

I. Call to Order 3:27 PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Ty Moura P
AS Vice President: Kyle McGrath P
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria P
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis L
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Dersim Heimervall P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini P
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa

Director of Student Advocacy: Hasun Khan P
Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg P
Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez P
ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari P
ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel P
ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph P
Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez A
Associate Dean of Student Life: Sonali Bridges P
Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve by Maya, Second by Jasmine.

IV. Approval of Minutes for March 24, 2014.

Motion to Approve by Jasmine, Second by Jasmine.

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Manuel: I am a student here at SMC. I have been doing this for the past three years. 6 weeks ago, there was a separate event that had music playing loudly and the police informed me that I needed to stop playing music as well. I gathered student support and over 1,000 signatures on a petition. I would like to ask for AS support.

VI. A.S. Announcements to the Public

Jasmine: You can vote now for 2014-2015 AS Board of Directors. We fund a lot of campus events, fund clubs, you can vote for students to sit on this board. If you want to vote you can vote through your computer or vote on campus and get a bag of cookies.

Michael: I will be conducting a workshop in parliamentary procedure the following Tuesday at 11:15 in the conference room.

Cassandra: Tomorrow's rock the vote event will be a lot of fun and you can register to vote for the state and not just for the AS elections.

VII. Consent Action Items

7.1 Approval of funding for **SMC Astronomy Club/O3 Club** to purchase a set of model rockets. This includes Estes "Color The Sky Rockets" bulk pack, Estes B6-2 engine packs, and tax. (Alex Gruson, ICC Allotment: \$234.70). (Pending quotes are submitted at board meeting on 3/31).

Inayat: There were documents we needed to see. Okay, they're here.

Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Michael.

Motion to amend language to read: "Approval of funding for **SMC Astronomy Club O3 Club** to purchase a set of model rockets. This includes Estes "Color The Sky Rockets" bulk pack, Estes B6-2 engine packs, and tax. (Alex Gruson, ICC Allotment: \$234.70)" by Jasmine, Second by Cassandra. Amended Consent Action Item Approved Unanimously.

7.2 Approval of funding for **Muslim Student Association** to purchase food for panel. This includes 2 boxes of cookies, 3 bags of chips, 3 boxes of Cpari Sun, 6 gift cards, and tax. (Sarah Yoseph, ICC Allotment: \$67.09).

Motion to amend language to read: "Approval of funding for **Muslim Student Association** to purchase food for panel. This includes 2 boxes of cookies, 3 bags of chips, 3 boxes of Cpari Sun, 6 gift cards, and tax. (Sarah Yoseph, ICC Allotment: \$147.09) by Jasmine, Second by Inayat.



Amendment Approved Unanimously.

Amended Consent Item Approved Unanimously.

7.3 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase food for agencies who will participate in the Health Fair. This includes food from Campus Kitchen. (Kseniya Lyalina, Special Projects: \$602.69).

7.4 Approval of funding for **SMC Opera Club** to fund speaker fees. This includes Tresha Haefner-Master Class Speaker fees. (Elizabeth Moss, ICC Allotment: \$50.00). (Pending contract approval).

Pulled Action Item: 7.1, 7.2

Consent Action Items 7.3-7.4 Approved unanimously.

VIII. Old Business

8.1 Adoption of Revisions made to the Associated Students Bylaws (Constitution Committee).

Motion to amend language to read "Adoption of Revisions made to the Associated Students Bylaws specifically including commissioner eligibility"

Amendment passes

Ty: I think we should strongly consider adding language in regard to commissioners misrepresenting the organization. If a director hires a commissioner but this commissioner is failing to represent AS or defaming AS then I think the board should have the right to remove the commissioner with 2/3rds vote.

Matthew: I think there should be evidence before taking someone out.

Tv: Absolutely.

Cassandra: I don't think as directors we have the right to say we don't have a commissioner. I think if we have enough evidence that the advisory vote would work but I don't think we should have a committee. I don't think a commissioner should be put on that high of a process.

Hasun: How do we quantify through evidence that someone has done wrong?

Ty: For example if a commissioner posts something that is a lie and the board can prove it is a lie. I understand everyone has an opinion but if you are working with us and lying.

Associate Dean of Student Life: If you put this language in, make sure you have examples.

Kyle: In the commissioner applications, there is a list of things that you can't do.

motion to include "commissioner who harm, hinder or misrepresent the organization are for a "by Michael, Second by Jasmine.

Michael: Do we have the authority to do that?

Ty: Yes, we have the authority to remove someone from the board.

Jasmine: As a board, I think it is normal for someone to go sour and I think a 2/3rds vote is the first step. If the situation is bad enough, we should have an advisor to do it.

Associate Dean of Student Life: I think you should follow your regular judicial process. If someone appeals something, it should go through the judicial board. Those things are already aligned in your constitution and bylaws.

Cyrus: Every student voted for us and trusted us as a leader. We have the power to choose our commissioners. I don't think anyone should have the authority to change our commissioners except the directors. If the commissioner does something wrong. We should talk to the director.

Ty: Like what Matthew said, you would have to have evidence.

Maya: This is something for a commissioner who is hindering the board and the board feels that collectively, they are harming it.

Jasmine: Commissioner proven to have harmed, hinder slander or otherwise misrepresent the students of the organization are subject to forced removal. The removal process begins with a 2/3rds with with the affirmative of that vote,

That final decision may be appealed to within 48 hours to the judicial board by Jasmine.



Motion to add language to bylaws that reads: "Commissioner who have been proved to have harmed, hindered, slander or otherwise misrepresent the organization of the AS are subject to forced removal. The removal process takes place upon a 2/3rds vote in the affirmative of the board. Commissioner has the right to appeal to the judicial board within 48 hours" by Michael, Second by Jasmine.

Ty: Are there any objections to amending number 7 of section 5. One objection.

Vote: In favor: 11 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 1

Kyle: if we make this contract, it will be easier to remove someone if they are in violation of the contract. It's a suggestion.

Commissioner who have been proved to have harmed, hindered, slander, violate the AS Student Life Policies otherwise misrepresent the organization of the AS are subject to forced removal. The removal process takes place upon a 2/3rds vote in the affirmative of the board. Commissioner has the right to appeal to the judicial board within 48 hours by Jasmine, Second by Cassandra.

Amendment passes.

Inayat: I think we should be able to have commissioners come in without directors, we aren't babysitters.

Jasmine: It's an accountability issue.

Dersim: Can we have other director's sign in for other commissioners.

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

9.1 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase A.S. shirts. This includes 500 A.S. Shirts. (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$4,567.50).

Michael: It has been brought to my attention that people really like some the designs of some shirts. I want to hand out AS shirts everywhere to increase school spirit.

Motion to amend language to read: Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase A.S. shirts. This includes 500 A.S. Shirts. Pending a 2/3rds vote of the board for future designs. (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$4,567.50) by Cassandra, Second by Michael.

Kseniya: Since it is a large amount, I want them to be organic or US made.

Motion to amend language to read: "Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase A.S. shirts. This includes 500 organic and/or U.S. made A.S. Shirts. Pending a 2/3rds vote of the board for future designs." by Kseniya, Second by Michael.

Amended Major Action Item 9.1 Approved Unanimously.

9.2 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund Earth Week's A.S. film series. This includes screening rights for 4 films and food. (Halie Willis, Activities: \$1,543.68). (Pending quotes for food).

Motion to table by Michael, Second by Jasmine.

Motion to postpone by Halie, Second by Jasmine.

9.3 Approval of funding for **Career Services Center** to fund Internship Fair. This includes Del Rey Party Rentals and Campus Kitchen food. (Lisa Moss, Student Success: up to \$2,500.00).

Vickie Rothman: This is our annual fair. We usually have 90 employers. We think we will get more but we'll work on this. We are really excited to put this together for the student body.

Ty: In the finance meeting we spoke of having an AS table during the fair.

Vickie Rothman: Yes, there can still be one.

Kseniya: If anyone knows of any volunteering opportunity, please let me know.

Kyle: Did you say that May 6th is unpaid?

Vickie Rothman: May 6th is paid. On May 8th is unpaid, it is volunteering.



Kyle: You said there would be 90+ employers on May 8th?

Vickie Rothman: Yes but not on May 6th

Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.

Vote: In Favor: 13 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 1

Major Action Item Approved.

X. Discussion

10.1 Election Committee Update (Jasmine Jafari, ICC Chair).

Jasmine: As many of you guys have heard, the election committee has received and reviewed many violations. Regarding the Tuesday Feed the Students event, in the appeals today, they choose to uphold the previous elections committee decision. That particular director chose to not use AS products during an AS event and used campaign stakes around the event. The items was used a way to represent publicity for the campaign. You can't give anything with added value but the issue is tied. The committee did find him in misuse of funds. I am open to any questions.

Ty: The appeal body, what did they say about the misuse of funds?

Jasmine: While you did not campaign verbally during the event, you chose to ignore all of the board's requirements and positioned yourself tactfully behind a wall of stakes featuring your slate's faces and statements, creating the illusion that you, Candidate, not you, AS Director, were giving away free pizza. The committee agreed that, considering the direct contradiction between your agreement at the meeting as well as your tactful orientation, that was not an honest, accidental coincidence, and was in fact an attempt to manipulate the student body into thinking your slate was illegally giving away free pizza, using AS funds to boot.

XI. Action Items

11.1 **Associated Students Board of Directors** will take an action on the alleged misuse of AS funds at the 3/25/2014 Feed the Students Event made by the Director of Activities (Diana Echeverria, AS Secretary).

Inayat: If it is misuse of funds, I think removal of funding is appropriate.

Motion to withdraw previously approved Spring 2014 Allocation for the AS Director of Activities by Inayat, Second by Michael.

Matthew: how is it a misuse of as funds if no as funds we used to pay for this event? I went around asking for donations.

Ty: You went to dominos and asked what?

Matthew: I asked businesses and asked for them to contribute

Ty: Can you clarify the businesses.

Matthew: That's a private thing.

Associate Dean of Student Life: Because this is a board action there is a need of transparency, I encourage you to be transparent about this.

Matthew: You can make a phone call to dominos; I have an agreement that these are confidential. They are not AS funds.

Ty: If you can't prove you actually got this from businesses, then we don't know where they came from.

Matthew: Funding didn't come from AS anyway.

Jasmine: At the appeal, you argued that you weren't using AS funds. Previously you said that it was dominos that donated and now you are saying that there were other businesses. We cannot have donations that exceed a certain amount.



Tv: When asking for donations, how did you introduce yourself?

Matthew: As a student.

Ty: You did not use your AS director title?

Matthew: I came as a student.

Jasmine: That's misleading. If it was a donation to you, you need to use the official AS donation form.

Did you use that form?

Matthew: It was not donated to AS. It was donated to me as a student. **Ty**: Was the event approved under the AS or under yourself as a student.

Matthew: it was approved under the AS.

Kyle: There's an online donation form that needed to be filled out. So when you have an activity on campus, it has to be approved through activities which is part of the board. It is technically being donated to the AS.

Matthew: It is not donated to the AS because that's not what I told to people I got donations from. **Inayat**: This event was approved through activities During the activities, we passed to fund pizza not donated pizza.

Matthew: I have done this before, why was this not brought up before? I got headbands donated but this did not come up.

Michael: Does this delineate a difference between funding donated or items donated. Maybe there has been a miscommunication. I would always want to know where donation money comes from.

Dersim: Did you get the pizzas donated or did you get the funding donated?

Matthew: the funding.

Jasmine: There is a donation receipt and a donation form. It says when you are requesting a donation, you need to have these forms in if this is an AS event. You need to have these two on file. I just asked Amelia and these two are not on form.

Matthew: This is not addressed in the fiscal policy.

Associate Dean of Student Life: Matthew is correct in that this is not in the fiscal policy but these forms are valid and should be turned in. I would like for Matt to be as transparent as possible.

Hasun: Why didn't you fill out the forms in the first place? If this is a de facto rule, we should abide by it.

Matthew: I have done this before.

Jasmine: These forms are already instated to prevent the college from accepting something and having no proof. This is the first time that has been a problem.

Ty: Do you have receipts for these pizzas?

Matthew: you cannot misuse AS funds if you did not use AS funds.

Ty: If you went out as an AS director, it is tied to AS.

Kyle: The forms for the donations, technically the money gets put in the special account and gets used.

Inayat: this is considered money laundering. I think this is beyond AS.

Matthew: How?

Inayat: Because you're making it seem like money comes from A when it comes from B.

Michael: The business gave you money and then you bought the pizza for the event?

Matthew: That's how it went.

Kseniya: When I see the proposal I assumed the money is coming from AS.

Jasmine: After getting approved, he said the first one will be donated and the rest will be funded from the AS. There was not a point where he said that it was going to be donated again. It was disguised as an AS event.

Vote:

In Favor: 10 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 1



Withdrawal of previously approved Spring 2014 Allocation for the AS Director of Activities Approved.

Motion to withdraw funding for Future Associated Students Board of Directors Feed the Students events by Cassandra Second by Michael.

Jasmine: Tomorrow is rock the vote event, it is still going to be put on.

Inayat: Why is it such a problem for you to disclose the information where the money came from? In order to figure out what we need to do, we need to know.

Matthew: I will talk to the businesses and ask if I can disclose any information.

Jasmine: We need to have records for it.

Michael: A lot of what was talked about in the appeals election committee, the board had asked you to wear shirts to wear promotional items and bring the signs. I have ordered things but it's not my job to utilize it at every event. I supply them but they shouldn't wait for me to give it to them.

Matthew: The activities director's job to make events but it's the publicity's job to promote AS.

Ty: We put the guidelines forth because we did not wish for you to be in the position right now. We were trying to protect you from that and you refused to follow the guidelines.

Matthew: I don't feel that was the case.

Ty: Do you feel that it is not every single director's job to promote AS?

Matthew: I don't agree that it is every director's job to stand for something they don't support.

Michael: Then please resign.

Matthew: I take that as an attack; please note that in the minutes.

Cassandra: I want to withdraw funds for future Feed the Students events from the activities.

Inayat: If you disagree with the board's values and intentions, how come you haven't said anything or put your opinion on actions? I don't recall you giving us your opinion on various things. You say you don't agree with it but you don't say anything about it. This is the first time I have heard about you being dissatisfied with our actions.

Matthew: I feel that every time I open my mouth I am being attacked and my events are being attacked.

Ty: Do you have evidence?

Matthew: No, it is how I feel.

Motion to call to question by Michael, Second by Inayat:

In Favor: 9 Opposed: 1

Call to Question Approved.

Removal of feed the student vote:

In Favor: 11 Abstain: 1 Opposed: 1

Withdrawal of funding for future Associated Students Board of Directors to fund Feed the Students Approved.

Motion to amend the language for Action Item 11.1 to read by" Associated Students Board of Directors will take an action on the alleged misuse of AS funds at the 3/25/2014 Feed the Students Event and AS Member Appreciation Day event made by the Director of Activities (Diana Echeverria, AS Secretary) by Diana, Second by Cassandra.

Vote: In favor: 10 Abstain: 3

Ty: We approved this event under AS member appreciation event, and it was changed to SMC appreciation day. Diana brought to my attention that emails were collected to get the benefits. Matthew, can you explain, why did the event change?



Matthew: Can you please explain the proposal?

Michael: Students started out at HSS went through the obstacle, got a voucher and then got the benefit. With the voucher you could get a chipotle burrito or something else. They had to go to a table and put in their email address in order to get a benefit.

Diana: The other option was to get a Proud to be SMC shirts.

Ty: When you put on events, they are AS events are you aware of that?

Matthew: I am an AS director, yes I am aware of that. The minutes are different from what you guys are explaining. All my events have been through AS.

Ty: Are you aware that every event you put on is an AS event?

Matthew: Yes, I am aware.

Jasmine: Do you consider donations a form of funding?

Matthew: I suppose, yes.

Jasmine: When you say all your events are funded by AS, and say that donations are funding. You state the Feed the Students event are not funded by AS but then you say that you all your events are funded by AS.

Associate Dean of Student Life: In Robert's rules the minutes are taken by the secretary and is mostly there to summarize the remarks of the meetings. It is not a word for word description.

Matthew: The minutes are different from what people are explaining.

Associate Dean of Student Life: The minutes are an official summary. They are not word for word.

Inayat: Did you know that you were supposed to follow the guidelines presented by the board?

Matthew: The board is here for funding, not to run an event. There is nothing in the minutes.

Inayat: This misuse of funds is money laundering. You can talk to Dean Bridges about where the money come from. Dean Bridges can tell the board if this was appropriate or not.

Ty: All of those present at the meeting where we approved Feed the Students, do you remember that the guidelines for feed the students events were for the director for activities to wear an AS shirt, the banner, and the publicity giveaway?

Jasmine: I remember the shirts and the banners.

Inayat: I remember shirts and flyers.

Michael: I remember shirts banners, and publicity items. **Kyle**: I was in the audience and wasn't paying full attention.

Diana: I remember shirts and promotional items. **Maya**: I recall the shirts, banners, and giveaways.

Kseniya: I remember the banners, the name of the events.

Halie: I remember the t-shirts.

Matthew: I think this is an issue of group think.

Ty: Did you say you would be happy to follow those guidelines?

Matthew: I think this is an attack, I am sticking with the official minutes

Decline to answer the question

Associate Dean of Student Life: the minutes are from March 5th.

Ty: I remember that in the end, that Matt said would be happy to wear the AS shirt.

Matthew: There is no record. Where is the record?

Jasmine: Just say what you remember.

Decline to answer.

Maya: We are not attacking your character. We are asking a simple question.

Jasmine: So you are saying you don't remember?

Matthew: No

Jasmine: There's an answer.

Benny: If you look at minutes from other departments, the minutes are for what was done, not what the

members said.



Kyle: I think in general, there is a communication problem.

Inayat: I think we need to come to a decision. There is ground for impeachment and I think we all agree. So we can only use those ground if you don't tell us who gave you the money for the donation. For the next board meeting, you can tell us. If you don't tell us, that is misuse of funds and is grounds for impeachment.

Matthew: I would like it to go through Dean Bridges.

Ty: You stated in the appeals meeting that you said that you don't like being part of the board? **Jasmine**: I don't have exact quotes. Matt claims that he does not have to wear the AS shirt and doesn't agree with the board.

Ty: Why do you wish to be part of this body?

Matthew: We have students who don't have time eat, I made the students happy, I don't care what anyone thinks.

Ty: We are all in favor of feeding students and making students happy. We don't want different things. **Associate Dean of Student Life**: I would like for us to really wrap this up and for Matthew and the rest of the board to outline a plan of action. As a member of the AS board, your responsibility is to be a representative of the board. I am hopeful that you can all come to a resolution.

Matthew: I feel you are more interesting in branding.

Ty: What you are calling branding, we call educating the students on how to get involved not only with AS but with also with SMC resources. It's your responsibility to inform them on how to get involved and the AS image is a part of that.

Michael: When you go to the business, I would like you to ask the business to sign an affidavit. It is a legal document that says that I am not lying.

Motion to require affidavit from businesses By Michael, Second by Jasmine.

Vote:

In favor: 10 Opposed: 3

Move to create 11.3:AS board of directors to require Matthew Nicholson to have full records including affidavits impeachment proceedings shall proceed by Jasmine, Second By Dersim.

Inayat: I think we need to take out an affidavit because a business will not sign an affidavit because it is not fair for the business.

Michael: Affidavit is not a lengthy thing. If it's an affidavit, they can't lie. I want it to be transparent. **Dersim**: I think we need to be 100% sure, if we want that, or we need this. We need to be certain that this really happened.

Inayat: I think there needs to be a phone call between the business and Matt and for Dean Bridges to be present.

Amend that Matt will contact the business via phone call in the presence of Dean Bridges by Inayat, Second by Cassandra.

Associate Dean of Student Life: There needs to be no more discussion on this situation. I will work with Matt and then consult with Dean Hearn, Benny, and VP Tuitasi.

Kyle: Why don't we just leave it to the discretion of our Associate Dean of Student Life.

Motion to amend language to read: AS Board of directors to require Matthew Nicholson to require records....in the event of failure we will begin impeachment proceedings.

Vote:

In favor of amendment: 8

Opposed: 0 Abstain: 2

Motion to amend language to read: The **AS Board of Directors** to require Matthew Nicholson to provide full donation records of the Feed the Students events by the next board meetings to be verified by the Associate Dean of Student Life, in the event of failure to provide or have such records verified



by the Associate Dean of Student Life, impeachment proceedings shall begin by Jasmine, Second by Cassandra.

Dean Hearn: Did I hear that that you added item 11.2?

Ty: jasmine choose to add an item

Dean Hearn: Is it appropriate to add an item?

Ty: The item she added was to add something that was already in the past item.

Jasmine: I should have made a motion to divide 11.1. Matt has brought up that if it isn't explicit **Ty**: All we did was to get a motion and turn it into an item but the motion was still pertinent for 11.1 Motion to move language for 11.1 to "Associated Students Board of Directors will take an action on the alleged misuse of AS funds at the 3/25/2014 Feed the Students Event made by the Director of Activities. This action shall be to require Matthew Nicholson to require records of donations, in the event of failure; impeachment proceedings will begin (Diana Echeverria, AS Secretary). by Jasmine, Second by Inayat.

Ty: We are all back in 11.1

Vote: Abstain: 2 In Favor: 10 Opposed: 0

Kseniya: Matt is innocent until proven guilty. I want you to prove us wrong. Good luck.

Ty: By the way Matt, here is a list of everything that we have done for students.

X. Director & Committee Reports / Student Trustee Report/ Advisor Reports

Jasmine: Voting is available online. I am going to as a personal favor, that is anyone can help. I would appreciate it. Elections are going smoothly. Everything is up and running. Thank you fr all of your support.

Cassandra: I would like to remind the public that last week, thanks to Ty, we went out to get more businesses for our discount board. We got a discount with a yoga student. Stay tuned on our facebook page, I will post updates.

Kyle: I am looking for commissioners. For the joint council and the constitution committee, there are forms online to fill. I am chairing those committees.

Maya: Club row is coming up. It is going to be carnival themes. The deadline to have your club apart of it April 4th.

Michael: We have on more item we have tabled.

Benny: Dodgers have donated tickets. If any current directors or new directors, .

Ty: Can we open iot to the students at large?

Benny: No, they are my tickets.

Ty: We have the last event for the women's empowerment month today. It is a screening.

XI. Adjournment 5:41 PM