



**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
 A.S. Town Hall – “Voice Your Concerns”  
 February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 3:00 P.M. – 4 P.M., Cayton Center Lounge  
 Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA, 90405  
 Associated Student Phone Number: (310) 434-4250

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order-3:04pm**

**II. Roll Call**

P	<b>President</b> , Isabel Rodriguez	AB	<b>Director Student Assistance</b> , Kimberly Hernandez
P	<b>Vice President</b> , Hesham Jarmakani	P	<b>Director Instructional Support</b> , Cole Ten
P	<b>Director Budget Management</b> , Maria Damian		<b>Director Publicity</b> , VACANT
AB	<b>Secretary</b> , Itzchak Maghen	L	<b>Director Sustainability</b> , Brooke Harrington
P	<b>Director Activities</b> , Jabria Allen	P	<b>Student Trustee</b> , Alexandria Boyd
	<b>Director Outreach</b> , VACANT	P	<b>ICC Chair</b> , Daniel Cha
P	<b>Director Community Relations</b> , Chi Yuen Sham	P	<b>ICC Vice Chair</b> , Paniz Karimpour
AB	<b>Director Student Advocacy</b> , Alexa Benavente	P	<b>ICC Communications Officer</b> , Nathan Silberberg

AB	<b>Associate Dean</b> : Nancy Grass	P	<b>Counselor/Advisor</b> : Benny Blaydes
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**III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)**

- Benny Blaydes: reminder of Black History month events still going on; subjects: OJ Simpson case, 90’s riots; CalGrant deadline is approaching
- Dir. Of Activities: Women’s empowerment month is March consistent of: Clothesline Project-speaking up for women in distress
- Dir. Of Sustainability: AS farmers market occurs every Wednesday in cafeteria from 2-4pm

**IV. Questions and Answers with A.S. Leaders**

This section of the agenda is reserved for members of the public to address the Associated Students Board. A time limit of 3 minutes per speaker shall be observed. Board members have a total of 2 minutes to address the public questions.

- Hunter: what is the current progress on the metro for all project?
  - Isabel: working with Mr. Heskell, he is dealing with the company to broker that deal with negotiations
- Isaac Shafa: what is the current process with the prayer space on campus?
  - Hesham: tidying up the logistics, painting the murals currently there; looking at the LA building and hopefully in the KCRW basement under Cayton Center
- Lucia Aguilar: what is our legacy for this year’s board?
  - Isabel: mission statement: address housing/food insecurity and awareness of AS; computer lab in Cayton will be getting new computers and printers; nestle boycott-to look at the sustainable parts; Women’s empowerment month events; reforming the bluebook and scantron business; all legal documents will be observed and reviewed this semester

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- Motion to extend by 2 minutes: Vice President
  - Seconded
- What are we doing about the homelessness?
  - Isabel: make sure FLVR stays present; possible night parking for homeless students, working with UCLA Bruin homeless shelter; update benefits
- Isaac Shafa: no where is there a place for kosher/hallal present all over campus consistently, what is the process to tackle that?
  - Nathan Silberberg: we do have a permit with a Kosher restaurant that
  - Trustee: during the Trustee meeting, there is a moment for public comments to bring it to the trustee minds;
  - Benny: because restaurants are private there are concerns for permits and money becomes tight
- Juliette Tafoya: comments about food pantry: happy with the benefits present on campus; how can AS expand it? At Berkley (Spark program), they partnered with Whole Foods, whatever remaining food that is close to expiring they bring it to campus for free that are typically organic. Can we bring that here?
  - Dir. Of Sustainability: with Lyft there is a partnership; will work with a partnership with Whole Foods to bring that here
  - Dir. Of Instructional Support: many health permits to make this happen
  - President: good idea and if doable we will bring it here; Dr. Grass has a committee to strengthen this concern
- Magalia Arpurto: clubs are only supposed to be in session only in fall and spring; is there a way to expand this to summer and winter because students pay AS fees in short sessions?
  - Benny Blaydes: in short semester, it is optional for AS and admin to work and many of the faculty is not on campus then
  - ICC Vice Chair: clubs have been happening during short sessions with advisors
    - MOTION TO EXTEND: SUSTSTAINABILITY
    - SECONDED
  - President: understands the concern, at the same time students are using other benefits with the AS fee anyways during the short sessions
  - Vice President: if you meet up on campus with advisor, it must be on campus
  - Dir. Of Activities: in order to pass events proposals must go to AS board meetings
- Yongha Hwang: technical problem with international students: if a student takes a 5 unit class, they are legally not allowed to drop it or they will be reprimanded; what will we do about it?

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- President: met with dean of international students to work on this; AS board doesn't have power to change this issue but can speak up about it to the trustees;
- Freshman international students can't take above 16 units so they can't drop the 5 unit class due to falling below 12 units to be a full time student
- Motion to extend by 2 minutes: sustainability
  - Seconded
    - Dir. Of Budget: issue is more about minimum to be a full time student
- Magalia: any way to help advisors to work in short sessions?
  - ICC Vice Chair: to have that exception, if there is funding the AS needs to meet to fund events
    - Motion to extend by 2 minutes: VP
    - Seconded
  - Trustee: having extended clubs would possibly lead to lawsuits against advisors because the school is liable for any accidents
  - Benny Blaydes: school is liable for any accidents as it has happened in the past
- Yongha Hwang: AS presidency and Vice Presidency is only open for people who have already been involved previously, so can others such as student representatives be able to run for this as well?
  - President: duties of the student representative is not as credible to be able to run for these positions; thought behind this is encouraged
  - VP: this is a valid point and constitution committee is going on now
- Isaac Shafa: when most clubs meet with committees: there is a limited amount of food permits allowed for semester due to corsair market taking up most of them; can we push more food permits?
  - President: there are double health permits this semester; Dr. Nancy Grass is responsible for this
  - Sustainability: we will try to keep Dr. Grass to having as many food permits every year in the future
  - VP: encouraged clubs to work together for events to conserve on permits
  - Activities: permits required for more than 25 people

### V. Adjournment

- Dir. Of Sustainability motions to adjourn at 3:59pm, seconded

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