

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**March 5, 2014 3:00 PM**  
**Cayton Center, Room #202**  
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**I. Call to Order 3:15 PM**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Ty Moura <b>P</b>	Director of Student Advocacy: VACANT
AS Vice President: VACANT	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg <b>P</b>
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria <b>P</b>	Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez <b>L 3:20</b>
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina <b>A</b>	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari <b>P</b>
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis <b>L 3:30</b>	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel <b>P</b>
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: VACANT	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph <b>P</b>
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson <b>P</b>	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez <b>A</b>
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini <b>A</b>	Associate Dean of Student Life: Sonali Bridges <b>P</b>
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa <b>P</b>	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes <b>P</b>

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to amend agenda to add Action Items 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9.*  
*Motion to approve amended agenda by Inayat, Second by Maya.*  
*Amended Agenda Approved Unanimously.*

**IV. Approval of Minutes for February 24, 2014.**

*approved unanimously*

**V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)**

**Heather Haro:** I came here to talk about earth week. The center has a lot of clubs to get involved. I think it is a great event overall.

Genevieve Bertone: We are very happy to have a quick turn around on the agenda. Earth week is a collaboration of a lot of different groups. We are excited about this week. I am proposing a transportation summit. I would love to have your support. I hope to be coming back to the board with more information on that. We are really excited about earth week.

Chioma Ojini: Earth week is going to be super exciting. The whole week is centered on eco awareness. It will be information. Please support, thanks.

Armand Kizirian: I witnessed a lot of efforts from fellow students from the center and I think earth week is crucial to spreading smc's commitment to sustainability. It's a great cause that should be fully funded.

**VI. A.S. Announcements to the Public**

**Inayat:** The AS student success award is now online. The minimum eligibility requirements are having a 2.5 gpa and be an as member. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup> and 5pm. All the requirements are on our AS website. Click forms and documents and it will be listed. I encourage everyone to apply.

**Ty:** AS is sponsoring events in women empowerment month. Tomorrow we will start. Please participate. We will have a workshop every Thursday. We will be having guest speakers on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any more questions come to the AS office.

**Jasmine:** Everyone who wants 100% funding, the deadline is today. I am looking for someone to help me with the elections and who has html experience so they can help me with the website.

**Ty:** We have 3 vacancies right now. We would like for you to apply.

**VII. Presentations**

7.1 Presenting Possible AS Fiscal Policy Changes (Inayat Issa, Budget Management).

**Inayat:** I added "director purchases" to the fiscal policy. Most of the changes are changing the wording to make it more concise. We approved that regardless whether it's a consent action item or

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major action item, you have to come to the board meeting.

**Matt:** Does this mean I need approval to get items donated from the board?

**Inayat:** No, you just can't use extra donated items to sell.

**Ty:** I suggest that you add a line that says funding usually takes 2-3 weeks or they can get a reimbursement after it is approved.

**Inayat:** we can add that it can be reimbursed after proper paperwork is submitted.

**VIII. Action Items**

8.1 Confirmation of Associated Students Board of Directors Vacancy for the following position:

- Director of Student Advocacy

**Ty:** Our former director of student advocacy has resigned

*motion to confirm by Inayat, Second by Halie*

**Approved Unanimously.**

*motion to extend deadline for application for March 19<sup>th</sup> by Inayat, Second by Cassandra.*

**Approved Unanimously.**

The committee will be Inayat, Cassandra, Jasmine, Diana and myself.

**Jasmine:** I will be happy to have Maya take my place in the committee since I will be busy with elections.

**Ty:** Maya will take her place.

8.2 Adoption of AS Fiscal Policy Changes (Inayat Issa, Budget Management).

*Motion to approve by Cassandra, second by Inayat.*

**Approved Unanimously**

8.3 Adoption by the Associated Students Board of Directors of a Supporting or Opposing Stance on the Reforms in Prop 13 (Ty Moura, AS President).

**Ty:** I am not finding the presentation

*motion to postpone action item 8.3 to next meeting by Jasmine, Second by Halie*

**Action Item 8.3 Postponed**

8.4 Adoption by the Associated Students Board of Directors of a Supporting or Opposing Stance on the Movement to Amend the Constitution for Government Of, By, and For the People (Ty Moura, AS President).

**Ty:** Money is speech now. The problem with that is that you can donate as much money as you want to a candidate. I feel that this board should take a stance of opposing the supreme court decision because it would benefit the students. It's visible how students are tied and can't do things that great for education for the sake of it. They have to do what the people who finance their campaign want them to do. This is a big problem for the people who need their legislators the most.

**Inayat:** I agree.

*motion to support by Inayat, Second by Halie.*

**Approved unanimously.**

8.5 Approval of funding for **Inter-Club Council** to fund Club Row Spring 2014. This includes Del Rey Party Rentals, set-up decorations, entertainment, goodies, giveaways, soap, water, prizes, and miscellaneous. (Maya Kaitel, ICC: \$4,200.00).

**Maya:** Goodies will depend on the theme. After the theme is picked, I can let you know what exactly the goodies are.

*Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Jasmine*

**Approved Unanimously**

8.6 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund Activities Director allotment for Spring 2014. This includes \$1,000 each week for 8 weeks. (Matt Nicholson, Activities:

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\$8,000.00).

**Matt:** This allows me to do more events and gives me more flexibility with our events. It is usually given to our activities every year.

**Cassandra:** Isn't smc everywhere, a smc alumni event?

**Matt:** I am doing it in conjunction with the Alumni.

**Inayat:** In finance, we had concerns about the foundation not donating more. SMC everywhere is not included in the motion.

**Matt:** there is a separate proposal for smc everywhere.

**Cassandra:** Is feed the students part of earth week?

**Matt:** All these events are tentative. These are suggested events. It is something AS should be involved in. It's not planned out yet.

**Cassandra:** What's the symposium?

**Ty:** Is it some scholarship? Where is this coming from?

**Matt:** It is just something I got from a discussion with Deidre Weaver.

**Sonali:** none of this has come from finance. It's all pending. He needs to submit a proposal for each activity. The allotment allows for him to spend at least 1,000 dollars per week.

**Sonali:** Feed the Students has been approved through finance and will be your 8.7. All of these events still have to be approved.

**Inayat:** He just needs a requisition. Technically, everything here is half approved.

**Sonali:** the allotment is to be used for any activity that Matt can fund.

**Inayat:** The allotment is for him to put on more events so the money is already available.

**Ty:** We just found out that smc has 10.5 million just sitting in the bank while departments come to us and ask for funding. We have this systematic problem of departments coming here and assume we'll fund. There's money that isn't being allotted. We are advocating for this money to be spent on departments.

**Sonali:** There are certain items that cannot be funded such as food.

**Ty:** At least 2 million of this can be distributed to departments. In the board of trustees have food. They told us they have funds from the auxiliary services. There are ways to do things, they just aren't. The money is out there and it's not getting to the departments

**Matt:** This is not something new, this has been done prior. This will give flexibility.

**Inayat:** Just because a previous director has had an allotment, doesn't mean every director will get one.

**Ty:** The allotment is fine but we don't want it to go to fund departments.

*Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Sarah*

*Motion to amend to read Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund Activities Director allotment for Spring 2014. This includes \$1,000 each week for 8 weeks given that single club specific events cannot be funded from that account line items will not be used for club specific events (Matt Nicholson, Activities: \$8,000.00) by Jasmine, Second by Cassandra.*

*Amendment approved unanimously.*

**Ty:** it cannot be for one specific club, but it can be several clubs such as something like Club Olympics.

*Amended item approved unanimously*

8.7 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund Feed the Students. This includes food. (Matt Nicholson, Activities: \$8,000.00)

**Matt:** I had the event this Tuesday and I got positive feedback from students.

**Inayat:** They have to be AS members though, right?

**Matt:** I think it should be all members

**Inayat:** Because it is AS funding.

**Cassandra:** Students who paid their fees have funded their food. A lot of students are AS members

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but they don't know it.

**Yana:** We have an issue that there are more than 20,000 who are AS members and not all of them know they are AS members.

**Ty:** If they are not AS members, explain to them why they should be AS members.

**Matt:** How about you get a commissioner to get out there and notify the students

**Cassandra:** Gladly. Send an email out before the event. I don't want to see food from big corporations; I want to find more local healthier options.

**Inayat:** This is a good way to publicize AS so make sure you know what AS is.

**Michael:** I think there should be a banner indicating that it is funded by AS and place it next to the bursars office.

**Maya:** I think a simple solution would be to give flyers.

**Yana:** A banner would be nice and AS directors and commissioners should be there giving out the food. They can also wear AS shirts.

**Call to Question by Inayat.**

**Approved unanimously.**

8.8 Approval of funding for **SMC Career Services Center** to fund Annual Job / Volunteer Fair. This includes Del Rey Party Rentals, Campus Kitchen breakfast, and Campus Kitchen Lunch. (Marcia Lewis, Student Success: \$2,390.28).

**Marcia:** the career services center gives two job fairs for the students every year. Last semester I partnered with AS. We had a little over 60 employers. I only allow volunteer people who actually have positions. It is something I have done since I have been here. I do this for you. I start 3-4 months ahead of time and have postponed a surgery so I can get this off the ground.

**Ty:** Can we have a booth for our civic engagement program.

**Marcia:** Yes, it is your event, I do the work. Let me know so I can make sure you have a table.

**Cassandra:** Thank you Marcia.

*motion to approve by Cassandra, Second by Halie*

**approved unanimously**

8.9 Approval of funding for **Center for Environmental and Urban Studies** to fund Earth 2014. This includes vendor incentives, buttons, rentals, reusable bags, food, entertainment, lip balm, plant centerpieces, transportation, awards for service, art supplies, stipends, flyers/posters, and t-shirts. (Genevieve Bertone, Special Projects: \$7,656.64).

**Cathleen:** I am a student's manager at CEUS. It's a whole week of events. We have a lot on the table.

**Ty:** Will we have the free store?

**Cathleen:** Instead of that, we will be having Students Feeding Students. It keeps with the theme of Food. It'll teach about food waste. Every day there is an event. It'll be an educational event. They will learn about the food system.

**Ty:** Can we put AS banners for the events

**Cathleen:** Yes.

*Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Halie*

**approved unanimously.**

#### **IX. Director & Committee Reports / Student Trustee Report/ Advisor Reports**

**Jasmine:** We had our first ICC meeting last week. We had about 20 clubs installed, more to come.

**Ty:** I will be calling the constitution committee next week so we can discuss changes and will be coming to the board very soon. The ASAP committee will be forming as well sometime next week. I went to the board of trustees meeting and they approved to put the oil severance act on their agenda next week. They have a meeting on the first Tuesday of every month so it will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jesse:** The students are very happy with the renovations here. The office looks great. Yesterday was the board of trustees meeting and everyone here should know that the trustee is a liaison between the board of trustee and

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AS. When I first became student trustee. I went to the orientation and it was a very short orientation that lasted less than 15 minutes. Their perspective is very different from one of the AS. It is my understanding that the student trustee should have a good relationship with the board. That wasn't the case with the previous trustee. President Tsang told me my perspective and didn't make me figure it out. He brought up that my goal is not to represent the AS board but all students. I think that the AS board does represent the students very well. The last trustee was influenced too much by the board of trustees. I can tell the difference between their facts and the facts here and make decisions. May is my last month. The new student trustee may be someone like the previous trustee. We can look at updating the policies that my roles have. I can only do that with the AS support. This is something that should be worked on.

**Cassandra:** What you can do is pass down what you have come up with to the next person. That is the most concrete way. I will be sitting on the equity committee and hopefully I can plant some seeds there.

**Ty:** Come to the next constitution committee. The student trustee is in our constitution. We can change our bylaws.

**Jesse:** We have to address the district because it supersedes the AS constitution. I follow the district policy. The district controls my roles. We need to address it top down.

**Ty:** I want you to have something in writing that will go down to future trustees.

**Sonali:** Our activities calendar is booked for the month of March, May and some of April. There is a lot happening this Spring. Your general assembly is coming up and is in the LAX Marriott. I am putting on a proposal for that.

**Michael:** If you go, you need to spend the night since it is very difficult to commute and go.

**Sonali:** I am really appreciating the conversation we have been having. I am here to help and support your plans. I need to be informed to represent all of you appropriately.

**X. Adjournment 5:09 PM**

*Motion to adjourn by Inayat, Second by Cassandra.*