

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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I. Call to Order 3:04PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Parker Jean P	Director of Fin Sup/Stud. Advocacy: Yacob Zuriaw P
AS Vice President: Jesús Vásquez P	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramírez P
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross P	Director of Student Outreach: Mohammad Rahman P
Director of Student Services: Emmitt Rivers A	ICC Chair: Spin Versele P
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel P
Director of Academic Support: London Tran A	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson P
Director of Activities: Angie Vo P	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn P
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes A

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Faheem, Seconded

Motion to add Action Item 7.3 “Approval of Resolution”

Motion to add Discussion Item 10.3 “Winter Session”

Motion to postpone indefinitely Discussion Item 10.1

Motion to change wording in Action Item 7.2 from “at” to “by”.

Agenda unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2012

Motion by Mohammad, Seconded

Minutes approved unanimously.

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Arya Shirani—(Minimum Wage Petition)—Wants to raise the federal minimum wage to \$9.50-\$10.00, with an adjustment for inflation. Created a petition on Change.org. Once there are 25,000 signatures, the President must respond.

Alex Vandertol—(Club Games)—On behalf of Psych club, we’d like to thank ICC and AS for hosting the club games.

MEChA Organization—Showing a film tomorrow called Outlawing Shakespeare, on elimination of the Mexican American studies program in Tucson.

SMC Dance Dept.—(Global Motion Dance Company)—Represented the SMC dance department at Disneyland: the Global motion dance company. Brought a slideshow. Different cultures were represented at the event. Note: two shows per semester at the Broad stage. Were presented with a plaque from Disney after the performances. Thank the AS for their support of the arts.

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

- 6.1. Approval of funding for **Japanese English Language Association (JELA)** End-of-Semester event. This includes beef and vegetables.(Ryutaro, ICC Allotment: \$141.94)
- 6.2. Approval of funding for **AS/International Youth Fellowship Club Cultural Exposition** event. This includes 6 Lewis Polo Shirts and 4 American Eagle Polo shirts.(Casper, ICC Allotment: \$185.35)

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- 6.3. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board** to purchase battery charger and bag for the AS camera. This includes battery charger, camera bag paid via Amazon gift card. (Mohammad, Office: \$77.00)
- 6.4. Approval of funding for **Student Nurses Club** new graduate workshop on November 26th. This includes 7 Starbucks gift cards, cookies, brownies, cheese, crackers, vegetable tray, juice and ice. (Arielle, ICC Allotment: \$186.61)
- 6.5. Approval of funding for **Kapisanang Pilipino** to host an end of the year banquet. This includes drinks, decorations from Target, and food.(Jaime, ICC Allotment: \$300)
- 6.6. Approval of funding for **Black Collegians Club** trip to Skyzone. This includes ticket fees for 28 students. (Courtney. ICC Allotment: \$250.00)
- 6.7. Approval of funding for **Associated Students** to purchase Microsoft Office for 3 computers. (Faheem, Office: \$149.99)

Motion to approve by Michelle, Seconded
Action items approved unanimously.

VII. Action Items

- 7.1. AS Director's right to be included in all AS Board related meetings (Yacob)

Motion by Mohammad, Seconded

Yacob: Last Monday after the Board meeting, there was the first Publicity committee meeting. Was told he was unable to sit in the committee meeting because he wasn't a member. Any director has the right to sit on any committee.

Cécile: Aren't all committees open to the public?

Parker: Yes.

Michelle: What about standing committees?

Parker: They must be open to the public.

Jesse: As a director, I try to make all the right decisions, but that doesn't always happen. We just feel the meeting would run more smoothly without distractions. Our board is 8 members. We *are* a large board and are have very diverse opinions. All AS Directors' opinions count because it has to go through the Board meetings. Yacob, I don't know where we went wrong but I apologize to you for whatever I did.

Yacob: The meeting started and I was told I was not allowed to sit at the committee. It's not personal, I just want to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

Jesse: I don't think that I did anything wrong. I let people know in advance and I asked for everyone's availability. I'm not trying to have people against me, and it doesn't feel like people are working with me.

Call to question by **Faheem**; vote taken. 7 in favor, 2 opposed

Motion passes.

Parker: Clarification on this. This doesn't mean that directors not in the committee have the right to speak. They do have the right to observe.

- 7.2. Approval to end all AS Board meetings *by* 5:00pm (Jesse)

Motion by Mohammad, Seconded

Spin: I get why it's there, our meetings tend to run a bit long. You need to get through everything, that's what it's there for. If items got postponed, eventually it'll roll over to

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where we have a lot of unfinished business.

Jesse: This is just to help us stay on the ball and watch the time.

Michelle: We can make this a recommendation during a winter retreat. We can give each other tips. We need to refresh on that for the meetings to go faster. This shouldn't even be necessary for the agenda. We should be good at that.

Dean Hearn: Directors should be cognizant of items being added to the agenda. I saw a lot of items that really didn't need to be discussed during the meeting.

Vote: 2 in favor, 7 opposed, and 1 abstention

7.3 Resolution (Michelle)

Motion by Sam, Seconded

Michelle: Reason for putting this forth is because it's kind of urgent to get the wheels rolling this week. The college is looking at other people from the community, benefactors. We really do need something like this. Their funds would be generously appreciated.

Parker: I think this is a great idea, but there shouldn't be 8 whereases, only 4.

Michelle: There is a possibility that the community could match whatever we fundraise.

Parker: If we do adopt this, we would have to make some amendments. There is still a possibility that there could be a Winter session. The AS could be a part of this. I like the wording of the last part because sometimes it's good that we leave it a little vague; we can't promise a winter.

Spin: That's a winter session for 2013?

Michelle: Yes

Spin: I hate to be a Debby downer but it's terribly ambitious to do this right before the holidays.

Cécile: Michelle, do you have numbers?

Michelle: Pasadena City College fundraised 200,000 within a couple weeks.

Cécile: In the past, people have said we have a certain amount in the reserve.

Michelle: We're not planning on using AS funds, unless there is a possibility to use some to generate more. Deirdre Weaver has a database with about 300,000 people. If we asked for \$10 from past alumni, \$1 or \$2 from students, we could meet goals.

Parker: What do you have in mind?

Michelle: I'm waiting on PCC's Student Trustee and she's going to let me know what they did. After seeing you do Prop 30, I see that you can do something. This would be almost another Prop 30 campaign.

Motion to amend resolution by Jesus, Seconded

Amended Resolution Below:

Whereas, Proposition 30 passed and our college will not be a victim to instant trigger cuts this 2012-2013 school year;

Whereas, the college may be able to generate funds, but not enough to sufficiently support a winter session;

Whereas, Santa Monica College has made rental agreements with UCLA Extension and they will only use our facilities for winter 2013 and will not provide jobs for our employees;

Whereas, many students cannot afford UCLA Extension classes this winter;

Resolved

that Santa Monica College Associated Students Board of Directors and Student Trustee will commit to work closely with the Santa Monica College Alumni Association, Santa Monica College Foundation, and other interested groups on campus, to fundraise for a 2013 winter session.

Resolved

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the Santa Monica College Associated Students Board of Director and Student Trustee will coordinate a campus wide campaign to help fundraise for a 2013 winter session.

Resolved

that the Associated Students Board of Directors and Student Trustee are committed to representing students and assist the District in providing a 2013 winter session.

By Michelle Olivarez

Student Trustee

Dean Hearn: Realistically, what could you guys do to make this happen?

Parker: Thinking about using the President's account with Dr. Tsang. Automatically put that towards making up a winter. We could use some of our reserves. I think that fundraising is necessary. Deirdre is coming up with creative ideas to fundraise.

Spin: Part of the issue isn't the funding, it's the faculty.

Parker: Don't worry about the logistics of the process. We're looking at early December for the enrollment of classes. That's why we would need to start this ASAP. This is sending a message saying we're willing to step up to the plate if everyone else on campus is.

Michelle: UCLA extension, we have 5 classes in the Fall. We almost got about 100 students to pay the \$590 per class. Maybe we can put on a benefit.

Amendments approved

Motion to approve the resolution approved unanimously.

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

- 8.1. Approval of funding for **Inter Club Council** to host annual ICC Social on November 29th at the Cayton center. This includes food, ingredients for hot drinks, drinks, goodies, deserts, oriental trading, miscellaneous and others.(Erin, ICC: up to \$2,790.00)

Erin: ICC Social is coming up! Get excited!

Faheem: How are you catering the event? I talked to the Quiznos guy and he can offer a great deal.

Parker: Just be conscious of what you buy. Let's be a little more careful about buying random stuff. Just because you have the money, don't spend it.

Action item approved unianimously.

- 8.2. Approval of funding for **AS/Workforce & Economic Development** annual Latina/o Youth Conference March 16, 2013. This includes table, canopy and chair rentals, tech rental, keynote speaker, entertainment and lunch and Casablanca Restaurant.(Maria, Student Success: \$5,277.69)

Motion to approve major action item by Cecile, Seconded

María: use it to expose the students to this conference. We usually have a keynote speaker in the morning, we usually have people from careers, we use a lot of people from SMC. We have a college and community fair for the students. We have a lot of people from the past coming back.

Parker: I want to help you save some money. The company Erin used for Club row for the canopy and chair rentals.

María: We use Del Rey. We get an SMC Discount.

Parker: Do you know who the keynote speaker is?

María: We have one from the Chicano Secret Service which is a comedy show and

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Lalo Alcaraz (PhD in Chicano Studies teaching in Riverside). We're trying to get them to perform a skit on that.

Jesús: How extensive is the event in the LA area?

María: There are usually 10 schools, but it really depends on transportation. My grant pays for 3-4 buses.

Action item approved unanimously.

IX. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports

Erin: ICC Social is the main project right now. Looking for places to cater. I'm open to help!

Spin: Last ICC meeting last week. Had 70 clubs, great turnout. Elections committee

Caitlin: Had the 70th club installed last week. Constitution Committee meeting last week. Going to talk about language changes to some directors positions after today's meeting.

Cécile: Last Finance meeting on the 28th. Proposals should be submitted by Wednesday at 6:30. On the last board meeting, there'll be a presentation about our spending between last year and this one.

Faheem: Going to put a big map and post it where his desk is. We can put pins in with post-its with business types to add to the contact list. So far, he's done restaurants, yogurt shops, and car washes.

Parker: Ze Garden gives a 10% discount to AS members.

Faheem: I want to make a coupon booklet. It'll increase the number of students who buy the sticker.

Yacob: My week has been filled with meetings. Told people about the Winter session.

Jesús: This past Friday was the Constitution Committee meeting. Another one today. Final recommendations being voted on today before joint council meets.

Parker: Going to be exciting these next few weeks. It'll be amazing if we can pull it off. If the AS step up to the plate, it'll make the front line of the newspapers. It's up to the students now. Our generation is realizing that. There's ways that we can help. Going to bring a proposal for the president's account. The money in the reserves is for a rainy day. It's hailing out. It's time to use it for the common good. It's going to be a busy and productive week. It's an exciting time to be in Student Government. So get excited. Going to set up a committee for getting winter back. Expect an e-mail from me for that.

Sam: Went to a Grade Appeals Committee Hearing. Just a warning: if you're planning to appeal a grade, make sure you have an excellent case, because those are tough to win. Seen about 4 or 5 hearings and none of them have been in the student's favor—though one was close. Also attended the Constitution Committee meeting that lasted 4 hours. Thanks to Dean Hearn for the pizza.

London: No new committee applications. No environmental affairs committee meeting this week because of Thanksgiving. Next Environmental meeting will be on 12/6/12.

Mohammad: The movie screening, going to show Good Will Hunting on Nov. 29th as suggested by Faheem. Only allowing students with the AS sticker in. Going to print out flyers. There will be free popcorn. Ulises is working on a karaoke night on Tuesdays.

Angie: Working on the food drive this week and the volunteer fair.

Steven: Going to collaborate with Plastic free SMC to make a logo to put on the hydration station. Working with DPAC—college services that meets on Friday. The center for environmental and urban studies is getting a \$3000 grant. Reminder: the "flea market" is tomorrow.

Jesse: Put in a proposal for 4 banners that can be easily stored. Has Mohammad's movie night in the corsair. Banners say "AS Sponsored Events" "AS Co-Sponsored Events". Really happy about the banners. Next thing on the priority list is the website.

Michelle: Look at the packets. Had a meeting last Tuesday. There was a presentation about UCLA extension. Right now we're at 80 students. Corsair newspaper: we gave them an award because they got 14 awards. We're finally going to be able constructing around there. We should begin construction soon. We had a presentation about Institutional Effectiveness. How can we solve the problem with the gap (minorities)? After the meeting, going to call Pasadena City College and Deirdre. Went to a

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Trustee conference. We're on our way up! Only 3 other student trustees attended. Also, in addition to condoms and lubrication, boxed contraception is going to be offered in the student health centers.

Dean Hearn: Benny's out for the rest of this week. The office will close at 5 on Wednesday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving—don't eat too much! Special meeting tomorrow, hopefully a conversation will be about the winter session. Michelle, thank you for bringing your resolution to the board. Hopefully you (the Board) can get involved in the same level as Prop 30. Look at this as business people, so make sure you ask important questions. Highly recommend looking at the resolution.

X. Discussion Items

10.1. Headshot photos for AS (Yacob)
Item postponed indefinitely.

10.2. Inter-board communication and relationships. (Spin)

Spin: At the ICC, we have a special spot for the directors to talk. It's a place to make announcements. Not a place to call people out or question what people do. It's frustrating seeing people against each other. You can't work together if you're mad at someone.

Tensions look and are unprofessional. We're all here for each other. You might get frustrated with people, but talk. See what they have to say.

XI. Adjournment 4:59PM

Motion by Samantha, Seconded