# Associated Students of Santa Monica College A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 25, 2013 3:00 PM Cayton Center, Room #202 MINUTES

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#### I. Call to Order 3:00PM

#### II. Roll Call

AS President: Parker Jean P Director of Financial Support: Yacob Zuriaw P AS Vice President: VACANT Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramírez P

AS Secretary: Samantha Ross P Director of Student Outreach: Mohammad Rahman P

Director of Student Services: VACANT ICC Chair: Spin Versele P

Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel L3:03PM

Director of Academic Support: VACANT

Director of Activities: Angie Vo L3:01

ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson P

Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez L4:18PM

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 to approve by Sam, Seconded

Motion to add Action Item 6.2 "Appointment Committee Selection" by Sam, Second Agenda approved unanimously.

### IV. Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2012

Motion by Mohammad, Second Minutes approved unanimously.

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

**Chioma Ojini**—(Eco Action Club)—Free Store, Earth Week (Thurs. April 25, 2013), Accepting donations starting March 10<sup>th</sup>. Wanted to invite volunteers; stop by the CEUS. Alex: Wanted to give people the heads up that Earth week is approaching.

**Dennis Uchimara**—(Change ongoing in education; future preparation of Associated Student Generation). Long time SMC Student. Major points, really think there's a change happening in education. Quality of an education and value of a degree is decreasing. Back then, HS Diploma was valuable; college degree was gold. You have to get something practical and in high demand. Students are not in first priority and they should be. The only way for everyone to go to school is if people took a pay cut.

**Albert**—(Town Hall meeting); Thank the Board and AS that they're reaching out to the students. Was on the Rapid 7 and mentioned the meeting. A conversation was started. We need the AS to reach out to these students. AS needs to use the events tomorrow to listen closely to the students. Wants to extend this to everyone in the Cayton building. Make sure your voice is heard because it's very important.

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

6.1. Approval of funding for **AS Board of Directors** for Activities allotment for the Spring 2013. This includes \$1,000 per week for 11 weeks (Angie, Activities: \$11,000.00)

Motion by Erin, Second

**Angie:** If you remember last semester, I mentioned this during a meeting. I want to be able to use this throughout the semester. Is the language ok?

**Cecile:** You might be able to get more later; I think it's better to get \$11,000 now and if you need more, come back to the finance meeting.

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**Angie:** After the 11<sup>th</sup> week, is that money that I haven't used still available?

**Parker:** Yes. We really need to make sure that the items we're spending on are reusable. We just need to make sure there's a little more oversight. Just be mindful. If you could bring us a sheet like this (handout given)

**Spin:** For the Talent contest, will that be a prize or a scholarship given? Will we be judges?

**Angie:** I will keep you updated.

**Steven:** I'm just going to bring this up; if we hold clubs to being so sustainable, we

should hold ourselves to it. Balloons are bad for the environment.

**Call to question by Erin, Seconded**Call to question approved unanimously.

### Action item approved

### 6.2 Appointment Committee Selection

Motion by Cecile, seconded

**Parker:** We have too many people on the appointment committee. Quorum would be 7 people. We need to reduce it to 5 people. It would be a violation of the Brown Act if we had 7 people. At this point, what we'll have to do is all the people who want to join the appointment

Faheem: In this instance, I feel . when it comes to recruiting people, you want someone who has experience in choosing people.

Parker: Do you think it would be better if we randomly did it? Or what Faheem and Sam said?

Spin: What if we did it by random that way there's an equal chance of getting in.

Jesse: I'm going to agree with Spin. Everyone has their defending points for their POV.

7 in favor to vote by pulling names out of a hat.

The appointment committee will be selected randomly.

Dean Hearn: Mohammad, Jesse, and Yacob.

Motion approved unanimously.

### VII. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports

**Spin:** I'll let the girls take care of this; I was out sick on the first ICC meeting.

Caitlin: We installed 13 clubs on Thursday. We're helping Angie out with Club Awareness Week.

**Erin:** I contacted the UCLA AS President; haven't gotten a response. I'm looking for themes for Club Row. I've gotten Zombies and Carnival. Club row is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Faheem:** Coming up with marketing material for the AS benefits. Isn't the Rapid 7 idea great? They're stuck on a bus and they can't leave. It's great.

**Cecile:** I talked to George Prather this morning. The departments keep asking for more and more money. We need to look at that more carefully. There are 5 proposals coming in from the Communications Dept. We understand these are harsh times. I can hopefully do a little presentation next week.

**Yacob:** Tomorrow is the Town Hall meeting. I'm going to need some help setting up. Is there anyone available at 9am. Any time you have please help. Once it starts at 11:15, I need everyone to sit down. No one needs to know you're a part of student government. You don't need to wear your shirts. Last week was the Region 7 meeting at LATTC. All the representatives came together and formally opposes the budget. One reason is the 90 unit cap for the BOG. The \$300 million given to adult

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education isn't enough because it's operating at a loss; it needs \$900 million. Funding base, based on the number of students, that's a movement toward performance based funding. That's why the region formally opposes it.

Parker: Let's clear up the March in March meeting.

**Sam:** I have nothing left to say.

**Mohammad:** I posted the flyers for the Town Hall meeting, the March in March, the bike rally, etc. I put the town hall meeting on Facebook. I think it's an effective way to reach out to the students. It got to a lot of people. Emmitt was assigned before to get name badges for the directors. I'm pretty sure I'll have a sample by next week.

**Angie**: I'm assisting Yacob with the town hall meeting and the Student Resource fair. We decided that we're going to have the Harlem Shake.

**Steven**: We're going to have a student task force to find out who uses the bottles (AS). Hiring a new commissioner; the old student trustee. The bigger event we funded was the Bike Parking center. The parade is happening on campus. The president of the college will be there to cut the ribbon. There will be giveaways for the event. I went by today but 2/3s of the event was there before. I'm impressed. The garden has been worked on directly by Spin.

**Jesse**: I advertised the election coming up and the board meetigns to the Corsair on a regular basis. I had a meeting with Helen Porter; we worked something out and are moving forward with that.

**Parker**: What did you figure out>?

**Jesse**: We're going to have a layout done on Thursday. We'll move forward from there.

**Dean Hearn**: Update on the Director's applicants. VP: 7 eligible candidates, Student Services: 4, and Academic Support: 4. One thing that you need to know is that there are 2 applicants who had less than 20 units. One decided to move their application to another category. Update on the bus trip: \$10 deposit, if you want to go, you need to do the same thing. Only 4 people have reserved their seats. Mike Tuitasi has agreed to go with you. Looks like a green light, full speed ahead. Now we need signups. Kirsten Elliot wants me to let you know about the Study Abroad. Deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 15<sup>th</sup>; deadline. The UCLA STEM program on the quad April 16<sup>th</sup>. You're in the forefront of Environmental Affairs. It becomes a challenge at the students at large. You might want to piggy back and do some type of green festival. March 7<sup>th</sup>: Workshop on Associated Student government. Tell them what the real world is about. March 19<sup>th</sup>: What is Student Government and what does it mean to be on the Board.

**Benny**: March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for CALGrant. Renewing FAFSA and students who have not done their official first contact with a counselor.

**Michelle:** Last week, we had a board of trustees study session about basic skills (classes that are non-transferable like basic English and Math). We filled our classes to the high 90 percents. They're talking about orientations about taking the tests before you do. Thank you to the Director of Sustainability for the naming of the Metro station.

#### VIII. Adjournment 4:31PM

Motion to adjourn by Sam, Seconded