputable company that matches your philosophy.

**George:** We have an approximate. 250,000 for furniture, 80,000 for carpet and paint. It will be 330,000. You have some estimates.

*Motion to amend Major Action Item 6.2 to read:* Approval to increase Cayton Center Renovation Project by \$270,000.00 given a total of 350,000.00 (Cayton Center, \$270,000.00). *by Ty, Second by Michael.*

**Michael:** This is coming from a line item of \$884,000.

**Cassy:** If this is approved today, will the board be involved in every purchase? I want to know every purchase. I would love an email blast.

**Sonali:** I suggest the committee make the decisions but we can send every item that is approved.

**Jasmine:** We get to retain our space. Right?

**Diana:** Yes.

**Jasmine:** We would have to have faith in the judgment of the committee.

**Cassy:** The number 400,000 is how much we made last semester. This estimated project is about getting people here and staying here.

*Vote in favor of amendment: 9*

*Vote in opposition of amendment: 0*

**Amendment passes**

**Kseniya:** At the beginning I didn't like this project and I felt like we are spending too much on things we don't need.

**Cassy:** Everything is eco friendly, but can we work in design elements that are more sustainable.

**Michael:** We cannot touch this account. It is not possible to do anything else with this money.

**Ty:** It's better to use up the funds we cannot touch then let it sit in Chase Bank.

**George:** The account is still at US bank.

**Matthew:** I agree with Kseniya, we shouldn't spend just because we can. It sends the wrong message.

**Inayat:** We need to know what we want to leave behind.

**Jasmine:** Are they the same material as the ones we have now?

**Ty:** The College has a contract with this company.

**Dean Hearn:** For those that are having struggles with the amount, the students that are paying the fees wants to know what their money is going. That money that goes into the cayton center is something that students can see where your money is going. I support this project. It is truly needed.

**Kseniya:** Is it possible that the next president would like to change the furniture again?

**Dean Hearn:** There will be some things the next board can do that we won't do.

**George:** This has to last for a few years you have to deal with the union.

*Motion to approve Amended Major Action Item 6.2 by Ty, Second by Michael.*

*Vote in favor of amended Major Action Item: 7*

*Vote in opposition to Major Action Item: 2*

**Amended Action Item 6.2 Passes.**

## **VII. Committee / Advisor Reports**

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**Fashion police: ordered new shirts.**

*Motion to reinstate fiscal policy by Inayat, Second by Jasmine..*

*Motion passes unanimously.*

**VIII. Adjournment 4:33 PM**