



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting

May 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Zoom/Telephone

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

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I. Call to Order- 3:03pm

II. Roll Call

President, Tafari Alan-P	Student Advocacy, Melissa De La Cruz-P
Vice-President, Caden Gicking-P	Activities, Daniel Jimenez-P
Secretary, Brooke Humphrey-P	Publicity, Alexis Gosselin Escamilla-P
Budget Management, Mohamed Najar-ABSENT	Sustainability, Tatiana Claire-P
Student Assistance, Biraj Gurung-P	ICC Chair, Yasamin Hatefi- P
Instructional Support, Rafael Pacheco-P	ICC Vice-Chair, Mitchell Chan-p
Student Outreach, Luis Florensio-P	ICC Communications Officer, Karen Marlen Lopez-P
Equity and Diversity, Karla Bellot-P	Student Trustee, Joshua Elizondo-P
Associate Dean, Dr. Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio-P	Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes-P

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)- Comment from Lizzy Moore,

IV. Approval of Minutes — May 17, 2021

- Motioned by Activities, Seconded by Sustainability.
- The Minutes for May 17, 2021, were approved without objection.

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

VI. Committee Reports (5 Minutes)- None

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

7.1 Market Watch Competition Prizes - Economics Club

(David Cho—cost \$395.99. Requesting \$395.99 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL229.

7.2 Adelante Club Necessary Items and Home Scavenger Hunt Prizes - Adelante Club

(Amalia Camey—cost \$642.00. Requesting \$642.00 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL238.

- Motioned by Instructional Support, Seconded by Activities.
- 7.2 has been approved without objections.

7.3 AGS Merchandise - AGS Club

(Melissa De La Cruz—cost \$761.19. Requesting \$761.19 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL241.

- Motioned by ICC Chair, Seconded by ICC Vice Chair.
- Motioned by ICC Chair, Second by Activities for title to be changed to SMC Merchandise.
- 7.3 has been approved as amended without objections.

7.4 Graduation Stoles for A.S. Board – A.S President

(Tafari A Alan—cost \$855.60. Requesting \$855.60 Directors) ID: PROPOSAL242.

7.5 Design Training Seminars from Nielsen Norman Group – Design Club

(David Giammarco—cost \$200.00. Requesting \$200.00 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL245.

7.6 BBQ Grill and Equipment -- Student Veterans of America at SMC

(Ashley Miller—cost \$383.30. Requesting \$383.30 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL248.

7.7 SMC T-Shirts– Student Veterans of America at SMC

(Ashley Miller—cost \$390.20. Requesting \$390.20 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL249.

- Motioned by ICC Chair, Seconded by Instructional Support.
- 7.7 has been approved without objections.
- 7.1 had a title change, 7.2, 7.3 & 7.7 to be pulled.
- Motion to approve all minor action items except for 7.2, 7.3, 7.7 by Activities, Seconded by ICC Chair.
- All Minor actions have been approved without objection.



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

8.1 End of the Year Banquet for AS Directors – AS President

(Tafari A Alan—cost \$1,390.00. Requesting \$1,390.00 Directors) ID: PROPOSAL244.

- Motioned by Publicity Seconded by Activities
- With a unanimous vote, item 8.1 has been approved.

8.2 Waste Watcher Recycling Bins – AS Director of Sustainability and CEUS-Sustainability Department

(Tatiana Claire/Ferris Kavar—cost \$10,000.00. Requesting \$10,000.00 Prior Year Surplus)

ID: PROPOSAL246.

- Motioned by ICC Communications Officer, Seconded by Instructional Support.
- With a unanimous vote, item 8.2 has been approved.

IX. Other Action Items

9.1 Approval of amended Fiscal Policy.

- Motioned by Instruction Support, Second by ICC Vice Chair.
- With a unanimous vote, item 9.1 has been approved.

9.2 Academic Senate Alternative Proctoring Techniques Resolution (see attached Appendix A)

- Motioned by Sustainability, seconded by Instructional Support.
- Motion to include the following, “Associated Students supports the 4th draft of this Alternative Proctoring Resolution by the Academic Senate, and we encourage the Senate to consider adding the recommendations in Blue” by ICC Chair, second by Instructional Support.
- With a unanimous vote, 9.2 has been approved.

9.3 Associated Students statement regarding Student-Faculty Communication (see attached Appendix B)

- Motioned by Sustainability, Seconded by ICC Chair.
- Motion for a 5-minute recess by ICC Chair, Seconded by Sustainability return at 4:57pm
- With a unanimous vote, item 9.3 has been approved.

X. Discussion Items

10.2 Ongoing Discussion Regarding Proctorio

XI. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

11.1 President — Tafari Alan

11.2 Vice President — Caden Gicking

11.3 Secretary — Brooke Humphrey

11.4 Dir. Budget Management — Mohamed Najar

11.5 Dir. Publicity — Alexis Gosselin

11.6 Dir. Student Outreach — Luis Florenio

11.7 Dir. Student Advocacy — Melissa De La Cruz

11.8 Dir. Student Assistance — Biraj Gurung

11.9 Dir. Equity & Diversity— Karla Bellot

11.10 Dir. Sustainability — Tatiana Claire

11.11 Dir. Activities — Daniel Jimenez

11.12 Dir. Instructional Support — Rafael Pacheco

11.13 ICC Chair — Yasamin Hatefi

11.14 ICC Vice-Chair – Mitchell Chan

11.15 ICC Communications – Karen Marlen Lopez

XII. Advisor Reports

12.1 Benny Blaydes, Counselor/Advisor

12.2 Dr. Isaac Rodriguez Lupercio, Associate Dean/Advisor

XII. Thank You

XIV. Adjournment – 6:10 pm.

- Motioned by Activities, seconded by Sustainability.



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Appendix A

Associated Students supports the 4th draft of this Alternative Proctoring Resolution by the Academic Senate, and we encourage the Senate to consider adding the recommendations below (in tracked changes).

Whereas proctoring software has become more prevalent as distance education has become ~~more~~ increasingly common, popular, and necessary,

Whereas the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted some of the existing obstacles in implementing proctoring software such as privacy and intrusion concerns, inequitable access to technology, the need to maintain~~ing~~ flexible assessment times for both international and nontraditional students, and ensuring the academic integrity of courses and programs,

Whereas the student body of Santa Monica College (SMC) is a proudly diverse population with different identities, educational experiences and goals, abilities and positionality in higher education, and whereas student groups, such as Adelante and Black Collegians, as well as faculty have expressed concerns about racist, ableist, transphobic, and intrusive aspects of third-party proctoring software,

Whereas, per the SMC honor code, faculty "...strive to create a learning environment that is challenging and supportive of the community at-large. We are committed to upholding fundamental values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, civility, and community."

Whereas SMC's mission to provide "a safe, inclusive, and dynamic learning environment that encourages personal and intellectual exploration-one that challenges and supports students in achieving their educational goals," may be at odds with the utilization of third-party proctoring software in some cases...

Resolved, SMC will provide alternative proctoring options for students who cannot participate in ~~or wish to opt out of~~ the third-party proctoring techniques provided in a specific course. This may include but is not limited to alternative zoom and physical proctoring by appointment, and commensurate alternative assessments and assignments developed by faculty,

Resolved, the SMC Academic Senate recommends faculty from all disciplines develop and revise best practices for implementing third-party proctoring software and engage in professional development to cultivate alternative assessment practices for both online and face to face courses, such as exams that require analysis of quantitative or qualitative information, open-note or collaborative exams, frequent low-stakes exam course structure.

~~Be it further~~ resolved, the SMC Academic Senate recommends that Academic Affairs, Student Services, and faculty continue to investigate, monitor, and ~~take steps to~~ mitigate any negative impacts on students when implementing third party proctoring software as it relates to religious dress (hijab, head coverings, etc.), skin tone, gender, hairstyle, disability, and other physical characteristics.

~~Be it further resolved that the Presidential Taskforce on covid-19 impact assess alternative proctoring techniques to support the bright and robust future of distance education at SMC...~~



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Appendix B

STATEMENT REGARDING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND FACULTY

The Associated Students of Santa Monica College (SMC) encourages students, faculty, and staff to work together. It is within our mission to ensure good communication between students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community. We are committed to effective and transparent communication, regardless of the parties or interests involved.

Throughout the last year, a noticeable rift has appeared between faculty and students regarding the use of the current proctoring services and techniques. Some of the comments made by both sides were considered disrespectful and offensive by many. We, the Associated Students, apologize for any comments that were deemed inflammatory, hostile, or malicious. We would like for faculty to consider partnering with Associated Students in implementing a transparent and efficient line of communication between faculty and the student body. Ensuring all constituent voices are heard in implementing policies provides the most equitable solution while no parties are left out of decision-making at SMC. Students have a right to represent and advocate for themselves. Participation, collaboration, and input from all constituencies help to serve the interest of all involved parties.

We are grateful for those faculty members who take students seriously and allow them to participate in the decision-making process at Santa Monica College. The Associated Students of Santa Monica College hopes that moving forward students are able to cooperate with faculty and have an important role in policymaking and the development of the college's practices.

Sincerely,

The Associated Students of Santa Monica College