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A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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I. Call to Order 3:01PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Parker Jean P	Director of Student Advocacy: Yacob Zuriaw P
AS Vice President: Jemal Hussein P	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramirez P
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross P	Director of Outreach: Mohammad Rahman A
Director of Student Services: Chioma Ojini P	ICC Chair: Spin Versele L3:11PM
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel A
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Jon Kent Ethridge II P	ICC Comm. Officer: Caitlin Thompson L3:11PM
Director of Activities: Angie Vo P	Student Trustee: Michelle Olivarez A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Faheem Ali A	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn P
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Ryan Sinder—(AS Debate & Elections, Power, Poverty, Law, Freedom, One love)—Actually today, I have something positive to say. I really liked the debates, but I wish we had another debate. There were other people in class so not everyone had the chance to see it. I talked to someone about the polling center downstairs, there isn't much privacy. I noticed there was multiple campaigns by the lines. They shouldn't be allowed to do that. Maybe you should talk. Other than that, there are a lot of people here.

David Burak—(Issues with Honorarium)—Giving you a progress report. There is a potential problem as far as the students attending class regularly. What we want to do is do a videotape Q&A. When you get a chance to watch the video, you can record questions. I think that it would be best to record because it is longer lasting.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Sam, Second
Agenda approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes for March 25, 2013 (Regular Meeting) and March 20, 2013 (Special Meeting)

Motion to approve by Yacob, Second

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

- 6.1. Approval of funding for **Bicycle Club** for a bike and hike. This includes camping reservation for two sites, energy bars and Subway sandwiches. (Tarsis, ICC Allotment: \$192.18)

Motion to approve by Sam, Second

Cécile: They're now asking for \$240 to open it up for more students.

*Motion to amend Consent action item 6.1 to read "Approval of funding for **Bicycle Club** for a bike and hike on April 8 & 9, 2013. This includes camping reservation for three sites, energy bars and Subway sandwiches. (Tarsis, ICC Allotment: \$240.00)" by Sam, Second*

Consent Action Item 6.1 approved unanimously.

- 6.2. Approval of funding for **Vietnamese Student Association** for club T-shirts. This includes T-shirt costs. (Angie, ICC Allotment: up to \$300.00)
- 6.3. Approval of funding for **Chemistry Club** for club t-shirts. This includes 50 t-shirts. (Aurora, ICC Allotment: \$312.50)

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Motion to approve consent action items 6.2 and 6.3 by Cecile, Second
Consent Action Items 6.2 and 6.3 approved unanimously.

VII. Action Items

- 7.1. Approval of holding a Special Election for amendments to the AS Constitution as proposed by the AS Joint Council
Motion by Spin, Second
Spin: After we made all the Constitution changes, we need to have them voted on by the students. It would be the same time as earth week. I was trying to make a gift card raffle. Some are for Trader Joes, Amazon, the SMC Bookstore, etc.
Parker: We need to amend the action item is to include the date. It's the same as Earth week.
Dean Hearn: Keep in mind that you need to have the publicity going for two weeks before you can put it to the Elections. You can have elections the week of the 22nd or the week of the 29th.
Motion to amend action item 7.1 "Approval of holding a Special Election for amendments to the AS Constitution as proposed by the AS Joint Council during the week of April 22nd-25th" by Jon, Second
Action item approved unanimously.
- 7.2. Approval of taking a stance of opposition on Williams' Assembly Bill 955 Community College Intersession Extension Programs (Yacob)
Motion by Yacob, Second
Yacob: Last year there was a big uproar on the contract education last summer. What AB 955 is trying to do is make this contract ed legal. If we are pro contract ed, we would be pro AB 955.
Motion to amend action item 7.2 to read "Approval to oppose Williams' Assembly Bill 955 Community College Intersession Extension Programs" by Spin, Second
Jemal: What about the BOG Fee Waiver?
Yacob: When we went up to Sacramento, we spoke to Das Williams on this. No, you can't get a BOG waiver because it would defeat the purpose of the Bill.
Yacob: What it says is that any Board of Trustees has the option to offer these classes during Summer and Winter Intercessions. This may include any courses that will be transferrable or help gain credit to a certificate program.
Parker: It's controversial because it has the ability to shift the concept of a Community College education. It's creating a separate track for those people who can afford these classes. This is a shift toward diluting the idea of a community college. What happens to the funding now that students are paying out of pocket? Don't you think the funding is going to go down?
Motion to postpone this item indefinitely by Jon, Second
Vote: 1 in favor, 6 opposed, 3 abstentions
Motion fails.
Spin: Doesn't make it mandatory, but it is a possibility.
Angie: I don't understand why we're opposing this bill. Instead of giving people choice, we're not giving them any choice. Those classes could save someone from being here an extra half year.
Yacob: I think that they're aware that for international students, they are aware that people . When there's not enough funding from the state, then people will say, alright, we'll pay out of our pocket. Yes, we were trying to solve it, but it was a quick fix. It doesn't work. It's trying to fix a broken wheel the wrong way.
Jemal: The bill makes us more private than public, but the problem is that ideally, we want the winter/summer session. But slowly and slowly, we don't have those semesters. Are there other resolutions that respond to this?
Parker: The reason why we're in this predicament is because of reactionary bills like this. I'm

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okay with UCLA extension, but that's different. That's the UCs controlling the system. I don't like a fast track for education, It defeats the purpose.

Yacob: Just so we're clear, we are having a winter, we are having a summer.

Parker: And, Proposition 30 passed, so right now there's no need.

Jemal: But right now we should think of the future.

Chioma: No winter for all, or winter for those who can afford it. I think it's more fair to oppose it for

Steven: If we're trying to see if we can all agree to completely support one side.

Call to question by Steven, Second

Vote: 8 in favor, 3 opposed

Vote: 6 in favor, 4 abs tensions

7.3. Approval of limiting Directors' reports to 3 minutes (Sam)

Motion by Sam, Second

Yacob: What if we limit all parts of the agenda?

Parker: I don't think so because it's pigeon-holing the agenda.

Parker: I think that the main thing is to be conscientious of other people. Let's make sure that if we have questions, it involves everyone.

Yacob: I agree. If it is a trivial questions, ask after.

Sam: Have your reports ready before the meeting.

Action item approved unanimously.

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

8.1. Approval of funding for **AS Board of Directors** for moving \$25,000 from Contingency to Special Project Account, and \$3,000 to Publicity Account.

Cecile: This is something we already approved. He needed to see detailed in the minutes to see how much it was for the amounts.

Major action item approved unanimously.

8.2. Approval of funding for **A.S. Board of Directors** for California Student sustainability coalition Spring Convergence 2013. This includes 2 vans, hotel fees, gasoline, registration and miscellaneous costs. (Steven, Sustainability: \$4,264.98)

Steven: Anyone who was here last semester would know that it good, but now it's a great location. It's a little more than the amount last time. There are a few hotel rooms for advisors and campers. There's a fee for everyone to get in.

*Motion to amend Action Item 8.2 to read "Approval of funding for **A.S. Board of Directors** for California Student sustainability coalition Spring Convergence 2013. This includes 2 vans, hotel fees, gasoline, registration and miscellaneous costs. (Steven, Sustainability: up to \$4,264.98)" by Sam, Second*

Steven: We have spaces for 20 people.

Parker: We should get together a waiting pool and put them on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Major Action Item approved unanimously.

8.3. Motion to change the language to "Approval of funding for **AS Board of Directors** to pay for the cost of workers to work for the AS Voting Booth in front of the library.

This includes two workers. (Jasmine, Election: \$2000.00) Note: cost of the cookies will be discussed in the A.S. Board Meeting with the presence of the representative of

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the proposal.

Motion to amend the language to “Approval of funding for AS Board of Directors to pay for the cost of workers to work for the AS Voting Booth in front of the library and inside the cafeteria. This includes two workers. (Jasmine, Election: \$2000.00) Note: cost of the cookies will be discussed in the A.S. Board Meeting with the presence of the representative of the proposal.” by Spin, Second (final proposal underlined)

Spin: The way we have it is that the cookies are under a dollar and they’re individually wrapped. I think it’s \$.85. And, we’re funding a local business.

Cecile: That’s great, but what about the quotes?

Spin: Benny’s got the receipt.

Benny: They cost \$.85. Monday has been paid for by Activities; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday is being paid for by Elections.

Yacob: There was concern that people were campaigning by the booths.

—discussion regarding the plastic wrapper on the cookies—
Motion to amend the price to “up to \$2,000” by Spin, Second

Call to question by Angie, Second

Major Action Item 8.4 approved unanimously.

- 8.4. Approval of funding for **Alpha Gamma Sigma** for approval of off-campus event and A.S. funding for State AGS Convention. This includes convention registration fees. (John, Student Success: \$2,575.00, ICC Allotment: \$500.00)

David: Thank you for approving the proposal. We’re taking about 20 students, 2 advisors. Leadership activities, scholarship awards, etc.

Parker: Do you know how many years you’ve been going?

Advisor: We’ve been going for 25 years. We’re the #1 community college in the state.

David: We’re leaving Friday, April 12th.

Parker: Do you already know who’s going?

David: We have a list of board members and people who want to be on the board next year.

Parker: Are there leadership workshops?

David: Yes. —Listed a few workshops including Transfer workshops & Leadership Excellence—

Major Action Item 8.4 approved unanimously.

IX. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports

Spin: Elections going on. Put some posters up with Caitlin. Wanted to thank anyone who participated during Joint Council. Talked to Benny, won’t be able to see numbers day to day. Tent that’s outside needs help breaking down.

Parker: When students were voting, they could see that there were no slate names and you couldn’t read them while voting.

Caitlin: ICC meeting this week. Said to be short. 12 clubs installed. Extended deadline of club row packets. As of last Thursday, there were only 2 clubs out of 54 who turned it in. Sent an e-mail.

Cecile: Not aware that it was including the funding proposal for Club Row. Must submit everything by April 4th. Budget presentations next meeting after Spring break.

Chioma: Supposed to be talking to Charlie Yen, but he’s out of the office until April 3.

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Jemal: Thank you for coming out to Joint Council. Thank you to Cecile and Sam for helping getting signatures. Working to get signatures for the no-smoking. We want to get 3,000 but we have 600.

Parker: Would somebody like to go to the Board of Trustees meeting to give our report?

Jesse: Isn't the purpose of Michelle, the Student Trustee, to represent us there? She's supposed to be there.

Yacob: Up until a while ago, the student trustees didn't have an office in the AS office.

Parker: I was hoping to get the update from Mohammad and Faheem on the businesses. The #1 priority for me is to get Ron Finley on campus. Please, everybody, watch the Ted Talk for Ron Finley. It'll be from 11-1 in the Theater Arts building on April 24th. Spin, are you still tending to the garden? For this event, we need to clear that out. We can talk about it afterward. It's funny to see some campaign statements about uniting students: You don't think we want to do that? And connecting students? I want to congratulate the Board because I think we've done a good job at connecting students.

Sam: Newsletters will be out when we get back. They'll have information regarding the Special Election and other AS or AS Sponsored events. Going to the ICC to get a committee together. Also, have directors reports ready by the time we get to it; we waste too much time on "umms" and "uh"s. Let's keep the time restriction in mind as well.

Jon: Working with Ron Finley. This is going to be a very big event. Honor Council: April 4th. I need people to sit on it. Proposal sent to Faheem about getting discounts for students if they wanted to shop at a particular store. Working with Jemal on the book rental program because we really want to challenge the Board on that. There will be a production for a cultural musical journey in May.

Steven: Water has been a pretty successful week. We're giving a lot of bottles out. We're getting a Hydration station here in the Cayton. Metro has accepted the name of "17th and Santa Monica College". It'll be working in 2015. Round of applause for Yacob and Adia for helping out with the garden. Passing that officially off from Spin to Adia, and Angie, too.

Jesse: Our #1 priority is the elections. Myself and my team have gone to people and encouraged them to go out and vote. We have used our cafeteria screens to publicize and the Corsair. We created flyers and in the Cayton lab, there are tabs on the computers encouraging them to vote. Also, there's an event coming up for students through the film department.

Yacob: Thank you for coming out to the debate. It's up online to YouTube. AB 955, Thank you everyone! I'll give you an update when we get back of the Bill. Legislative meeting, early May.

Dean Hearn: It's visual time! I want to give you how much time we have left in the year. May is pretty much it when it comes to what you want to do. Please put your mind on making the website a priority. You guys did such a great job with this debate. I hope they use the same format next year. For the special elections, you guys are going to have to decide who's going to be in charge of it. I'm going to go to Spin for that. The Ed Code says that your fee can only pass if you have 1851 votes in favor.

Benny: Parker, congrats on being awarded Dale Ride. We have to keep our eye on the federal level. These loans are important because they'll have an impact on you.

Rosilynn: Deadline for petitions to graduate are due April 30th. We must evaluate all of the courses you've taken. IGETC Certifications are due depending on the campus. It costs \$5 in addition to each transcript, so make sure you're only sending it to the one you're going to.

X. Discussion Items

10.1. Sustainable Options (Steven)

Steven: We do have a fiscal policy. We should take it upon ourselves to figure out what we're doing with our money. In the effort that the Dept. of Sustainability, I will try to work with them. I have 2 top people working on reasonable table cloths for our events. I think they should have them sent out and then brought back.

Jon: I think you should penalize people if you think people aren't being sustainable.

Andrew: Give us a viable solution that are practical. You have to think about everything

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associated with it?

10.2. AS Website Layout (Jesse)

XI. Adjournment 5:49PM
Quorum Lost