

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 3, 2012 3:00 PM
Cayton Center, Room #202
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I. Call to Order 3:03PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Parker Jean P	Director of Fin. Supp/Stu Adv: Yacob Zuriaw P
AS Vice President: Jesús Vázquez A	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramírez P
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross P	Director of Student Outreach: Mohammad RahmanP
Director of Student Services: Emmitt Rivers P	ICC Chair: Spin Versele L3:08 PM
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel P
Director of Academic Support: London Tran P	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin P
Director of Activities: Angie Vo P	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn P
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier L	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

4:15PM

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mohammad, Seconded
Agenda approved unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes for November 26, 2012

Motion to approve by Emmitt, Seconded
Minutes approved unanimously

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Chioma Ojini—(Biking)—Went to meeting for the Bike Club; very psyched about it. Want to give effort to bike club in getting more awareness. See action item 8.2.

Fernanda Martinez—(Eco Action)—On behalf of the Recycling of the resource management. The 5th of December at 7pm, there will be a comedy show called “Cut the Plastics” at the Hollywood Improv. Campaign is to cut the plastic. Revenue goes to the Center for Urban Studies. \$15 cover fee.

Ulises Cayetano—(Public Comment)—Thank you for having me as commissioner of AS.

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

6.1. Approval of funding for **Math Lab Club** to celebrate the end of the semester. This includes pizza, salad, juice, chicken piece, sandwich and cake .(Yuanben, ICC Allotment: \$250.00)

6.2. Approval of funding for **AS Board of Directors** for joining effort to subsidize sustainable bags for bookstore. This includes 500 sustainable bag with AS logo (Steven, Special Project: \$500)

Steven: The bag will cost \$1. Started when Santa Monica put out a ban on plastic bags. We will be helping subsidize it by giving \$.50, \$.25 for the logo and \$.25 to help pay for them. Made of polyester.

Motion by Mohammad, Seconded

Consent action items approved unanimously

VII. Action Items

7.1. Approval of Election Code (Spin)

Motion by Mohammad, Seconded

Spin: Put together an election committee. Made a few changes instead of writing something new. First change is on Page 4, changing the date. The bulk of the rest of the changes are on pages 6 and 7.

Jasmine: For the end of , no endorsement . no way to enforce it fairly. Candidates are now funding themselves. This is a really rough copy. The giant things have been fixed.

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Spin: Within the first week of the Spring semester, we have to publish it in the corsair, . For the first time, we want Publicity to fund it.

Jasmine: Slates can be from 2-8 people instead of 15.

Spin: That way one slate couldn't take over one board. Limit of Spending; they must bring in receipts.

Yacob: When is the deadline for a slate to be assembled?

Spin: Elections will be announced at the beginning of Spring semester. Elections on the 8th week of the Spring semester. All the funding is capped at \$250. A slate can spend up to \$1000 combined. If a student can prove that he or she is on financial aid, then they can be reimbursed up to \$100.

Jasmine: It gets messy adding people but removing people is always allowed. A person who has spent their max and the slate has spent 800, that person is not allowed to join because the group would in turn go over the slate max.

Spin: Campaign propaganda can only be posted if they've been approved by the Elections committee; if not, the person could get disqualified.

Parker: I think we should take a look at Section 6.13. I don't want to feel silenced during the Elections.

London: I just want to say that pointing out a fact isn't the same as formally endorsing someone.

Benny: People need to run based on their merits. If you're endorsing someone, they have an unfair advantage. It's a really sticky situation.

Spin: Abstain from voting if you plan on running. Don't for or against the Election code. That way you're not modifying the code in your favor.

Jesse: Make a quick comment. I think we can endorse people as directors, but if you're a part of the election committee, I would sway more towards not voting. If you're not a part of the committee, you can endorse people.

Parker: Because you're a director, you're a part of the committee.

Motion to postpone item 6A13 to the first meeting of the next semester by Emmitt, Seconded.

Item postponed for further discussion. Vote: 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstain

Steven: By hitting them financially, the number of people on a slate is limited.

Action item minus item 6A13 approved. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain

- 7.2. Approval to take \$300 from Director's Line Item to purchase a table at the SMC Martin Luther King Affair in January (Parker)

Motion to approve by Steven, Seconded

Carolynn: On January 18th at 7:30 sharp, different people have tables. There is a prayer breakfast. It's spiritual in the sense that everyone is parking their power title at the door and we're all convening as equals. Then, people are randomly sorted and put at another table. Going to follow Rosa Parks' theatrical stance. People will be asked "when have you taken a stance?" and "when did you not take a stance and you wish you had?" It is 90 minutes long.

Yacob: Everyone has a table, and we're purchasing one?

Parker: It's a community building event. A lot of the groups will be thankful that we helped with voter registration and Prop 30.

Carolynn: when everyone is equal, we still make a change. There's the aspect of "nobody is special". I learned to excel from the people who went before me. It's my job to excel the best I can to pull up the people who come up behind me.

Parker: Who collects all the money?

Carolynn: The banker, but there aren't profits. Their members have to pay their own. We

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pay a caterer, we give money to others. We spend what we get.

Erin: What prayers are going to be said?

Carolynn: It's usually something very universal. One year we had a call to prayer from the Islamic tradition. It's just to put everyone on a good footing for a good event.

Action item approved unanimously.

- 7.3. Approval of using Pasadena City College's AS Website as a model for the SMC AS website (Jesse)

Motion by Jacob, Seconded

Parker: This would be just a guiding tool for our own AS website. Looks like the swim team's website. Just an action item to get everyone on the same page. If you have anything you want to get added, please see Jesse and the committee.

Yacob: The meeting is this Wednesday at 4pm is with the faculty and administration.

Action item approved unanimously.

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

- 8.1. Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board** for purchasing AS logo reusable steel drinking bottles for student give away. This includes 500 stainless steel water bottles. (Steven, Special Project: 1,645.00)

Motion by Emmitt, Seconded

Steven: Going to be updating the hydration station and it would be pretty handy to have these. In the end, it will be very sustainable for the school.

Parker: I think it's a great idea to always have some on hand to give away.

Action item approved unanimously.

- 8.2. Approval of funding for **Center for environmental and Urban Studies/Bicycle Club/AS Board** for Bike SMC campaign. This includes bike safety, security equipment, spoke cards, buttons, printing, food, workshop stipends and lecture series. (Genevieve, Special Project: \$6,425.69, William, ICC Allotment: \$321.00)

**Funds are to be used during this school year only.

Motion by Spin, Seconded

Genevieve: The spirit of the campaign is to increase bike ridership and provide insensitive. This is going to last throughout the Spring semester. Create a sustained bike culture. 400 bike parking spots and a hydration station in the area. Hoping to increase security and safety of bike riding. Get manufacturer donations through the

Yacob: We're paying over half; where's the other half coming from?

Genevieve: The SMC Associates, Bike club, etc. I try to get partnerships to stretch the needed dollar and increase publicity. A lot of money goes to safety giveaways: locks, lights, helmets, etc. Bicycle maintenance, safety, and rules of the road are the types of workshops we'll be having. Anyone can attend the meeting, but only AS members can receive the giveaways.

Action item approved unanimously.

IX. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports

Erin: ICC social this Thursday from 4-8pm. The max we're looking at is 300 people. You are all invited. Food will be Italian. If anyone knows a good DJ, let her know. Anytime from 12-1, need volunteers. Thinking of having a panel of members of AS from different 4-years like UCLA, CSUN, and USC. How to get involved in student government in your chosen schools.

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Caitlin: Joint council is meeting on Wednesday from 3-5pm. Heard back from 5 ICC delegates—said they would attend.

Faheem: Emmitt and I have been planning the Winter retreat. Businesses are going well. Grey Block Pizza is not really working with us. I think we should have an AS Yelp account. This way, we can leverage that to businesses. Businesses will be more apt to the deal if we make an account to review. Will be working on the list over the Winter.

Cécile: We are done with Fall semester. I'll be home for 3 weeks during the winter. I'll catch up with George Prather when I get back from France.

Emmitt: I really enjoyed all of the meetings; great semester. Faheem and I have winter retreat updates for everyone later on.

Yacob: We're having an issue with quorum. Meeting's at 5:30pm in the conference room. Looking at student outreach position, discussing making it a community outreach position. SSSCC is having a region mixer on Friday. We can bus pool it on Friday to LA Trade-Tech.

Parker: It's been a productive semester this far, two huge victories we can look back on. I'm proud of the work we've done. We should be proud going into winter.

Sam: Thank you for welcoming me Grade appeals committee hearing this week. I'll let you all know the outcome at our next Board meeting in the Spring!

Mohammad: Spoke with Outreach office. They will have tables out around campus to help the students the first week of the Spring semester. I need as many directors as possible to sit on those tables whenever available. I think this is a great way of interacting and communicating with students. I will send out a reminder email a week before the semester starts.

London: I encouraged people to come during public comments to speak, but they didn't (student representatives on committees). Going to enforce new requirements in the new semester: asking them to speak during Board meetings.

Angie: Thursday is the last day of activities. Will have an event. This is the volunteer fair. Has about 15 tables. We'll do it again, hopefully we'll have more. Last week, we planned on events we could do next year. We decided to do an Asian Culture affair. We want to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Steven: We've been having some talks with DPAC to get things changed with hydration stations. Those are the white boxes we all love so much. Will be visiting some junkyards and landfills next semester to see where our waste actually goes. Looking into the CSSC for the Spring. Huge thanks to her for going with us.

Dean Hearn: Congratulate you guys! Did an awesome job next semester. I look forward to seeing your winter retreat. Hopefully you get something out of it. I want to make sure you all return next semester.

Benny: Remind you that you need to submit the CSS Profile on time. Will be working Jan. 7th to 24th.

Rosilynn: Will be at the welcome center during the winter. Make sure you give your recommenders 2 weeks notice.

X. Discussion Items

12.1. Winter Retreat (Faheem and Emmitt)

Emmitt: Decided that we would go with the Bundy campus. Looking into dates. Would be from 9-6pm. Looking at different places for breakfast and lunch. If you have any ideas, let them know. I think kosher would work for anyone. Any dietary restrictions, let them know.

12.2. AS Coffee Shop (Parker)

Parker: Need to look at a contract, TCBY is month to month. The Bread Factory is leaving. Let's form a committee. (Interested parties: Erin, Caitlin, Parker, Yacob, London, Cécile).

Dean Hearn: You should talk to Dean Patricia Ramos. If a business plan is involved, she can help put one together.

XI. Adjournment Motion by Sam, Seconded 5:40PM