



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting

April 5, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Zoom/Telephone

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93265148978>

Associated Students Office Phone Number: (310) 434-4250

MINUTES

I. Call to Order-3pm

II. Roll Call

President, Tafari Alan - Present

Vice-President, Caden Gicking - Present

Secretary, Vacant

Budget Management, Mohamed Najar - Present

Student Assistance, Biraj Gurung - Present

Instructional Support, Rafael Pacheco - Present

Student Outreach, Luis Florenio - Present

Equity and Diversity, Karla Bellot - Present

Student Advocacy, Melissa De La Cruz – Present

Activities, Daniel Jimenez - Present

Publicity, Alexis Gosselin Escamilla - Present

Sustainability, Tatiana Claure - Present

ICC Chair, Yasamin Hatefi - Present

ICC Vice-Chair, Mitchell Chan - Present

ICC Communications Officer, Karen Marlen Lopez- Late,
arrived 3:52 p.m.

Student Trustee, Joshua Elizondo - Present

Associate Dean, Dr. Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio -Present

Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes -Present

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)- None

IV. Approval of Minutes — March 15, 2021, March 22, 2021, March 29, 2021

- Motion to approve by Budget Management, seconded by Instructional Support.
- The Minutes of March 15, 2021, March 22, 2021, March 29, 2021 have been approved without objection

V. A.S. Board Values and Action Plan: Condemning hate incidents during club meetings.

- Associated Students does not condone the hateful and derogatory comments made during club meetings.
- A.S. is a supportive space for Santa Monica College students and the events that occurred go directly against our A.S. values.

VI. A.S. Board 2021-2022

- Announced election results for A.S. elections

VII. Guest Speakers — Outdoor Amphitheater: Lizzy Moore and Don Girard (15 minutes)

- Don Girard: AS funded Outdoor Amphitheater in 2008. 300K from board of trustee. Project will cost around 18 million. Actions plans: raising around 1.5 million from neighborhood, requesting 50k-100k from AS.
- Lizzy Moore: presenting the details about the outdoor amphitheater project: showing different pictures and maps of the possible architecture of this project.
- Motion to postpone until Don Girard arrives by Student Trustee, seconded by Budget Management

VIII. Student Trustee Report — Joshua Elizondo (15 minutes)

- Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow. The meeting in May will be the last for Josh as Student Trustee.
- Renew the trustee rights at the college, working with BoT to reaffirm SMC's commitment to the Student Trustee and use to support statewide legislature AB1216.
- California Community College Trustee Board and Chancellor's Office to make sure CCC are reaffirming support of DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) goals.

IX. Committee Reports (5 Minutes) – None

X. Minor Action Items (Under \$1,000)

10.1 Psi Beta Research Incentive - Psi Beta- Club

(Aariyona Gates—cost \$192.00. Requesting \$192.00 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL190.

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- Item has been approved with no objections.



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XI. Major Action Items (\$1,000 and over)

11.1 Latino Center Graduation Gowns and Shipping Materials - Student Trustee

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$2,997.92. Requesting \$ 2,997.92 Student Success) ID: PROPOSAL175.

- Motion to approve by Budget Management, seconded by ICC Chair
- Item was approved by unanimous vote.

11.2 Veteran Resource Center-Variou Requests-Program Support - Student Trustee/Veterans Resource Center
(Joshua Elizondo —cost \$16,335.66. Requesting \$16,335.66 Student Success) ID: PROPOSAL193.

- Motion to approve by ICC Chair, seconded by Instructional Support.
- Item was approved by unanimous vote.

11.3 Communications & Media Studies & Design Technology Depts.- Guest Speakers –
Jenny Lorenzo/Nico Santos - Student Trustee

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$7000.00. Requesting \$7000.00 Activities) ID: PROPOSAL196.

- Motion to approve by Budget management, seconded by ICC chair
- Item was approved by unanimous vote.

XII. Other Action Items

12.1 Approval of support for SMC Cesar Chavez Day — Professor John Quevedo

- Motion to approve by Budget Management, seconded by Instructional Support.
- Motion by Publicity to amend Approval of Support for SMC Cesar Chavez Day to Recognize Cesar Chavez Day and acknowledge Chavez’s rhetoric on immigration to encourage positive conversations on immigration, seconded by Budget Management.

- Objection by Equity and Diversity

- Vote on amendment of item:

Vice-President, Caden Gicking - YES
Budget Management, Mohamed Najjar - abstain
Student Assistance, Biraj Gurung - abstain
Instructional Support, Rafael Pacheco - YES
Student Outreach, Luis Florenso - YES
Equity and Diversity, Karla Bellot - NO
Student Advocacy, Melissa De La Cruz - abstain

Activities, Daniel Jimenez - YES
Publicity, Alexis Gosselin Escamilla - YES
Sustainability, Tatiana Claire - YES
ICC Chair, Yasamin Hatefi - YES
ICC Vice-Chair, Mitchell Chan - YES
ICC Communications Officer, Karen Marlen Lopez - abstain

- Amendment was amended by a majority vote.

- Vote on amended item:

Vice-President, Caden Gicking - abstain
Budget Management, Mohamed Najjar - abstain
Student Assistance, Biraj Gurung - abstain
Instructional Support, Rafael Pacheco – abstain
Student Outreach, Luis Florenso - YES
Equity and Diversity, Karla Bellot - NO
Student Advocacy, Melissa De La Cruz - abstain

Activities, Daniel Jimenez - YES
Publicity, Alexis Gosselin Escamilla - YES
Sustainability, Tatiana Claire - YES
ICC Chair, Yasamin Hatefi - YES
ICC Vice-Chair, Mitchell Chan - YES
ICC Communications Officer, Karen Marlen Lopez – YES

- Item was approved, as amended, by a majority vote.

12.2 Suspension of Fiscal Policy to spend Prior Year Surplus after the 8th week of the semester.

- Motion to approve by ICC Chair, seconded by Vice President.
- Item was approved without objection

12.3 Letter of support for Fareless Metro:

- Motion by ICC Chair, seconded by Instructional Support.
- Item was approved by unanimous vote

- ❖ Motion for a 5 min recess by Budget Management, seconded by ICC Chair.



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- 12.4 Confirmation of vacancy: A.S. Secretary
- Motion by Budget Management, seconded by ICC Chair.
 - Item has been approved without objection
- 12.5 Appointment to Vacancy Committee for A.S. Secretary
- Motion by ICC Communications, seconded by ICC Chair.
 - Members to be:
 - President
 - ICC Chair
 - Vice President
 - Director of Publicity
 - Director of Instructional Support
 - Item has been approved without objection.

XIII. Discussion Items

- Making the Recruitment Committee a Standing Committee (*10 minutes*)
- Making Office Hours Permanent for future A.S. Boards and Director of Outreach (*10 minutes*)
- Ongoing Discussion Regarding Proctorio

XIV. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

- 14.1 President — Tafari Alan
14.2 Vice President — Caden Gicking
14.3 Secretary — Vacant
14.4 Dir. Budget Management — Mohamed Najjar
14.5 Dir. Publicity — Alexis Gosselin
14.6 Dir. Student Outreach — Luis Floren시오
14.7 Dir. Student Advocacy — Melissa De La Cruz
14.8 Dir. Student Assistance — Biraj Gurung
14.9 Dir. Equity & Diversity — Karla Bellot
14.10 Dir. Sustainability — Tatiana Claire
14.11 Dir. Activities — Daniel Jimenez
14.12 Dir. Instructional Support — Rafael Pacheco
14.13 ICC Chair — Yasamin Hatefi
14.14 ICC Vice-Chair – Mitchell Chan
14.15 ICC Communications – Karen Marlen Lopez

XV. Advisor Reports

- 15.1 Benny Blaydes, Counselor/Advisor
15.2 Dr. Isaac Rodriguez Lupercio, Associate Dean/Advisor - Remind folks about next spring break.

XVI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn 6.48pm by Publicity and second by Sustainability.