

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**September 14, 2015, 3:00 P.M., Cayton Center Lounge**  
**Santa Monica College address: 1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA, 90405**  
**Associated Student Phone Number: (310) 434-4250**  
**Minutes**



**I. Call to Order—3:01**

**II. Roll Call**

A.S. President: Jesse Randel <b>P</b>	Director Of Instructional Support: Dilan Patel <b>P</b>
A.S. Vice-President: Steve Maldonado <b>P</b> 3:35 left 3:37 back	Director Of Publicity: Kishore Athreya <b>P</b>
A.S. Secretary: Wave Baskerville <b>P</b>	Director Of Sustainability: Heather Haro <b>P</b>
Director of Budget Management: Samuel Ross <b>P</b>	ICC Chair: Kevin Picard <b>A</b> ( <b>Yana Demeshko sitting in</b> )
Director Of Activities: Amber Winter <b>P</b>	ICC Vice Chair: VACANT
Director Of Student Outreach: Alexandra Brechensbauer <b>P</b>	ICC Communications Officer: VACANT
Director Of Community Relations: Aïcha Conde <b>P</b>	Student Trustee: Jonathan Eady <b>P</b>
Director Of Student Advocacy: VACANT	Interim Associated Dean Of Student Life: Dr. Nancy Grass <b>P</b>
Director Of Student Assistance: VACANT	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes <b>P</b>

**III. Public Comments (3 Minutes per speaker)**

David Burak:

Update on Reconfiguring the Context of Violence, Anger, & Fear.

- September 17<sup>th</sup>, HSS 165 at 11:15am -12:30pm

Hari Vishwanadha:

Informed Board of Literary Series Program starting with:

- Tuesday 11:15am-12:30pm in HSS 165
- Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm-8:30pm in Bus 111

Lisa Moss:

Discussed Internship Program requirements, and Internship fair.

- A.S. position qualifies as internship

Matt Nicholson:

Commended the Director of Activities and A.S. Advisor on how well activities meeting was ran. Also encouraged the purchasing of new microphones for board meetings.

**IV. Guest Speakers**

**4.1** Interim Superintendent/President Jeffery Shimizu on general college update and student topics.

- Commended Board and offered suggestions, and excitement to A.S. Board
- Presidential Search Update
  - Provided search timeline
  - Encouraged students to come to open forums and listen to potential candidates
- Answered questions from the Board



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- Future planning on cooling system for the beginning of the semester
- Staff is working to make committee meeting schedule more accommodating to students

**4.2 Academic Senate Officer Eve Adler on school Accreditation**

- Asked for student involvement/feedback for Accreditation process
  - Educated students on what Accreditation means
  - Students should attend review meetings of Accreditation for feedback and suggestions
  - Asked Board to assist with the review team, colleagues from other colleges, in answering questions during Accreditation
  - Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in DRSCH 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
  - Suggestion was made to appoint successors to be on Student Learning Outcomes Committee

**4.3 Professor Richard Tahvildaran on the Public Policy Institute**

- Informed Board about Public Policy Institute and encouraged A.S. to be a partner for the 2015-2016 academic year
  - Explained and stated benefits of involvement in the Public Policy Institute
  - Encouraged board to be a part of committees and spread the word of program
- Director of Publicity expressed interest in assisting the program with promotional content

**4.4 Rudy Caseres presentation on mental health**

*Director of Budget Management moved to strike Guest Speaker 4.4, Seconded Without objection the motion was approved*

**V. Approval of Agenda**

*Director of Budget Management moved to approve agenda, Seconded Without objection the motion was approved*

**VI. Approval of Minutes—September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*A.S. Secretary moved to add the language ‘item 6.2’ to section 4 bullet point 3, Seconded*

*Director of Publicity moved to approve minutes, Seconded Without objection the minutes were approved*

**VII. Discussion items**

**7.1 Discuss assistance for homeless students (e.g. food vouchers).**

- Concerns raised that this goes under the responsibility of Student Assistance, which is vacant. Was decided that it is too big of a topic to wait on so A.S. President created an ad hoc.





- Ad Hoc includes: A.S. President as temporary chair, Director of Instructional Support, and Director of Sustainability.
  - President of Phi Theta Kappa informed board of their program, Honors in Action, which is reaching out to the homeless student population. He invited the board to consider potential collaboration
- 7.2 Discuss Homecoming week.
- Director of Outreach informed the board of the brainstormed events of each day of the week, the benefits if students attend everyday.
  - Director of Outreach also said there may be a need to create sub-committees for Homecoming week.
- 7.3 Discuss inclusion of night, weekend, and satellite campus students.
- President created an ad hoc committee to look further into this topic
    - Ad hoc committee includes: Director of Community Relations as chair, A.S. Secretary, Student Trustee, and Mr. Blaydes

## VIII. Director & Committee Reports (3 minutes)

### 8.1 Directors' Reports

- Director of Instructional Support: Talked about his research on a 3D printer and new microphones
- Director of Outreach: Talked about the status of the Homecoming Committee
- Director of Activities: Gave information on future projects (i.e. Winter Wonderland, Club Olympics, Feed Your Mind)
- Director of Budget Management: Informed projects in the works (i.e. giving out Nitrile gloves, Wi-Fi printing, student success for STEM Majors)
- A.S. Secretary: Reiterated the importance of reading the minutes prior to the board meeting. Creating a potential student survey to determine student concerns.
- A.S. President: Introduced possibility of collaborating with other schools in Region 7 to help with topics such as student homelessness.
- A.S. Vice President: Need more people to turn in Representation Packets to serve on committees. Hopes in creating an A.S. video.
- Director of Sustainability: Invited board out to coastal clean up. Informed the board about works on a potential bike share program.
- Director of Community Relations: Invited board and students to a fundraising event for the SMC Alliance club. Talked about plans to do highlight weeks for different departments.
- I.C.C. Chair: Last Thursday was the first I.C.C. meeting and nominations began. Nominations will be extended to the following meeting.

### 8.2 Appointment Committee



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- Announced that interviews were underway and that recommendations will be brought to September 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

**8.3 Finance Committee—None**

**IX. Student Trustee Report—Jonathan Eady**

- Stated potential concerns board should work on (i.e. giving support to parents on campus, and creating an informal grievance form students can report on)
- Informed Directors that they need to create Office Hours

**X. Advisor Report—Dr. Nancy Grass**

- Commended board on creating a productive agenda, on representing students that may not have much representation, and on willingness to volunteer
- Make sure to attend committee meetings, both board and other constituencies, so students have a voice.

**XI. Counselors' Report—Benny Blaydes**

- Provided UC application updates and encouraged students to create a TAP account
- Needs Director weekly planners this week

**XII. Adjournment—5:14**

Director of Publicity moved to adjourn, Seconded

