

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**October 7, 2013 3:00 PM**  
**Cayton Center, Room #202**  
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**I. Call to Order 3:04 PM**

**II. Roll Call**

AS President: Ty Moura	P	Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa	P
AS Vice President: Alex Vandertol	P	Director of Student Advocacy: Okky Jaya	P LA
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria	P		<b>4:45</b>
Director of Student Services: Kseniya Lyalina	P	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg	P
<b>LA: 5:00</b>		Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez	P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis	P LA: 4:40	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari	P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Maryam Allameh	P	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel	L 3:38
<b>LA: 4:40</b>		ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph	P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson	A	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez	P
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini	P	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn	P
<b>LA: 4:50</b>		Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

**III. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)**

**Lee Peterson:** I am speaking to you as the co-chair of DPAC planning facilities. I am hoping that 4 AS members come to the meeting. We are looking for designs of gender neutral restrooms. The other item is designated smoking areas. There is also a recommendation of art display areas in new college construction.

Ty: How many students do we have in the facilities subcommittee?

Lee: none

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Michael, Second.*

*Agenda approved unanimously.*

**V. Approval of Minutes for September 30, 2013**

*Motion by Jasmine, Second.*

*Minutes approved unanimously.*

**VI. Presentations**

6.1 Recommendations of the Elections Committee for the 2014 Election Code (Jasmine, ICC Chair).

**Jasmine:** We have had 3 meetings so far. I have updated the dates for this coming year.

**Alex:** for publicity c, number 9. Who decides that statements in media are true or false?

**Jasmine:** Someone would complain and we would verify the facts with all parties involved. It would go through elections committee and student life.

**Kseniya:** When we turned in our pictures and statements they didn't get posted until very late even when we didn't turn it in late.

**Jasmine:** there was no requirement previously. I will make sure that it will be up.

**Kseniya:** I just want to make sure that if we have rules, then you have rules.

**Jasmine:** That was a failure of previous years.

**Ty:** section 7 A item 14. SMC staff and faculty don't follow our jurisdiction at all. We cannot enforce this.

**Benny:** Yes we can enforce. It was always in there and then mysteriously taken out. If they violate this, the person they enforce will be penalized.

**Ty:** This needs to be reworded. To be explicit understanding that it is the candidate's responsibility to not ask for endorsement of faculty and staff.

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**VII. Action Items**

7.1. Adoption of the 2014 Election Code (Jasmine, ICC Chair).

*Motion to approve by Jasmine, second.*

Jasmine: I move to amend section 7 part a 14

to say "candidates must not solicit endorsements from SMC staff or faculty. SMC staff and faculty are encouraged to remain neutral at the risk of disqualifying any candidate they promote."

*Motion to amend by, Second.*

**Ty:** Item 13. I would have liked for directors to endorse candidates

**Inayat:** I know that would have helped but I don't think it would have been a good idea because of a conflict of interest.

**Ty:** Wouldn't that encourage them to first become a commissioner?

**Inayat:** I agree but we might not know what other people are capable of. It wouldn't be fair.

**Cassandra:** I think that an individual director should be able to vote as a director but not as AS as a whole.

**Michael:** As a student, I should be able to endorse someone. But as a director it would be a conflict of interest.

**Benny:** We have had a lot of directors bring in boyfriend, girlfriends, and relatives. 90% of the time, it turns into a problem. You can end up endorsing not the most qualified but the one you have a tie with.

**Jasmine:** You cannot endorse but you can say positive things about the candidate.

**Inayat:** It would be most beneficial to have more activities for candidates to express to the public why they felt they were the best candidate for the position.

**Ty:** This is vague. We should consider re-wording it.

*Motion to amend to read "The associated students board of directors, including the officers of the Inter-club council, must not endorse any candidate or slate before and during the election by advocating for voters in support of that candidate or slate; but may speak to the qualifications and skills of the given candidate." by Michael, Second.*

*Amendment vote: 9 in favor.*

**Amendment approved.**

**Okky:** I would like to extend time frame times. We need to extend the campaign timeframe to four weeks.

*Motion to extend campaigning time for 4 weeks by Okky, Second.*

**Benny:** we use a lot of student in result of 2 weeks.

**Cassandra:** In 4 weeks, students will lose interest. I think we can meet in the middle in three weeks.

**Jasmine:** we vote in week 7. I need the 4 weeks to promote the elections but also to publicize the elections as a whole. There are people ditching class to campaign. I think 2 weeks allow them to promote themselves.

*Vote in favor of extending time to four weeks: 1*

**Amendment fails to pass.**

*Motion to approve action item 7.1 by Michael, Second.*

*Vote: 10 in favor*

**Amended Action Item 7.1 approved.**

**VIII. Consent Action Items (Less than \$1,000)**

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- 8.1. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund for rights to advertise events and activities on Facebook. This includes the purchase of Facebook Advertisement rights for fall 2013 semester. (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$300.00).
- 8.2. Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to buy scantrons and bluebooks for A.S. Members. This includes bluebooks and scantrons. (Michael Greenberg, Student Success: \$900.00).  
*Motion to amend 8.2 to read* "Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to buy scantrons and bluebooks for A.S. Members. This includes bluebooks and scantrons. (Michael Greenberg, Student Success: \$600.00)." *by Michael, Second.*
- 8.3. Approval of funding for **Pre-Health Association** to purchase t-shirts with their club logo for their officers and advisors. This includes 11 organic t-shirts with club logo. (Natalie Kemanjian, ICC Allotment: \$246.84).  
*Consent action items approved unanimously.*

**IX. Major Action Items (\$1,000 or greater)**

- 9.1. Approval of funding for **SMC Grounds Department** to fund a memorial for the victims on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This includes steel curved mounted bench, 3 bronze plaques, set up fees, and taxes. (Tom Corpus, Special Projects: up to \$2192.54).  
*Motion to approve Inayat, Second.*  
**Inayat:** George is going to get more information about contributors. We will not be spending more than \$2192.54.  
**Ty:** I know that the faculty associated is donating 3000 dollars and the CSCA are donating privately.  
**Ty:** I was able to see a member of the Franco family and pushing for this.  
**Jasmine:** I don't think we need to stamp their faces on our school  
**Maya:** it is traumatizing to students and not something we want to walk by in the library  
**Inayat:** This is a family request. You can't tell a family what to put on their memorial. It is not appropriate for anyone to do that.  
*Motion to change to divide the 9.1 to 9.1 and 9.2 to read:*  
9.1. Approval of donating for SMC Ground Department to fund a memorial for the victims on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This includes steel curved mounted bench. (Tom Corpus, Special Projects: \$1460.12).  
9.2. Approval of funding for SMC Ground Department to fund a memorial for the victims on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This includes 3 bronze plaques, set up fees, and taxes. (Tom Corpus, Special Projects: \$732.42)." *by Jasmine, Second.*  
*Vote: 9*  
**Amendment Passes**  
*Motion to call to question, by Michael, Second.*  
**Action Item 9.1 approved unanimously.**  
*Motion to postpone 9.2 until next week by Michael, Second.*  
**Motion to postpone until next week approved unanimously.**

**X. Discussion Items**

- 10.1 Update on Associated Students Directors Goals. (Ty Moura, AS President).  
**Ty:** we didn't have enough experience to make realistic goals in the retreat. How are you guys going with your goals?  
**Inayat:** I want to add 2 goals as well. There has been a lot of confusion and hassle for funding. It's about a month process to make a check. It takes 2 months to get your check. A lot of students don't have ideas 2 months before. I want to shorten the process. My second goal that I want to add is that I want to decrease SMC's budget by one million dollars.  
**Kseniya:** Can you specify?

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**Inayat:** We were giving accounts of SMC spends on. There were one million dollars in advertising. There are a lot of questions that hasn't been answered. There are a lot of questions about advertising. I think we could save money on that. There was also postage fees, a big chunk of that are class schedules. There's no point in getting class schedules sent out. I want to look at how effective the class schedules being sent out are.

**Ty:** How do you guys feel about our ability to accomplish our goals. Are you confident?

**Michael:** I do see a lot of improvement. There has been cafeteria improvement. Campus Kitchen and Eat St. gives 5% discount to AS members.

**Jasmine:** we need more rewards for contributing back to Santa Monica.

**Alex:** the next open forum will be November 29<sup>th</sup>. We are working on it to be more efficient. We will be partnering with the job fair event. This November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be working to get you more volunteering options.

- 10.2 Institutional Memory: Creating ways for future A.S. Boards to be knowledgeable of past boards and positions to ease the transitioning process. (Ty Moura, AS President).

*Motion to postpone to next week by Michael, second.*

*vote:6*

*Postponing Discussion Item 10.2 until next week approved*

**XI. Director / Student Trustee / Committee / Advisor Reports**

**Sarah:** One of goals was to promote club synergy.

**Ty:** If you are interested in being a panel about student debt. Please let us know. We are going to have a meeting on Wednesday at 11:00 who is putting the new id together. You are more welcome to come if you're interested. If you think the charges are too high or have any other feedback please come to the meeting.

**Cassandra:** the rap battle fell through. If you area a graffiti artist, a slam poet, please contact me. I am starting over again, it's exciting and I need your help.

**Jesse:** on behalf of the AS board, I mailed newspapers about opposition to AB955. I emailed everyone about a men's anti violence initiative.

**Homecoming committee (Cassandra):** Spirit week is October 21<sup>st</sup> - October 26th.

**Cafeteria committee (Ty):** If you bring your own cup at TCBY you get a discount, campus kitchen will offer 5% discount to AS members.

**Dean Hearn:** I am going to put in a requisition for another clock. You guys are doing a great job; however you are all responsible for the duration of the meeting. Call to question to stop senseless debate. Oifer has asked us to answer the grit survey. Please have it done before the end of the week. Consider a winter retreat. It is the board's responsibility to coordinate the winter retreat. It gives you can opportunity to be not so formal and talk about what you really want to wrap up and accomplish. Anyone interested in coordinating that? Ok, so Diana and Cassandra.

**Jasmine:** for those of you are using the TAP importer, be really careful when it imports it and they will lose the winter session. Don't use the TAP import. Go over them carefully.

**XII. Adjournment 5:25 PM**

*Motion to adjourn by Jasmine, Second.*