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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 Student Advocacy: Yacob Zuriaw P
AS Vice President: Jemal Hussein L	Director of Publicity: Jesse Ramirez P
AS Secretary: Samantha Ross P	Director of Outreach: Mohammad Rahman P
Director of Student Services: Chioma Ojini P	ICC Chair: Spin Versele P
Director of Sustainability: Steven Johnson P	ICC Vice Chair: Erin Kaitel P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Jon Kent Ethridge II P	ICC Communications Officer: Caitlin Thompson 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 L
Director of Budget Management: Cécile Parcelier P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Jeanifer Barry—(Westside Family Health Center Services for SMC Students & Petition to expand Medi-Cal)—Wants to inform students about the reproductive health care services offered for free. Also has a petition urging governor Brown to expand Medicare. Brochures are in the AS Office. They also do rapid HIV testing.

Mark Kessler—(Psych Services)—Here to report that this past Saturday that a student committed suicide on campus. The college has psych services and a crisis team, which is counselors, who look to people in need to help them. We're asking you as student leaders, through your clubs and such, to look at other students and look out for them. Through Counseling, Brenda Benson, x4210, Psych Services, x4503. They're a group of people who look out and do some great things for people. We try and direct them to those people who can help them. For campus police, x4300.

Dersim Heimervall—(SMC Everywhere Event)—VP of Future Alumni Club. Would like to add funding for the SMC Everywhere Highstriker to the Consent Action items to be voted on today?

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mohammad, Second

Motion to add Consent Action Item 8.8 "Approval of funding for the SMC Future Alumni Club for funding the SMC Everywhere Event. This includes a Velcro Wall and Mounted Highstriker, suits for teens through adults. (Alexander, Special Projects: up to \$600.00)" by Jon, Second

Amended agenda approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes for April 29, 2013

Motion to approve by Spin, Second

Minutes approved unanimously.

VI. Presentations

6.1 Budget (Cecile)

Added winter revenue into the new budget. We approved up to \$4,800 for clubs. We also approved an extra \$200 per club into the ICC allotment. Do I need to adjust the budget? We need to continue to advertise the AS benefits.

Parker: Looks like we're going to end with up with a surplus.

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VII. Guest Speakers

Motion to table Guest Speaker until after Major Action items by Cecile, Second

7.1. The Past, Present, and Future of the A.S. Organic Learning Garden by Profs. Dana Morgan and Amber Katherine

Genevieve: We have four speakers of active student gardeners, followed by a presentation.

Kseniya: Club Grow is getting bigger and I am proud to be President. We are going to fight for more land in the near future.

Fernanda: The garden has changed my life and has allowed me to meet new people and has become an educational experience.

Ryan: The garden club is directly linked with human rights

Madeline: Thankful to be a part of Club Grow.

—played a video—

Katherine: Good afternoon. We are living in dire times although we are privileged. Some environmentalists say we are living towards the end. Legacy for me is trying to make issues the center piece. Most of the students graduating today are ecologically illiterate. The number one most important thing any college can do to foster ecological literacy is to foster a garden. The garden is in need of support. The garden is a delicate thing. The garden should be the heart of a learning experience at this campus.

Genevieve: The garden is a truly powerful place. In the garden we have manager associations, classes, students, and curriculum happening. The district has a bond that enhances what happens inside of the classes. The garden helps with what happens outside of the classroom. The district used bond funding for the garden. The students and previous boards of directors have truly helped the garden grow and coordinate all the activities. The AS provides the workshops and speakers. They make it truly engaging. Dana is retiring and what an important aspect of the garden.

Dana: As I am moving towards retirement, the district requires a leave of a full semester. Back in 2006, I met a group of students called Dirt Famers. Dirt Farmer: one who works the soil on his/her own property with his/ her hands. It wasn't until Spring of 2008, a group of students wrote a proposal to start a garden on campus. I took a sabbatical in 2010 to learn about how gardens functioned. We then wrote the two year plan. In August 2010, SMC decided to fund the garden. The students planned everything. The college decided to bring in an architect to design the garden. In April 2011, there was a garden blessing. Garden construction began. The first planting happened during the month. On October 25th 2011, we had the garden opening. There are many people before you who had made the garden a priority. It is the AS who had made the garden a success. My goal for the future of the garden is to integrate more faculty to use a curriculum including the garden. I am glad to answer any questions for anyone.

Jon: Would you need help to set up or student input?

Dana: We need to integrate faculty to include

Jean: Is there a funding issue?

Dana: No, I am not here asking for money. It would be wonderful to have a constant budget for the garden. I have much confidence in you.

Jean: It is really incredible to be part of the conscious shift and the importance of connecting yourself with food.

Dana: The garden allows you to learn about your ancestors and your future.

Spin: Has anyone mentioned bee keeping?

Dana: They have,

Erin: I planted seeds last semester. Is there a chance of the poppies sprouting?

Dana: No, but you're free to plant some more.

Sam: Do seeds expire?

Dana: It depends; seeds will germinate at varying times.

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Jon: Thank you for inspiring us and showing us the important of gardening.

Dana: My mission is to help people grow their own food.

Steven: I would be ashamed if our board and the next board don't support the garden. We are trying to figure out the best way

Dean Hearn: I am thankful for all your efforts, Dana. The garden is about a marriage of AS and the faculty. I hope before your last meeting, one meeting would be devoted to the garden. We need the college connected to AS. I hope all of you will be committed as Dana and the garden will be a priority.

Kseniya: Many of the seeds we planted came from Dana's house. Next year we might need extra money to pay for the garden. Don't cut the budget.

Parker: There is much support for the garden so there is no need worrying about it. Thank you all for coming, we really appreciate it.

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

Motion to approve by Sam, Second

- 8.1. Approval of funding for **A.S. Board of Directors** for Spring 2013 Club Olympics on SMC quad on May 18th. This includes food, prizes and miscellaneous items. (Jemal, Activities: \$762.19)
- 8.2. Approval of funding for **Pre-Health Association** for funding to purchase pens with club logo for our loyal club members. This includes 530 pens with club logo. (Negin, ICC Allotment: \$79.50)
- 8.3. Approval of funding for **AS Board of Directors** for funding to purchase a banner to promote the A.S. Government Meetings. This includes banner and shipping costs. (Mikey, Publicity: \$72.81)
- 8.4. Approval of funding for **SMC Skeptics Club** for funding to purchase seven copies of Carl Sagan's "Demon Haunted World". This includes 7 copies of "Demon Haunted World". (Shiba, ICC Allotment: \$85.61)
- 8.5. Approval of funding for **SMC Skeptics Clubs** for funding to gain a year subscription to Skeptics magazine. This includes 1 year subscription to Skeptic magazine. (Shiba, ICC Allotment: \$30.00)
- 8.6. Approval of funding for **SMC Skeptics Club** for funding to buy a subscription to the Skeptical Inquirer. This includes 1 subscription to the Skeptical Inquirer. (Shiba, ICC Allotment: \$19.95)
- 8.7. Approval of funding for **SMC Student Nurses' Association** for funding for the Farewell Banquet on June 7th on the SMC Bundy campus. This includes Tacomiendo Catering for 30 people, assorted drinks and Bic color pens. (Patricia, ICC Allotment: \$325.00)
- 8.8. Approval of funding for the **SMC Future Alumni Club** for funding the **SMC Everywhere Event**. This includes a Velcro Wall and Mounted Highstriker, suits for teens through adults. (Alexander, Special Projects: up to \$600.00)

Motion to approve Consent Action items 8.2-8.3 and 8.7-8.8 by Spin, Second
Consent Action items 8.2-8.3 and 8.7-8.8 approved unanimously.

Pulled Consent Action Items:

8.1 (Cecile) *Motion to approve by Sam, Second*

Only because there was a little discussion from the Finance meeting. We wanted to pull it from Activities because it is an activity between many clubs.

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Angie: The quad is already booked on May 18th.

Consent action item approved unanimously.

8.4-8.6 (Chioma) *Motion to approve 8.4-8.6 by Erin, Second*

Henry: This is just a matter of getting the subscription and discussing the articles in the club. The club promotes critical thinking.

Consent action items approved unanimously.

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

9.1. Approval of funding for **A.S. Board of Directors** to purchase State of the Art Water fountain for Cayton Center. This includes Elkay EZH20 Water Fountain & Water Bottle filler, tax and freight. (Steven, Sustainability: up to \$1600.00)

Motion to approve by Jemal, Second

Steven: I thought we could put in a fountain that we would want to see around school in our own building. I might have to change the price to include filters. Parker mentioned getting a magnetic label that is vandalism resistant.

*Motion to amend action item 9.1 to read "Approval of funding for **A.S. Board of Directors** to purchase State of the Art Water fountain for Cayton Center. This includes Elkay EZH20 Water Fountain & Water Bottle filler, three filters, tax and freight. (Steven, Sustainability: up to \$1900.00) by Steven, Second*

Amendment to Action item 9.1 approved unanimously.

Amended major action item approved unanimously.

Parker: We'll have the sexiest water fountains on campus.

Motion to postpone Major action items 9.2 until after Guest speaker 6.1 by Sam, Second

9.2. Approval of funding the 2013-2014 **A.S. Board of Directors** Leadership Retreat on August 19th-21st, at SMC Bundy campus. This includes breakfast, lunch and snacks for 3 days and speaker fee. (Dean Hearn, Conference: \$5,700.00)

Motion to approve by Sam, Second

Dean Hearn: So, this is my annual request to the board. This is to request funding for the incoming directors' retreat. The outgoing board is always the one who does this for the incoming board. In the past, for the last 10 years, the retreats have been held off campus. We spent the night somewhere. We used to take the 5 and go to Pomona. It was a lot cheaper. We had a student come up to us and say that we had been violating the Brown Act. When the board gets together, it can be seen as making decisions. We went to Pepperdine University and stayed overnight. It has gotten too costly. Now it's at \$15,000; was at \$9,000. We're going to cut costs and use the Bundy campus. We spent one day at Bundy and two at Emeritus. This year, we want to spend all three days at Bundy. We're paying primarily for the cost of food because we don't have the facilities. We're bringing Bruce Bishop. The great thing about Bruce is that he's here about 5 hours, goes over parliamentary procedure and Brown Act. He also provides support throughout the year for free. This is coming out of the Conference Line Item.

Parker: Maybe we could have a committee to give opinions and share ideas about

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what we would want to fix or add for the next one.

Dean Hearn: That's a valid point. If anyone wants to come over the summer and share their experiences, we welcome that. I welcome any thoughts about what we can do to enhance the retreat. Based upon what you know now, if you have any ways to help the retreat, e-mail me.

Major action item approved unanimously.

- 9.3. Approval of funding for **Associated Students** Summer 2013 operational budget. This includes office supplies, bookstore supplies and RICOH Copier lease and supplies, and BRINK'S Armor Truck monthly pickup fee. (Dean Hearn, Office: \$10,000.00)

Motion to approve by Spin, Second

Dean Hearn: This is for the office to run for the summer; the new board will be here, but not in action. We're just replenishing supplies. If you look at the proposal, you can see the breakdown.

Spin: What is the Brinks truck?

Dean Hearn: They come and pick up your funds. It's a safer way to get your funds where they need to go. Any AS member can come in and pick up a scantron or blue book with their AS Sticker.

Major action item approved unanimously.

X. Discussion Item

- 10.1 Inquiry of Sustainable Plaques & Gavel (Jon)

Jon: Maybe we could do slide in name plaques. Maybe we just go back to paper.

Parker: I think it's a matter of getting relatively inexpensive ones.

Dean Hearn: What about including a way to show a person's name?

- 10.2 Absences/Tardies (Sam)

Sam: After speaking to Dean Hearn, we have seen that there are a number of absences. There can only be four absences for a semester. The only exception is Michelle, student Trustee, only needs to come twice a month. There are many tardies that are counted as being present.

Jemal: Is there anything that says that tardies count?

Dean Hearn: It is not me; it's in the constitution.

Sam: We seem to be doing well with attendance. Just so you guys know about the tardy policy.

Parker: Overall, we seem to be doing a good job with attendance.

XI. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports (3 minutes per person)

Spin: I wasn't at the meeting but it looks like Jasmine Jafari will be Chair, Maya Kaitel will be Vice Chair, and Sarah Yosef will be the Communications officer. Congrats!

Erin: Sorry I wasn't at Club Row; it went well. Hope you enjoyed the Chocolate Fountain. Chem Club won first prize. Now I'll be working on the ICC Social.

Faheem: Special thanks to Alex Vandertol and Ty Moura for hooking us up with some of these businesses. Some are particular to SMC ID, others to AS members only. If you put in a request to corporate 40 days in advance, you can get the food for free at In-N-Out.

Chioma: Working on implementing a closed card for students. If vendors are paying 20 cents to the credit card company. Maybe called a Corsair Card? They're changing it to a Euro card. They can bypass the \$5 minimum by making a virtual banking system on campus. More research and dialogue to come with that.

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Jemal: Been working on the banquet lately. You can invite commissioners if you want to. I asked for Top 40 music. Proposal for the banquet will be in on Wednesday. If you don't reserve, you won't be on the guest list and the bouncer will kick you out. We want to have a breakfast during the finals week in the quad. I think it'd be nice to motivate them by having food like coffee and bagels. I want the dress code for the banquet to be uniformal.

Parker: We funded the public policy institute and we need some AS presence. He wants 10 AS leaders. It would look poor on our behalf if we funded it and didn't show up.

Sam: My commissioner Cassandra Ramirez made the proposal for the gowns at graduation. I believe it's going to finance this Wednesday. Would someone mind speaking for me? I have class.

Mohammad: We had a movie night with ALAS last Tuesday. We spent \$100 publicizing the Facebook account. It was \$10/day for 9 days. We got more "likes". We'll probably post the businesses on Facebook.

Jon: What's good everybody? We have a student rep meeting on the 16th of May during Activity Hour. We have Brooklyn Castle coming during the time of Public Policy. Looking into getting a Global Citizenship club soon.

Steven: SMC got a big award for sustainability. We'll be commended at UC Santa Barbara.

Jesse: There were a few changes requested at the finance meeting. Helen will be here at the next board meeting.

Dean Hearn: You might want to say student government because it is all inclusive. Look at the calendar. Congratulations to the new ICC officers. I've invited the directors about the new directors and trustees orientation. I want to invite any of you who can come to talk and share. If you're going to come, let me know and we'll have lunch for you. In closing out your term on June 30th, that last week in June is the week we're pushing you to clean up your areas. You can start your spring cleaning now. I will have concerns about gardens in the fall; who is taking Dana's place in the fall? Without staff, there will be challenges and problems. I'd hate to see that place go to seeds. I don't know that we'll have anybody as committed as Dana. Think about it. Want to publicly commend Erin.

Rosilynn: Please check your emails for those of you who are transferring. Universities can rescind your admissions. VIP welcome day is coming up. Call for volunteers.

XII. Adjournment 5:35PM
Motion to adjourn by Sam, Second