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A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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I. Call to Order 3:04 PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Ty Moura P	Director of Financial Support/Student Advocacy: Okky Jaya P
AS Vice President: Alexander Vandertol P	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg P
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria P	Director of Student Outreach: VACANT
Director of Student Services: Mohamed Hassan A	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Wilis P	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel L 3:39 PM
Director of Academic Support/Shared Governance: Maryam Allameh P	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yosef P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson P	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Mohammad Hosseini P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn P
Director of Budget Management: VACANT	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Ben: I just wanted to speak in support of club awareness day. It takes long to organize a club. We normally have five people in the beginning at the anthropology club meeting. Last semester we had 20 people.

Parker Jean: Good afternoon. May I have an additional two minutes?

Motion to approve by Michael, second

There's probably a lot of chaos and emotion right now, it goes faster than you realize. I was just having a conversation with Jesus this week to get caught up. These first two weeks are going to be a test for you. I just got back from D.C.. I encourage you guys to apply for the Dale Ride internship. It is due November 1st. If I could summarize my experiences I had and give advice, I would say to use your platform. Each and every one of you has a platform. The questions that I always used to ask are: do we want to be a pizza party commission or do we want to have an impact as students. We have a platform. Don't consume yourself with the problems but by the solutions. A lot of you guys have the opportunity to inspire students. The majority of people don't know what AS is. You need to connect yourself with the students at large. One of your biggest battles is to get the word out. We had townhall meetings, we had a record breaking voter representation, and we fought for Prop 30. I really think it's so valuable to have the transparency for communication between boards. When it comes to make change, have a god relation with people around you. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you see me around.

Alex Abramoff (member of the public): Thank you Madame Chair. Great to see you guys. I'm glad parker got to talk. I wanted to talk to you guys about student outreach. Not many of the students know about student involvement. I know you guys got a lot going on. Thank you.

Kathaline Hernandez: I'm here today to pass these out. On Saturday we have this March for ACT Now for Human Rights. I am a veteran for student peace. I would like for you to endorse this event. I invite anyone of you guys to speak you can reach me at mlkcoalition@yahoo.com or (310)339-1770. I am also an alumni of 82.

Ty Moura: Director can't respond to public comments

Michael Greenberg: What is the email?

Kathline Hernandez: mlkcoalition@yahoo.com

Okky Jaya: What do you do?

Kathline Hernandez: We have meeting and work as a coalition. We have an event on Wednesday for civil disobedience.

Jasmine Jafari: When you asked for endorsement, did you mean for publicizing the event?

Kathline Hernandez: Yes

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Ty Moura: Thank you

Dennis Uchimura: Usually I'm a quite person but these recent events at SMC outraged me. I had to say that this generation is getting the shorter end of the stick. You guys aren't going to get good pensions. I feel for you guys. For a teaching credential is going to cost 15,000. I wonder why are these younger people doing this. I think we ignore these people in the bottom. Reagan's trickle-down theory started this trend. From then on, the 80's, it's been changing. There has been a divide between teacher and administrators. I have a feeling they just care about their job. I think if we are looking at SMC's future we need to know what is changing. Technology is changing. I think that we should have a town hall meeting with the Mayor. We should bring this here with the college. We need to continue to fight for student rights. Thanks and I really think that this school should be a place where education equals jobs. I think that things have changed here with the job placement.

Yacob Zuriaw: Thank you Dennis. I was financial support last year. To the director of activities, nothing works better than food. If there is something you disagree with, please speak up. If there is something everyone agrees with, don't speak up, it just wastes time.

Genevieve Bertone: Happy first day of school. I couldn't help but notice that you had water bottles at the retreat so I brought these for you. VIP welcome day was a huge success. I made sure I put a lot of students towards your direction. The VIP welcome day green truck was very well received. Have a great day and a good semester.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Jasmine, second

V. Presentations

5.1 Accountability Act by President

Ty: During our retreat we all agreed to some common goals.

Dean Hearn: Can you put this on the windows

Ty: We all agreed to those goals. There was a moment when we stopped and thought about what we can attribute to. I thought it would be good if there was something to guide us to our goals. So I made up this form. I'm going to pass it around. Within that, we would all write the goals we want to work towards. We would fill out these reports. Every month, we would set up how we are going to accomplish these goals. This is a guide and a helper. I'm going to pass this around, this is an example of one of the reports. The idea is to fill one every month. This is going to be the folder that the secretary will hold. Is there any questions? I'm going to give you all a sheet for the goals. You can start formulating how exactly you will take steps to achieve your goals.

Alex: Is there any timeline for these goals

Ty: Monthly, this is just to help guide you for your goals

Michael: It seems like this is a self-motivated thing. We can check with ourselves.

Ty: Since this is a public document, this will stay with the secretary. Is there any other question? Thanks.

VI. Discussion Items

6.1 Associated Students 2013-2014 Goals (AS President)

Ty: Since we have just talked about this, I'll just say to write down your director goals.

Dean Hearn: Thank you for your presentation. I was going to give you some tips for goal setting. The first page has three major tips for setting goals. To accomplish something you got to have a plan. In that plan there should be specific steps. The next page is a couple quotes that I want to share with you. The next page gives examples on how to make specific steps for a goal. Smart goals are specific. Based on the specific goal you want to make the steps specifically to achieve the goal. Hopefully that will help you a little bit.

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Michael: I think this is useful for anyone. There are extra copies for those who want one.

6.2 Associated Students 2013-2014 Budget Review (AS President)

Ty: This is a proposed budget. We always have the flexibility to change it.

Dean Hearn: As you guys decided on the retreat, before you adopt your budget, this is the time for you to ask questions about the budget. Before you vote on it, this gives you opportunity to ask questions on the budget.

Michael: I have questions for the who proposed the budget. I'd like to clarify a couple of things. What is interest income? Where is it coming from?

George Prather: This comes from the checking account. It's pretty much fixed by now.

Michael: Miscellaneous income? Where can we get this?

George Prather: We found money that we don't know where it came from. We moved it to income so we actually got the money back.

Ty: This would be the time to discuss

Jasmine: For the election line items, I did want to clarify that we boost it to 3,000. Our only cost was staffing and the cookies. A lot of our banners have a fixed date on them. I suggest we add 1,000 dollars to that.

Ty: What happens if we do add and don't use it?

George Prather: We would come to the board when we are running out and that's when we will get it from the contingency. This is a proposal so if we feel like we need more money for something, we will go to the finance committee.

Michael: Is the reason that the budget is higher than last years is that we have more money?

George Prather: It's based upon your fiscal policy. It has taken from the last three years of your expenditures. Those numbers are all based upon your fiscal policy.

Dean Hearn: Page nine of nine of budgets.

George Prather: It's supposed to be in the addendums. It's in the fiscal policy addendum.

Jasmine: Do you know where we can find it?

George Prather: It will either be in the expenditures or the revenues. I believe it is revenue.

Okky: I was wondering why on the contingency budget last year the budget was lower?

George Prather: When you take from the contingency, contingency goes down, line item goes up.

Michael: For the 2012-2013, in that contingency budget there is a huge dip. Why is it 60,000 dollars lower? Was it for winter session?

George Prather: No

VII. Action Item

7.1 Adoption of the **Associated Students** 2013-2014 Budget

Motion by Jasmine, second

Ty: So with that, we are going to open to a vote so we are going to do it by hands.

Action item approved unanimously.

VIII. Director / Advisor / Committee Reports

Sarah: Happy fall everybody. I hope you have success this semester.

Jesse: I am your student trustee. If anyone wants to address me, feel free to talk to me and we can work it out. Currently, there was an agenda item with regards to the veterans. It came from AS and to the board of trustees.

Maryam: Well, I am the director of academic support. My responsibilities are to put the most qualified students in committees.

Michael: I just wanted to say that I want to raise awareness of the campus as a whole.

Ty: I just wanted to start with a good thing. I promised I would lower the prices of the cafeteria.

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Taaa-ddaaaa. I have proof. I'm going to pass this around because I'm really proud. I want to put an ad hoc committee together. So I am going to be chairing the cafeteria committee. We have **publicity** and **instructional support**.

They gave us a whole stack of free drinks voucher. I put this at our front desks in our office. The students who check in our fb page, and show us, they get a voucher. I'm going to start a committee. Who is interested in being part of the committee?

Michael: Community thinking basically sums up why the discount board includes small businesses. Community thinking is a goal of ours.

Ty: So the **Vice President, Academic support** and **ICC secretary** are interested in being in the committee.

Alex: I think we had a successful VIP day. I am an ex-officio for all committees. I'm a liaison for students and community organizations. I serve on the academic committee. I want to work with the GRIT initiative which will have a lot of food for people to come to talk about their wants and needs.

Okky: I am working on tutoring apps and need someone who is willing to work with me.

Michael: Just to fill to public in, we are trying to build some apps for SMC to try to make that community field. I'm personally really excited about those apps.

Okky: Let me know if we can join the project

Sarah: Do we have an app for Santa Monica?

Michael: I checked but I couldn't find one. It's a mobile version but not an app like "angry birds"

Dean Hearn: Lee Johnston is part of our technology team. He talked about an app for students. I encourage you to invite him to a meeting so that you can talk to him.

Ty: Do you want to start a committee? We are going to start an ad hoc committee. Publicity, instructional support, activities and a member of the public.

Halie: The only update I have is about the green truck welcome day. It was successful so we'll see about doing it next year.

Sarah: I think the green truck was amazing.

Halie: We didn't use all of the green tickets that we had. We did at least half if not more.

Micahel: I will definitely work with you to publicize the green truck. I think it's a really great idea.

Jasmine: I chair the ICC meeting and work on the elections as well as chair committees. I came from red cross and I think it would be great to have more volunteer opportunities on campus. You will see the elections proposal soon. I also want to put together an event. I wanted to work with Matthew. A lot of times we get complaint about clubs that they don't get to see each other.

Ty: How about a club Olympics? I heard it didn't happen last time.

Jamine: It did.

Michael: May I suggest The Clunger Games?

Jasmine: I sent Benny the minutes so we will actually have the correct minutes for the ICC constitution committee. The ICC has a facebook page. There is calendar which is both the AS calendar as well as the ICC delegates calendar. Feel free to look at that link.

Matthew: I'm looking forward to planning great event this year and don't worry there will be great food this year.

Mohammad: I am responsible to improve support services.

Dean Hearn: Good board meeting. Please welcome Maryam and make her feel comfortable. A couple of things, thank you for those of you who remembered to tell everyone about your positions and responsibilities. My responsibilities include building a relationship of mutual respect, assuring that each one of you has a clear understanding of roles by providing opportunities to aid your job, I am responsible for approving all AS events, make sure you have an understanding of your constitution, provide guidance, give you food for thought, approve contracts between boards and whomever, and expenditures, assist in clarifying and accomplishing your goals. Each of you guys see Amelia to make an appointment to see me so that I can sit with all of you to talk about your plans and based upon what you want to do, connect you with people on campus to help you reach your goals. Mistakes are good.

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Don't be afraid to make a mistake. Stay open to information. If you think you know it all, you're already on the wrong path. I serve as one of the advisors when you guys decide to go on field trips. Once again, meet with Amelia and make an appointment to meet with me by September 23rd. I want to make a committee for the website which includes the secretary, activities, publicity. You guys have mail boxes, check them regularly. Make it a general rule to contact someone within 24 hours. Even if you don't have any information, touch bases with them. Sometimes when I'm not on campus, they'll put an "out of office" message. Check to see you have that, you might find it very useful. Amelia sent a list of all the directors' names to auxiliary. You can park in staff parking. Please do not transfer your sticker to another student. You will have it taken from you. Amelia checks periodically which students have their AS stickers. Please take care of that. Tonight, the office will be open until six. Cell phone should not be out during meetings. Talking to each other when you have an issue is key. You guys are adults, talk it out. If it's not working, I'm here for you. If you guys see Cassandra, please thank her. She actually set up your table.

Michael: Cassandra really wanted to be here but she is trying to rearrange her schedule. I wanted to thank you, Dean Hearn, for your guidance.

Dean Hearn: You guys are priority for me. If you guys have trouble reaching me, come and talk to me about it.

Alex: I purchased my decal online.

Dean Hearn: You got the student decal. See me afterwards.

Ty: I don't have a car but sometimes I rent a car. Will I be able to take off the sticker and put it on different cars?

Dean Hearn: No, it is not OK. It can open up a can of worms. If you want to talk about it one-on-one, we can talk about it. I want to say that you guys did a pretty good job at your first meeting. Look over the parliamentary procedure handbook.

Halie: I have a car but it's dying. What if I get a new car?

Dean Hearn: Take the sticker off and put it in the new car. That is the example.

Benny Blaydes: I'm excited about the first day of school. Try to do your first contact by September 21st. UC has come with a system with students that have. You need to find out what the new rules are. The process for financial aid is brutal. So if you have to do an appeal, make sure you meet with someone before turning in.

Rosalynn: We talked about the three realms of our lives: work, school and personal. Today is your first day, you should be monitoring your time. For this assignment to work, you need to be honest with yourself. If you have any questions, please see me after the meeting. You can use this form with the presentation notes. Or Michael created a beat blank schedule form. This must be completed for an entire week. I will devote Wednesday just for you to see what you're doing with your life.

Michael: They're on my desk if you want to get one.

Ty: We have some committees that are set like the finance and activities committees. They start this week. Outside these mandatory committees, there are 4 others, the supplies committee Michael is the chair of that.

Michael: Not too much to update. Please email me if you want your email changed. We are going to start meeting very soon.

Ty: We have some drawings

Halie: Are the business cards being made sustainable.

Michael: We have some sustainable options like some that are recycled and biodegradable.

Ty: Would it be you that makes them or be made through the school?

Michael: I would have to contact the people who make them for the school or design them myself.

Ty: I am chairing the cafeteria committee and Okky started the tutoring app committee.

IX. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Jasmine, second.