

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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I. Call to Order 3:06 PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Ty Moura	P	Director of Student Advocacy: VACANT	
AS Vice President: VACANT	P	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg	P
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria		Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez	P
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina	P	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari	P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis	A	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel	P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: VACANT		ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph	P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson	A	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez	A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini	A	Associate Dean of Student Life: Sonali Bridges	P
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa	P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to add:

9.10: Approval of funding for the **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund tutoring for directors for (Inayat, Issa).

7.3: Approval for the **Associated Students Board of Directors** to implement an extension for the deadline for the Associated Students Elections (Jasmine Jafari).

Agenda Amended Unanimously.

Motion to Approve Agenda.

Amended Agenda Approved Unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes for March 17, 2014.

Motion to Approve Minutes

9.1 : To fund smc everywhere, this includes bungee high strikers (3,452).

by Jasmine, Second by Inayat

Amended Minutes Approved Unanimously.

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

John Kent Ethridge II: I would like to commend you guys to fight for the students. I am awe of this creative environment. I also applaud this board to make sure other organizations are held accountable for their use of their AS funds. They don't want to limit funding, they need the best interest of their constituents in mind, the students. This includes not only the directors but the commissioners, faculty and administration of AS. I have endorsed Cassandra and Inayat earlier, it's obvious both are doing exceptionally well. Now that we have 3 more positions open I would like to endorse Ami and Dersim. Starting with the Kahn brothers taught me the value of voice. Hudson is smart and creative yet his nature of thoughtfulness I greatly admire. Ali possesses a great sense of humor and is disciplined. Ali is a fish to water, he can see a situation and adapt. Dersim is one of the most humble people you will ever meet. I think he would be great for shared governance. He is great with seeing qualities that will suit the board.

Eric Mizenberg: I am coming back to talk about the global citizenship symposium. We had flyers made. I sent out an email with this attachment. You can post them out. We want you guys involved but I want you guys to work closer with us throughout this whole program. You guys have a lot of input and power. The deadline is in two week and then have one week to highlight all different projects here on campus.

VI. A.S. Announcements to the Public

Jasmine: Campaigning has been open; however, pending approval of the board, we are extending the

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application.

Ty: We will also have a candidate's debate one Tuesday, April 1st at 11:15 in the quad and I highly recommend for everyone to come. Really talk to the candidates and see if they fit for what you believe is right for this college.

Inayat: The student success award is available on-line. To apply you must be an AS member, be a SMC student and have a 2.5 GPA.

Ty: We have speaker Maryam Williamson come to speak out in the quad.

VII. Action Items

7.1 Approval of filling vacancies for the Associated Students Board of Directors Vacancies for the following positions:

- Vice President

Ali: Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Leadership makes a difference. It matters not if you're at home or a football field. I believe as students, we must lead by example. Two semesters ago, I represented the global citizenship. My experience in committees is invaluable. I intend to hold the most bipartisanship in joint council and committees. I have judged, coached, and was involved in speech and debate. There are many physical embodiments of leadership. Please allow me to be an intrinsic difference made in our world and our student body.

Jasmine: With your time in the semester, what do you plan on doing for the rest of the semester?

Ali: I want to increase student outreach and I have an idea to have shirts that show students that they can ask us about the AS.

Jasmine: What do you think will be your biggest challenge?

Ali: This semester, I will have a lot of time. I think my availability is great this semester.

Kyle: Thank you everybody. I know that it's going to be very stressful being a board member. I can handle the stress and the position of being VP. Last semester I was taking 14 units, applying to transfer, taking care of 11 pets, and a board member on the psychology club. This semester I am taking 8 units, am not on the board for psychology club and the cats have found homes. I have a deep passion to contribute to the SMC community. I want to leave something that benefits other students. Based on my knowledge of AS government. I want to build on the CEP structure. I want to work on creative club cohesiveness. No matter how you vote, I will respect your decision. If I don't get the position, I have my commissioner application ready. Thank you.

Inayat: You mentioned Alex's goals but what are your goals?

Kyle: My main goal is to help the board with ongoing projects, I want to solidify the CEP and work with getting students involved on campus. Alex and I have similar goals and ideals.

Jasmine: What do you believe education is for?

Kyle: Education is both for getting a job and to continue learn and expand as a person. No matter how old you are, you can still grow as a person.

Michael: I went to high school with Kyle and he has changed a lot. I have seen Kyle at least once a year since freshman year in high school. I have a lot of respect for him. Ali would really help expand our organization and I think Kyle will strengthen the organization because he has been involved already. They are both incredibly qualified.

Maya: They are both amazing applicants but with Ali, I see that he can do this but with Kyle is that he has experience. We don't have much time left and we need to take that into account.

Jasmine: Kyle is being very modest. There were only 4 people working with the CEP project and he has put in a lot of work into it. I feel like Ali is very accomplished but I feel like Kyle has been working for this for a while now.

Cassandra: Ali's main thing is that he really wants students to be more actively engaged. Kyle's head is closer to the ground. He wants to complete the framework of the CEP. He came up with creative

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ideas to tackle our parking problems.

Kseniya: Kyle has tremendous charisma and I like all of his work. Vice President is a position that in which can take Ty's place. Even though, Ali doesn't have the experience it takes to be VP, he will be more valuable to take Ty's place.

Michael: With Ali, I think he will be help to expand the AS.

Ty: I feel like that both have a lot of time available. Both of them will help achieve the goals AS

Votes:

For Ali: 2

For Kyle: 6

- Director of Academic Support and Shared Governance

Brandon: Good afternoon. During the fall semester, I filled in the position of commissioner for last semester's director of academic support. During the fall semester, we planned to make everything more efficient by creating electronic files and during the winter session when Maryam was out, I was in charge of organizing all committee reports. I was nominated as an outstanding student by the national honor society. I held summer position at a courthouse. I am confident that my prior work experience will aid me in my work in the associated students. I hope to have the serve on the board.

Michael: What semester is this for you at SMC?

Brandon: This is my second semester at SMC, and I have applied to transfer.

Jasmine: Did you have any experience in which you recruited a student?

Brandon: Maryam and I worked together in interviewing students. I tried to pick out the qualities that were instrumental the part.

Michael: Should students be paid to be on committees?

Brandon: I don't think they should be paid because there should be genuine interest in the committee.

Kseniya: Have you been to our meetings? Do you feel comfortable in this setting?

Brandon: yes, I have been previous meeting with Maryam.

Natalee: Thank you. SMC is considered unbeatable when it comes to transferring. I am interested in helping all students in achieving their goals. I think the best way is to start with student activities. I to help students get actively involved. I want to help promote internships. Since I have been working in the AS office, I think I have the ability to work with you all. Thank you.

Jasmine: How would you go about recruiting students?

Natalee: I think the best way to get people involved is to be clear what it is and how it works. Be clear with them so their interest may be triggered.

Ty: Could you describe some of the work you have done with AS?

Natalee: I am the person who contacted the 3 workshops for the women's empowerment month. I took care of the events. I worked with Ty and I would take care of assignments she has given me.

Kseniya: Would you be able to take leadership on yourself?

Natalee: I am very detail oriented; I have a huge sense of responsibility.

Dersim: I am an international student from Sweden. My main is international business. I am hoping to become the director of shared governance because it is a great opportunity to work with students. I know how beneficial it is to be involved and the importance of student government and this is something I want to whole student body to know. It's important for students to represent the student body. I hope to work closely with the board to fulfill this board's goal and make this campus a better place for the students.

Michael: As a director, you can't be a club officer, what is your plan?

Dersim: I will step down.

Jasmine: What would be your technique to having someone apply to committees?

Dersim: I would try to reach as many students as possible.

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Michael: When do you plan on transferring?

Dersim: Next semester.

Cassandra: Have you brought more people to the future alumni club?

Dersim: yes, we had very few students at first and now we have over 25 members excluding the board.

Inayat: I liked all three. I liked Brandon and his idea on e-files. Dersim is the only one who mentioned he wanted students to represent student goals in the committees.

Cassandra: I want to talk more about Brandon. His goal was something that can be achieved in the three months he has. Dersim is a great candidate.

Jasmine: I am caught between Brandon and Dersim. I noticed Brandon has done a lot and has balanced school work. Dersim has great teamwork abilities. He knows how to balance his workload.

Maya: I think either Brandon or Dersim would be fit for the position.

Cassandra: Brandon has stated that he wants more student involvement grouping.

Michael: It is important that the person in that position knows how to network and knows a lot of people. I think Dersim knows a lot of people and have an easy transition. Dersim's connections will serve quite well in his position.

Kseniya: Dersim has been present in the past few meetings.

Jasmine: I feel like Brandon is more qualified but Dersim would be more effective. I have confidence that Dersim can fill in the position.

Ty: We all agreed Brandon is very qualified, Natalee is a very responsible person who put on women's empowerment month, Dersim is also great with networking and focused on recruiting students that are for students.

Vote:

For Brandon: 3

For Natalee: 0

For Dersim: 6

- Director of Advocacy

Crystal: This is my last semester and I wanted to end it the right way. When I first came to SMC, and I took a women's studies class, my eyes were opened. Social justice has become one of my passions. I have worked with sustainable works, feminist majority alliance and ISF. SMC has changed my life and I am grateful and I want to spread that. The current board help progress the smc community more cohesive. I want to be a part of helping smc be a community.

Michael: Are you able to attend the sccc region meetings?

Crystal: Yes, I have a lot of free time.

Jasmine: With your time left what do you plan to do?

Crystal: I will want to help get students interested. I would want to speak to future people who will arrange the event. I want to work on getting more students involved in AS. I want to foster an involvement and engagement with the AS organization.

Sarah: The former director was working on an app but it didn't go through. What do you think of that idea?

Crystal: I like the idea but it was more of a tech job. I think we need to appeal to specific interests.

Michael: You represent the students of smc at regional meetings. What are two bills or topics that are the most important for students?

Crystal: definitely funding. Legislation with the funding of the community colleges. I believe that focusing on making community college more affordable.

Hasun: We have a tradition of celebrating our cultural and solidarity. Our generation's reality is that we linger more distantly as human beings. This becomes problematic when the marginalization of some occurs. Together we can culturally infuse a commitment on our campus. Being an active member

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of the speech and debate community has taught me to speak in a way that others will listen. I will speak with firm and concise conviction. Being an AS rep for budget and curriculum, I have worked along and against faculty here on campus. Most recently, we drafted a campus wide assessment. We moved towards education based on retention and skill development. I am the best candidate because of my personal experience and political practice. I believe in responsible

Michael: Are you able to travel to the regional meetings on Fridays.

Hasun: Yes, I don't have classes on Fridays

Michael: What are 2 topics that are most important to you?

Hasun: I would like to work on fafsa availability. Some students don't know about fafsa and I think that's a priority.

Michael: One of the unspoken responsibilities it to make legislative visits, how will you go about finding students to talk to representatives?

Hasun: I am a part of naacp and local speech and debate, I can reach to them and to people who want to make direct change. I will work my hardest to make sure we have people available.

Inayat: I love both candidates. It's amazing to see what you see in the committee and in their speech. Hasun had an amazing speech. I think he is very qualified in the position. Crystal is an amazing person and is very creative. Her creative mindset will be an asset.

Cassandra: Crystal's ideas were to have support groups on campus like open forums, she is very concerned with furthering our sustainable image. With Hasun, he wanted to work with representatives. He wants to create a mentor program.

Michael: I work with a lot of advocacy directors and some of the most important qualities is to be able to speak for your mind. Too often do I go to meetings and have students not speak up. I thin Hasun will speak up.

Jasmine: I feel like Crystal would have been great to have during a full term but with the time we do have, I felt like Hasun's specific action plan is attainable.

Sarah: I think Crystal shows this closeness and community. I have seen her at the as meetings. Hasun has mentioned diversity and I think that it is a big value at smc.

Kseniya: I think that Crystal is very humanitarian. I can see her passions, she is approachable, she has spoken on social activism, and she wants to teach and foster the community. She didn't speak like a politician. I think she will speak her mind and she speaks on behalf of students. I think Hasun is talented but I think Crystal is the right person for speaking for smc community college students.

Cassandra: Crystal's availability is great. I think getting AS's name out there is a more immediate need and I think Crystal can do that.

Ty: Both candidates are highly qualified.

Vote

For Crystal: 4

For Hasun: 5

7.2 Adoption of revisions made to the Associated Students Bylaws (Constitution Committee).

motion to postpone by Michael, Second by Inayat

Vote:

in favor: 4

opposed : 3

abstentions: 2

7.3 Approval of the extension for the deadline for the AS Elections

Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Kseniya.

Ty: The deadline would be extended until March 27th.

Deadline extended unanimously.

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VIII. Consent Action Items

- 8.1 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund membership to CCCSAA. This includes membership fee. (Sonali Bridges, Conferences: \$75.00).
- 8.2 Approval of funding for **Muslim Student Association** to purchase club t-shirts. This includes 12 t-shirts. (Sarah Yoseph, ICC Allotment: \$219.48).
- 8.3 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund items to promote A.S. Elections and register CA voters. This includes promotional items and pizza. (Jasmine Jafari, Activities: up to \$700.00).
- Consent Action Items 8.1-8.3 approved unanimously.*

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

9.1 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase ads in The Corsair Newspaper for Spring 2014. This includes 16 ads. (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$4,000.00).

Michael: This semester they stopped putting the ads on the first page. It will be. This money will be for this whole semester.

Kseniya: Would this mean we would have 16 ads on different editions.

Michael: We will have an ad each edition.

Halie: There's no longer 16 weeks left in the semester.

Michael: It's for the whole semester, it's a package.

motion to approve by Cassandra, second by Kseniya

Vote:

in favor: 9

opposed: 1

Major Action Item 9.1 Approved

9.2 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund WACAC Conference (Western Association for College Admission Counseling). This includes registration fee, flight, hotel, food, transportation, and miscellaneous. (Sonali Bridges, Conferences: \$1,032.30).

Sonali: I have been a part of this since 1998. I didn't think I would need a membership ever again but now I find is that I still need one. It'll help foster relationships I have with other colleges.

Ty: Does the college sponsor this?

Sonali: No, my outreach office had a budget for it but the student life doesn't.

Inayat: This right here is the definition of networking. This is a networking opportunity for future directors.

Sonali: I have been asked to write letters and I will say no if I don't know the person.

Michael: I looked at the budget and I would like to ask for miscellaneous to not be used for things students can't buy at conferences.

Sonali: I promise I won't use that on your dime.

Kyle: Is this specifically a conference to better help students?

Sonali: It is a conference for professionals who help students. I am encouraging Benny to attend as well. It is not a student event.

Kyle: This is all for the investment for counselors and this will help you help students in the future, right?

Sonali: It will have a direct benefit to all of you, no in terms of passing this on to others. I have gone above and beyond to maintain my contacts.

Ty: In the proposal we have things that have no quote, how did you calculate it?

Sonali: I used the absolute maximum for the items. It doesn't necessarily mean that I will spend it. Most of the food is provided at the conference.

Dersim: How long is this conference?

Sonali: 3 days.

motion to approve by Cassandra, Second by Kyle.

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Vote:

in favor: 9
opposed: 0
abstain: 1

Major Action Item 9.2 Approved Unanimously.

9.3 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund SSCCC General Assembly Spring 2014. This includes conference registration for 8 students and 2 advisors, hotel, food, parking and miscellaneous/ emergency funds. (Sonali Bridges, Conferences: \$5,796.00).

Benny: this is a local conference. We will have 8 seats available.

Ty: I attended the previous GA and I think that the work that is supposed to be done is not being done. I don't think we should sponsor an organization that is not working for the students.

Michael: I know how there is a lot of things the organization should be doing for students but I still think it's important for students to experience. I learned a lot from going to the GA. I learned that policy is not crafted outdoors. It was a learning experience. I think the means justify the going.

Ty: All the work done at the GA feels in vain. It's disappointing and frustrating.

Hasun: I would prefer to see changes on paper and action.

Benny: these are statewide issues. The way you send a message is to not donate to them.

Michael: This is approving funding for students to attend the general assembly.

Dersim: I think it's good to go to the GA and learn from it.

motion to approve by Cassandra, Second by Michael.

approved unanimously

9.4 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase reusable water bottles with A.S. Logo for A.S. Members. This includes 500 – 20oz reusable water bottles, shipping, and logo change. (Halie Willis, Sustainability: \$2,281.00).

Halie: Last semester we got 500 water bottles. This time, I am changing the logo. I will probably be handing them out during AS events.

Motion to table after 9.6 by Michael, Second by Inayat

motion to amend to read : Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase reusable water bottles with A.S. Logo for A.S. Members. This includes 750 – 20oz reusable water bottles, shipping, and logo change. (Halie Willis, Sustainability: \$3,500.00) *by Michael, Second by Hasun.*

Action Item 9.4 Approved Unanimously.

9.5 Approval of funding for **A.G.S.** to fund A.G.S. convention. This includes convention registration, van rental, convention nametags, and t-shirts. (John Quevedo, ICC Allotment: \$1,200.00, Special Projects: \$3,500.00).

motion to approve by Michael, Second by Inayat.

member of the public: The chapters throughout California come together, there are different leader workshops, it's a great way to learn what other chapters are doing.

Inayat: Everytime a club goes on a field trip, according to our fiscal policy, the club needs to come back with photos or videos or something like that.

Major Action Item 9.5 Approved Unanimously.

9.6 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to move money from contingency to special projects and sustainability. This includes moving money from contingency to special projects and sustainability. (Inayat Issa, Special Projects: \$20,000 and Sustainability: \$10,000.00).
motion to approve by Cassandra, Second by Michael.

motion to amend language to read: Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to move money from contingency to special projects and sustainability. This includes moving money from contingency to special projects and sustainability. (Inayat Issa, Special Projects: \$30,000 and Sustainability: \$15,000.00).

Major Action Item Approved Unanimously.

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9.7 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to purchase pre-paid stand time for A.S. Bikers at bike co-op Bikerowave. This includes 540 hours (\$7 per hour) of pre-paid stand time. (Halie Willis, Sustainability: \$3,048.00 and Special Projects: \$732.00).

Halie: This helps students fix their bikes.

Major Action Item 9.7 Approved Unanimously.

9.8 Approval of funding for **Student Success Initiatives** to purchase food for four days during the summer bridge program, Summer Jams. This includes In-N-Out, Two Chicks on the Mix, QT's Cakes, El Pollo Loco. (Roberto Gonzalez, Special Projects: \$2,926.36).

Roberto Gonzalez: We are asking for food for students who will be first time freshmen for a two-week intensive.

Michael: Is there any money coming from other places.

Gonzalez: Funding is coming from our state funded initiative. The only funding we can't use with this source is food.

Motion to amend language to read: "Approval of funding for **Student Success Initiatives** to purchase food for four days during the summer bridge program, Summer Jams. This includes In-N-Out, Two Chicks on the Mix, QT's Cakes, El Pollo Loco. (Roberto Gonzalez, Student Success: \$2,926.36) *By Cassandra, Second by Inayat.*

Cassandra: I was wondering if you would be able walk the new students through the office during the tour?

Member of the public: Yes, you can also have a booth. We are trying to align ourselves with you.

Major Action Item 9.8 approved unanimously.

motion to reconsider 9.8 by Michael, Second by Inayat.

motion to increase amount to 3,500 by Michael, Second by Inayat.

amendment approved unanimously.

amended major action item approved unanimously.

9.9 Approval of funding for **Student Success Initiatives** to purchase giveaways during the summer bridge program, Summer Jams. This includes various giveaways. (Roberto Gonzalez, Special Projects: \$3,898.94).

motion to approve by Michael, Second by Inayat.

Michael: For all the things that we can put both our logos, can we?

Member of the public: Yes, I have seen the company items and we can put your logo.

Major Action Item 9.9 approved unanimously.

9.10 Approval of funding for the **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund tutoring for directors for (Inayat, Issa).

Ty: We have a tutoring line item for directors.

Inayat: There is no money in that line item, we would move it from contingency. Have you tried to look for resources on campus?

Ty: The tutors aren't allowed to lecture you on material.

Cassandra: Do you think you'll have time to schedule a tutor?

Ty: I will try to look.

Kseniya: There is not enough tutors enough on campus. This is really important. The tutors cannot lecture you here, they will only answer specific questions.

motion to move 300 dollars from contingency to tutoring pending creating a proposal.

Vote:

in favor: 9

abstain: 1

Major Action Item 9.10 approved

X. Discussion

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10.1 Discontinuing or continuing to pay students for being part of campus committees (Inayat Issa, Budget Management).

Inayat: If you're a student, you should sit on the committee to make changes, not to get money.

Dursim: I think there should be some incentive but I'm not sure if money is the way to go.

Cassandra: I agree that being paid to be on a committee is redundant.

Kyle: I think that some people need the money. Students devote time to work with the school. When you start rewarding people with money, they start losing intrinsic value. I think the money should be like a scholarship and not paycheck.

Michael: I think students should be compensated for sitting on committees. First comes the interest and then comes the reward of being paid for it. It's a "Thank You."

Inayat: This does not compensate for having a job. The committee that meets the most is the budget committee.

Hasun: In the actual documentation it does say you can receive a letter of recommendation, but I don't know of anyone who has gotten one. I think we should give a scholarship for those on committees for students who best represent the AS on committees.

Cassandra: I agree with Hasun. We should celebrate the best people.

Michael: I know you said that 70 dollars won't go anywhere, but I know that 70 dollars is food for the week.

Dursim: I don't think money should be an incentive. I think the way we approach the students is important.

Inayat: There is a faculty member that feels that students should be paid for services that helps students. We shouldn't be paying students at all. I don't think you need financial aspects.

Halie: There are some students who are greedy about it and some needy. I think the scholarship idea is a really good idea.

Ty: Should we get paid to sit down and sit on this particular committee?

Inayat: I was against it. I genuinely was interested in this position. You need students who can best represent students.

Sonali: In your fiscal policy that students, faculty and staff should not be payed for services.

Cassandra: I would like this discussion to move forward at another time and we can talk about this and director stipends.

Kseniya: The stipend helps me a lot. Being on campus and getting some sort of income is important.

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

Cassandra: Thanks to Ty, we were active last week to getting more businesses on the discount board. I have updated it on facebook, please take a look at it.

Sonali: Congratulations to Kyle, Dursim, and Hasun. I'm already impressed with you stepping right in and I think you will all be valuable members on this team. I got an email from VP Tuitasi, he won't be at the finance meeting, but he will be having a meeting next week and will talk to finance or the board. I have forwarded the MOU with the district with the big blue bus. We anticipated the painting of this area to happen during spring break. They want to paint the inside of this office this week. There will be one day they will do the den, one day they will do Ty's office, and another day they will do the rest. Tomorrow, Benny and I will not be in the office until 4:00.

Halie: Coming up is the sustainability convergence, it will be in UCSB, if you haven't already send an email and say you would like to go.

XII. Adjournment 6:14 PM

Motion to adjourn by Inayat, Second by Michael