



**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
September 21, 2020, 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 3:00 PM**

**II. Roll Call**

President, Tafari Alan – P	Student Advocacy, (Vacant)
Vice-President, Kelsey Molle – P	Activities, Daniel Jimenez – P
Secretary, Sunjin Im – AB	Publicity, Alexis Gosselin Escamilla – P
Budget Management, Mohamed Najar – P	Sustainability, Carla Claire – P
Student Assistance, Biraj Gurung – P	ICC Chair, Tom Rhalter – P
Instructional Support, Omzee Pitchford Martinez – P	ICC Vice Chair, Pamela Vega – AB
Student Outreach, Luis Florenso – P	ICC Communications Officer – P
Equity and Diversity, Karla Bellot – P	Student Trustee, Joshua Elizondo –
Associate Dean, Dr. Isaac Rodriguez Lupercio – P	Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes – P

**(Key: P- Present, AB- Absent)**

**III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)**

- None

**IV. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2020**

- Motion to approve the minutes by ICC Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director of Budget Management

**V. Student Trustee Report – Joshua Elizondo (15 minutes)**

- Phase 2 of COVID-19 roadmap to recovery
- Discussion of possibility of in person instruction, no official announcement made
- Public Policy Institute → Crisis-tunity week in October; voting, election & democracy
- International Students → class added to help create units
- Renewing grants & fiscal contracts
- Resolutions → additional computers sold to Allen Hancock College, ACCT trustee leadership conference in October, discussion about race and equity on the SMC campus
- Resolution approved on Prop 15 → tax on wealthy areas in California
- Student Equity Redesign of Student Pathways

Motion for 5 more minutes by Student Trustee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Student Assistance

- Student Trustee took questions regarding the presentation

Motion for 2 more minutes to continue answering questions by Student Trustee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Student Assistance

**VI. Committee Reports (5 Minutes)**

- A.S. President
  - Budget Committee Report: 2019-2020 budget review, projected budget for 2020-2021, budget down from 30 million to 21 million
- Student Trustee
  - SMC is selling 2 radio stations → add 1.5 million to the budget
- ICC Chair
  - Discord Committee meeting → terms & conditions requested from campus council
  - Civic Engagement → Ballot Bowl competition
  - ICC Initiative Committee → continuing work

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

- 7.1** Approval of Supplies needed to grow mushrooms - Club Grow (Rezvon Amirani—cost \$221.70; Requesting \$ \$221.70 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL102.
- Motion to pull the item from action item 7.1 by AS Publicity
  - Motion to discuss item 7.1 by ICC Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Budget Management
  - This item Passed without objection



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

- None

**IX. Other Action Items**

- **9.1** Acceptance of the Donation of 10,000 Face Masks (Joshua Elizondo)
  - Motion to discuss by Budget Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ICC Chair
  - Masks would be distributed by food pantry, bookstore
  - Passed without objection
- **9.2** Appointment of Director of Student Advocacy
  - Motion to appoint by Budget Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ICC Chair
  - The following candidates were interviewed:
    - Melissa De La Cruz
    - Nav Patel
    - Yasamin Hatefi
  - Discussion and vote by board about all of the above candidates

Votes for Student Advocacy Position

- Vice President, Kelsey Molle – Nav Patel
- Secretary, Sunjin Im – Absent
- Budget Management, Mohamed Najjar – Melissa De La Cruz
- Student Assistance, Biraj Gurung – Melissa De La Cruz
- Instructional Support, Omzee Pitchford – Yasamin Hatefi
- Student Outreach, Luis Florensio – Nav Patel
- Equity and Diversity, Karla Bellot – Nav Patel
- Activities, Daniel Jimenez – Melissa De La Cruz
- Publicity, Alexis Gosselin Escamilla – Nav Patel
- Sustainability, Carla Claire – Yasamin Hatefi
- ICC Chair, Tom Rhalter – Yasamin Hatefi
- ICC Vice Chair, Pamela Vega – Melissa De La Cruz
- ICC Communications Officer, Shoshana Brustin – Melissa De La Cruz

Motion to appoint Melissa De La Cruz by Student Assistance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Activities  
Melissa De La Cruz is appointed as Director of Student Advocacy

**X. Discussion Items**

- None

**XI. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)**

- 11.1 President-** Tafari Alan → reminder to access SmartSheets, Tues/Wed Sept 29-30<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm free student leader conference “Pathways to Equity”
- 11.2 Vice President-** Kelsey Molle → brought up Student Trustee equity report, lacking in math department, approving commissioners, attended meeting to discuss if SMC will be online for Winter and Spring semesters: consensus being to stay online
  - Motion for 3 more minutes by ICC Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ICC Communications Officer
- 11.3 Dir. Publicity-** Alexis Gosselin → spotlight A.S. Directors, Sustainability AS Instagram takeover.
- 11.4 Dir. Student Outreach-** Luis Florensio → Student Life Fair event
- 11.5 Dir. Student Assistance-** Biraj Gurung → CCCSA application form completed
- 11.6 Dir. Equity & Diversity-** Karla Bellot → Approved commissioners



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- 11.7 Dir. Sustainability-** Carla Claire → Instagram AS account takeover
- 11.8 Dir. Activities-** Daniel Jimenez → Grace & Grit event: meeting for ticket request forms
- 11.9 Dir. of Instructional Support-** Omzee Pitchford → No report
- 11.10 ICC Chair-** Tom Rhalter → Encourages everyone to attend ICC meeting
- 11.11 ICC Vice-Chair-** Pamela Vega → Reminds everyone to sign up for Club Awareness
- 11.12 ICC Communications-** Shoshana Brustin → ICC agenda has been posted, would like to participate in Student Trustee meetings

**XII. Advisor Reports**

- 12.1 Benny Blaydes, Counselor/Advisor** → Make counseling appointments, upcoming workshops
- 12.2 Tiffany Inabu Counselor/Advisor** → Check director email for important information
- 12.3 Dr. Rodriguez Lupercio** → Importance of A.S. event promotion, community safety is a priority during Covid

**XIII. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn at 5:40 PM by ICC Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Student Assistance