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**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
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**I. Call to Order 3:02PM**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Parker Jean P	Director of Financial Support: 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 P	ICC Chair: Spin Versele P
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel L 3:35PM
Director of Academic Support: London Tran P	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson P
Director of Activities: Angie Vo L 3:08PM	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 P

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Mohammad, Seconded*

*Motion to amend 7.1. change to December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3PM*

*Motion to move all major action item before consent action items*

*Motion to add 7.2 "Motion to approve a \$200 reimbursement for Benny Blaydes for purchasing Prop 30 buttons for AS Board of Directors' Special Account which was established after Bob Myers gave the Board a \$200 donation to purchase the Prop 30 buttons".*

*Amended agenda approved unanimously.*

**IV. Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2012**

*Motion by Mohammad, Seconded*

*Minutes approved unanimously.*

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

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

- 6.1. Approval of funding for **SMC Robotics** to construct a quadcopter micro air vehicle capable of autonomous navigation. This includes robotic equipment and electronics.(Nicholas, ICC Allotment: \$500.00)
- 6.2. Approval of funding for **Student Filmmaker's Association** for funding for Fall 12<sup>th</sup> Film Festival. This includes 24 pizzas and drinks. (Bridget, ICC Allotment: \$312.00)
- 6.3. Approval of funding for **German Club** for funding for refreshments. This includes 2 packs of Toblerone Mini, 1 package of Ritter Sport, 1 case of Kinder Bueno, Haribo gold-Bars Minis and taxes.(Victor, ICC Allotment: \$170.24)
- 6.4. Approval of funding for **SMC Glass Club** for purchasing t-shirts. This includes 21 t-shirts and taxes. (Johnny, ICC Allotment: \$267.99)

*Action items approved unanimously.*

**VII. Action Items**

- 7.1. Call Joint Council on Thursday November 29, 2012 at 4:00pm

*Motion by London, Seconded*

*Action item approved unanimously*

- 7.2. Approve a \$200 reimbursement for Benny Blaydes for purchasing Prop 30 buttons for AS. The funds are to be taken from the AS Board of Directors' Special Account which was established after Bob Myers gave the Board a \$200 donation to purchase the Prop 30 buttons.

*Motion by Sam, Seconded*

*Action item approved unanimously.*

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

- 8.1. Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board of Directors** to provide a contribution to the 2013 Winter Session due to the district budget restraints. (Parker, AS Public Relations: \$50,000.00, Contingency \$50,000.00, and Reserves \$100,000.00)

*Motion by Spin, Seconded*

**Ty**—I do believe this is a good way to spend AS money. However, I disagree with spending AS money on that. The general fund is paid by every student, not just those taking these classes.

**Parker**—You will get the benefits. This is surpluses from the past four years.

**Ty**—If I'm not taking classes, then I'm not receiving the benefits of AS membership.

**Joshua Scuteri**—I can think of no better way to spend public funds. The first statement is directly involved with the issue. "Promote educational advancement" and that's exactly what you're doing. There's no more surefire way than watching this money dwindle than closing the doors. I don't view this as a sacrifice of this AS Board. The last year's board sacrificed to have the winter session.

**Ulises Cayetano**—There was a petition going on to see who was pro-winter. There were 300 people who were and this was within three hours. It's not a waste, it's just a rollover of money. I feel that we shouldn't be restricting this for other people.

**Jesús**—How were those questions framed?

**Ulises**—How and where the money will be used is important to mention. You want to have classes for next semester.

**Jesús**—Do the students know that the AS is funding part of it?

**Parker**—Yes. I think only 5 or 6 people are actually hesitant.

**Alex Abramoff**—Here as an AS student from the Future Alumni Club to give his support with the AS in terms of winter.

**Alex Vandertol**—You should be applauded for pushing this (AS funds for winter) through.

**Vice President Tuitasi**—On behalf of Dr. Tsang, we want to thank you for being innovative. Glad we could look outside the box. I know that you haven't voted yet, but we're very proud that you're doing this. You guys are very cutting edge. The difficult decision coming ahead is how you can keep funding coming.

**George Prather**—Since 2008-9, there's been declining enrollment. Since 2009, there's been an increase in revenue for AS membership fees. Big Blue Bus: That's where the rise of income made a difference. Thank this board. The budget is remaining stable. Even though, we're still up about \$13,000 over budget as far as revenue. What's a rainy day? It means economic downturn. Keep a balanced and stable expenditure for the board. Enable to remain stable. Have a new proposal for the AS. Wanted to show it to us. Propose to change the budget from \$60,000 and changing it to \$210,000. What better funds to use for students than from the Student Success account.

**Parker**—So, we would change contingency in the reserves to student success? We wouldn't have to touch reserves.

*Motion to amend language to "Approval of funding for Associated Student Board of Directors to provide a contribution to the 2013 Winter Session due to the district*

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*budget restraints. (Parker, AS Public Relations: \$50,000.00, Student Success \$150,000.00)*

*Motion by Mohammad, Seconded*

Parker: It has been an unfortunate sight to have seen Public education lose so much funding and lock millions of students across the state out of the system for quite some time. Let us not forget the pepper spraying incident on our very own campus, where students blocked the self-funded classes, otherwise known as the two-tier system of education. Regardless of which side of this debate you stood on, it could be easily agreed that the incident was a direct reflection of the crisis of education on a macro level.

It is not all bad though. The passage of proposition 30 symbolized that the taxpayers are still willing to fund public education and are willing to pay the cost for it, in order to educate the future of tomorrow. We saw record breaking turnouts of younger generations, who mobilized and advocated to save our schools from more cuts. While this is not the end all, win all, solution, it was a step in the right direction.

It is a great honor to be able to have a winter session, especially after working hard to pass proposition 30. Myself, alongside many other students (both in and out of the AS), have played a large roll in the discussion to revisit having a winter and help shift the dialogue. Thanks to the opportunities to speak at the Board of Trustees meetings and through the shared governance on campus, we were able to voice our opinions and make this decision a reality.

I am pleased to announce that the Associated Students contribution of \$200,000 towards winter session will go directly towards providing classes, which is the main reason why students are here. What better way could we use our dollar then to fill a seat in a classroom? While it should definitely not be a recurring theme that the Associated Students funds classes on campus, we stand at a unique time where we can contribute to a great cause.

This will be a monumental decision for the Associated Students, perhaps the biggest one of our terms. Dr. Tsang has taken an honorable risk to provide this winter and will need all the help he can get, from many more generous donors. Hopefully we can see a collaborative effort amongst all groups on campus to contribute to this cause. I believe this effort shows a monumental decision of solidarity to show that we are all working to the best of our abilities to provide students what they need most (classes).

So.. we have stepped up to the plate.. But now it is time to go a step further, and help reward the students with this co-sponsored Associated Students winter. Let us think creatively, critically and boldly about our organization and what we can do. Up until about 2 weeks ago, we weren't going

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to have a winter session. A few of us on the Board played a major role in shifting the dialogue. We did that. We reached out to the constituents on the quad. This is a collaborative effort—us, some generous donors—and it's all working for the same cause. I urge you all to vote yes for this. This is something I feel strongly about. Hopefully we can get this passed.

**Spin**—Will the students who aren't taking classes still be able to get their student IDs activated for the Big Blue Bus?

**Mike Tuitasi**—There will be a meeting to discuss that tomorrow.

**Cécile**—I wish we had more time as a Board to discuss this item. This is happening very fast and it's very confusing. I hope in the future, you ask what we think about it.

**Parker**—We're moving fast. We don't have time. I wish we did have time. Where dialogue shifted, were public meetings. You guys can come to these meetings. Yes, I wish there was more time to talk about it, but where are you guys? We're moving fast and we have to go.

**Yacob**—More than the AS made a difference with this. I'm giving a shout out to those who initially brought up the issue at the DPAC meeting.

**Jesús**—Regarding the \$200,000, how will the money be allocated?

**Parker**—\$50,000 is coming from my account with Dr. Tsang. It would go straight to the foundation. They're working hard on a campaign of donations.

**Don Gerard**—Congratulations. You're welcome to earmark it for Winter Session.

**Parker**—How can we make it known that the AS is giving this money. We want proper recognition that the AS worked on this.

**Don Gerard**—There are banners that will be placed on campus in about a week notifying students. The classes are already established and will be posted at about 6:30am tomorrow morning.

**Dean Hearn**—My recommendation is to send it to the Foundation.

**Parker**—The money will go directly to the SMC Foundation.

**Jesús**—90% of the money will go to paying professors.

**Parker**—This is honorable on Dr. Tsang's part.

**Jesse**—I agree with Cécile that it would have been nice to have more time. Why not give a little extra money so that we can have the same number of classes as last year?

**Parker**—I brought it up last week's meeting and I said exactly what was discussed: the idea of AS winter is back on the table. I think you guys have had plenty of time. I'm all for transparency, and I think this process has been quite transparent.

**Spin**—Is there a possibility for setting a precedent for future years?

**Parker**—Hopefully, this is a one-time thing and is not a pattern.

**Benny**—One thing you have to realize is that everything happened really fast. The window was very small. They looked at the budget projections and they're looking better, especially since Prop 30. Opening more classes in the winter will free up spaces in the Spring.

**Jesús**—What would be the issue with waiting till next week to vote?

**Parker**—That will dilute the issue and message. I think we need to do it now.

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What's the point in waiting?

**Jesús**—if we fund 200,000, they'll have more leverage as far as getting private donations.

**Parker**—It's going to be much easier to go to the community to get more money when they already have more money.

**Ulises Cayetano**—(member of the public)—realized a lot that many students need winter to keep moving.

**Clinton** (member of the public)—You guys are doing the best things for everyone. Maybe set guidelines for the system. What about those students taking classes that don't transfer?

**Michelle**—Ventura College approved \$10,000 for their Summer session last year. We're not alone.

**Vote:** in favor 11, abstentions 1

*Major action item approved.*

- 8.2. Approval of funding for **Counseling Dept.** to partially fund VIP Welcome Day 2013 on August 27<sup>th</sup>. This includes approximately 2,200 lunches from In-N-Out. (Brenda, Special Project: \$15,000.00)" (Motion: Deyna Hearn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Parker Jean)

*Motion by Mohammad, Seconded*

**Counseling Department (CD)**—Event that welcomes new students to SMC. Students who attend SMC VIP Welcome Day are 49% more likely to stay in school. The reason we want to keep this vendor is that there is a huge draw and they can cook 1200 lunches in one hour.

**Parker**—Maybe we can get some directors to sit on the committee for VIP Welcome Day.

**Michelle**—How often do you get complaints about In-N-Out?

**CD**—Never.

**Jesús**—Lack of space at VIP Welcome Day to have club tables was brought up as an issue.

**CD**—We could make more use of the school. We're open to ideas.

**Yacob**—Have you looked into getting it donated by In-N-Out?

**CD**—Due to the magnitude of the event, it's unlikely that In-N-Out would donate that much to us.

**Faheem**—You might want to consider other options.

*Major Action item approved unanimously.*

- 8.3. Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board of Directors** for the ongoing pre-paid credit card for AS Dept. This includes pre-paid ~~credit~~ debit card and extra open items.(Deyna, Office: \$1020.00)

**Dean Hearn**—You still have to go through the regular proposal process. When the money is running low, then we can put in a proposal to put more money on it. This would be used for such things like online purchases and flights.

**Parker**—We're moving money to the card, but it's being

**Dean Hearn**—We won't see a visible card. It will all be online. We all have access to it, but it goes in Amelia's hand.

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*Major Action item approved unanimously.*

- 8.4. Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board of Directors**. for banners (stand up/table cloth). This includes 4 banners. (Jesse, Publicity: up to \$2,500.00)

**Jesse**—Spoke about this last week.

Motion to call to question by Jesse, Seconded

Vote: 1 for, 3 against

**Jesse**—Really did speak about this last week. I would ask that you respect the Publicity Committee's decision to get these banners.

**Cécile**—We wanted to know if it would cost less if you removed the picture on the banner.

**Parker**—There was talk about putting the AS logo there, and if it would drag down the cost.

*Motion to divide the item by Emmitt, Seconded.*

Approval for up to \$2500 for the banners.

***Unanimously approved***

Approval of the banner as it is.

***Vote— in favor 2, opposed 9, abstentions 1. Motion fails.***

**IX. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports**

**Erin**—Working on ICC Social. Got the caterer—it's Italian.

**Spin**—Elections committee, here at the conference room Thursday at 3PM. Chairing Joint Council. Chair from another club mentioned doing club education workshops for Parliamentary Procedures, Proposals, etc.

**Caitlin**—Constitution Committee meeting scheduled this Friday at 10am. Another meeting scheduled December 4<sup>th</sup> during Activity Hour if everything isn't solidified.

**Cécile**—Last budget meeting Wednesday. Any proposals submitted now will be put up in the Spring. Please follow the rules.

**Faheem**—Went to DPAC Tech meeting. There are 300 endpoints all over campus. In order for us to get another endpoint, it would be expensive. How can we afford those extra 700 endpoints will cost \$640,000 but that won't be on us; that comes through to us through grants.

**Emmitt**—I'm really happy we passed 8.1 today

**Yacob**—I apologize to anyone who felt that they didn't have enough information, but we did have more knowledge than some other students and professors. Sitting on another committee.

**Jesús**—Three of you didn't submit your forms regarding your bylaws. What that means is that we will not be addressing any issues. We've made about 3 recommendations to joint council for our bylaws.

**Parker**—Today we saw an action of the Paradigm shift. It was really big because it symbolized that we passed this ballot initiative. Even when there was talk about not having a winter, there was still dialogue. You're going to see the AS is taken a lot more seriously on campus. It's not about some type of pride or ego, it's about our actions. There's a shift about what this organization is. That's what I'm proud of and really happy with you guys today.

**Samantha**—Going to Grade Appeals Committee next week. Also, going to start using the Director's report forms so the minutes aren't so verbose.

**Mohammad**—Last week went to the Publicity committee. Movie Night this Thursday, watching Good Will Hunting. Academic Senate Student Affairs committee, having his Primary Commissioner sit on it.

**Ulises Cayetano**—The committee looked at the enrollment and priority dates for students.

**London**—No more new applications. E-mailed people regarding the . Spring representatives .

**Steven**—Third to last meeting of the year. In February, all the new bike lock stations will be open.

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There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony; will be a pretty big event. Going to order about 500 more sustainable steel bottles with the AS logo. The free store was very successful; Alex, my commissioner, did a good job on it.

**Jesse**—It's on my priority list to take care of the AS website. It can range from \$3,000 to \$30,000 if we make any additional changes. We voted to use Pasadena City College's model.

**Dean Hearn**—Commend your leadership in the decision you all made. The district did not ask you, you made the decision to change it. The AS office will be open during the Winter Session Monday through Thursday 8:30-5:00pm and Fridays 8:30-1:00pm. I'm going to keep reminding you about the winter retreat so you can get moving. Determine the date you're going to have the retreat. Please commend Angie and her commissioners on the food drive. Amelia's secret Santa, please fill out the card. No more than \$5. Please be mindful of personal low blow comments during the meetings because all they do is start fires.

**Benny Blaydes**—Thank you everyone for Action Item 8.1. That's monumental. Winter: when you sign up, fees need to be paid. Max units is 8. You have until Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> to pay fees for the Spring. As soon as school starts on the first day, you can add more classes with counselor permission.

**Rosilynn Tilley**—Feedback for the questionnaire was essential for us to help you grow. Urge you all to participate in this program. Goal is to support you in what it is you're doing in your roles as Directors. This will hopefully start in the Spring semester. Intent is to help you think outside of the box and broaden your mind.

**X. Adjournment 5:38PM**  
*Motion by Spin, Seconded*