

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
May 5, 2014 3:00 PM
Cayton Center, Room #202
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I. Call to Order 3:10 PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Ty Costa-Moura L	Director of Student Advocacy: Hasun Khan P
AS Vice President: Kyle McGrath P	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg A/ Yana
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria P	Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez P
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina P	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis L 3:30	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Dersim Heimervall A	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson P	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini P	Associate Dean of Student Life: Sonali Bridges P
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Approval of Agenda

*Motion to Approve by Diana, Second by Sarah
Agenda Approved Unanimously.*

IV. Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2014.

*Motion to Approve Minutes by Inayat, Second by Kseniya.
Minutes Approved Unanimously.*

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

Kelly: I'm a community member and I'm here to talk about an opportunity. The congressional seat became available and now there are 19 people running. I was a student in the past at smc and I found you need to be vibrant and thoughtful so I thought this would be a great place to talk about. On June 3rd is the primary. The top two get on the ballot on the fall. Marianne Williamson is passionate and intelligent. She cares a lot about education, she believes in alleviating student debt. She is concerned with getting the money out of politics.

VI. A.S. Announcements to the Public

Kseniya: This Tuesday will be the job fair from 10am-1pm. This Thursday is the internship fair which is a non paid job.

Kyle: Joint council was not during the past Wednesday from 3:30-5 so it will be this week in the conference room in the cayton center. Don't talk when we are doing announcements to the public, we are talking to you.

Motion to move 9.2 before 8.1 by Kseniya, Second by Maya.

VII. Presentations

7.1 Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society Convention Report (Marisa Guerra).

Marisa Guerra: I documented the event. A total of 12 members went with two teachers to the event. We had Saturday to meet other chapters. We had workshops. We talked about popular community service. We had a fundraising workshop. We had an AGS banquet. Part of the banquet was a scholarship ceremony. We had three scholarship winners. We won a t-shirt design contest. We also sold merchandise.

VIII. Consent Action Items [25 minutes]

8.1 Approval of funding for **Roosevelt Institute Santa Monica Chapter** to purchase various items. This includes pizza, napkins, plates, cups, soda, and water. (Yvonne Montoya, ICC Allotment: up to \$150.00).

8.2 Approval of funding for **Rotaract Club** to fund banquet. This includes food, tax, and gratuity.

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(Luisa Luther, ICC Allotment: \$300.00).

8.3 Approval of funding for **STEM Club** to fund end of the year banquet. This includes catering. (Chaya Esakhan, ICC Allotment: \$385.00).

8.4 Approval of funding for **Association of Latin American Students** to fund for an event. This includes fruit, vegetables, decorations, and refreshments. (Cinthia M. Ramirez, ICC Allotment: \$310.00).

Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Sarah.

Consent Items Approved Unanimously.

IX. Major Action Items (\$1,000 or greater) [5 minutes Each]

9.1 Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board of Directors** to fund textbook purchases to EOPS and Gurdian Scholars for Fall 2014-Spring 2015. This includes textbooks. (Kseniya Lyalina, Student Success: \$10,000.00).

Kseniya: I spoke with EOPS and guardian scholars. Most of their funding comes from the city or government. We help out a little. This year they asked for 10,000 dollars because they are going to renew the science and math books. Gurdin scholars are for foster youth. They can get a book from the office.

Cassandra: Have you seen what these books look like? I would love to put an AS sticker on them.

Kseniya: I think they have a lot to worry about in their life.

Cassandra: Just to put a sticker so they know.

Kseniya: I will put it as a suggestion.

Sarah: This is for students only at the eops program?

Kseniya: For EOPS and gurdin. We buy books constantly because the editions change. They have to set a whole new set of books. They don't throw them away. They give books to other colleges that can use them when they have an old edition.

Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Cassandra.

Major Action Item 9.1 Approved Unanimously.

9.2 Approval of funding for **Associated Student Board of Directors** to fund Dream Act Scholarship for the Spring 2014. This includes Dream Act Scholarship. (Kseniya Lyalina, Scholarships: \$10,000.00).

Patti De Leure: I am a counselor in the latino center. The foundation does not get 4% of the scholarships. Last year's distribution was 6 at a thousand and 8 at 500.

Hasun: Can you give a brief summary of the scholarship?

Patti De Leure: AB 540 students are students who graduated from high school in the US or got a GED who are undocumented. They pay resident tuition. They are limited in their financial resource. Many of our ab 540 students are active in as and are in clubs. It is very deserved I think.

Kseniya: the scholarship is in our book. We have the as dream act, as international, and as high school. We fund this for years. The money rolls over if they don't use it. Last year all the funds were used.

Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Cassandra.

Major Action Item 9.2 Approved Unanimously.

9.3 Approval of funding for **Inter Club Council** to fund biannual club Olympics event. This includes burritos, headbands, tax, and miscellaneous. (Sarah Yoseph, ICC: up to \$1,305.00).

Sarah: This is the second club Olympics. It was a success last semester. All are welcome to come but there are rewards to clubs that win.

Kseniya: What's going to happen with the headbands? Are we having them donated?

Sarah: We will be buying them this time.

Kyle: Are the headbands made in an environmentally way?

Sarah: We will see if they have that option.

Matt: Last semester the students did love the headbands so it's something we should consider.

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Inayat: The headbands go with the theme
Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Maya.

Major Action Item 9.3 Approved Unanimously.

9.4 Approval of funding for **Inter Club Council** to fund bi-annual ICC Social for Spring 2014. This includes food, drinks, goodies, giveaways, candy, desserts, entertainment, decorations, and miscellaneous. (Maya Kaitel, ICC: \$3,650.00).

Maya: The ICC social is an event we throw at the end of semester to thank all the clubs presidents and delegates for coming to meetings. It's a good time for them to ask each other questions. I decided on a superhero theme. It will be superhero decorations.

Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Hasun.

Kseniya: Too much use of decorations. Some of the things are left unused. I'm concerned about spending money on something we won't use again.

Maya: I recycle decorations. If it's not reusable I can donate them.

Kyle: Are we going to open it up to the just the president or delegate?

Maya: It is for the presidents and delegates and we tell them we can bring another guest if they feel they have done a great job. Whatever we have left over we open it to the public.

Major Action Item 9.4 Approved Unanimously.

X. Action Items

10.1 Approval for the **Associated Students Board of Directors** to take a stance on a resolution regarding the current system of Student ID Fees (Hasun Khan, Advocacy). [10 minutes].

Hasun: We need to get Mike's testimony in.

Mike Tuitasi: Thank you, board. I was first approached on March 5th to address the issues with the student ID fee and I've done a lot of research so that I can address that fee today. There were a lot of questions about the fee. That it was linked to the A.S. fee was one question, that you can't opt out of one without the other, and that the admissions office was following different guidelines was a concern. I'm glad to say they're not linked. This statement will be posted on the website. They are no longer attached so you can get refunded. We are looking at the fee with the big blue bus. The bbb wants to ensure that all students are currently enrolled. For students that wish to ride the bbb, they need to show verification which is the student id card. It will be called the student ID fee. All students need to know that both of these fees are optional. By making that change is a huge step forward to providing clarification for students in the future.

Kyle: The school is required to provide transportation.

Tuitasi: No, they are not.

Cassandra: To have an active card, what fee must a student pay to ride the big blue bus?

Tuitasi: You would need to have an active id card and the AS fee.

Inayat: You still have to pay the 13 dollars to ride the big blue bus. I thought that's what we were fighting for. Can you pay for the activation itself but not the whole id because the funds will go to the general fund?

Tuitasi: To show immediate verification. The Big Blue Bus does not want to see a piece of paper of your classes. Verification to show you are enrolled, we show it with the swipe.

Ty: Why do students need to pay a fee to show they are enrolled rather than have their card activated when they pay the tuition?

Tuitasi: Your student id card is used for that.

Hasun: In other colleges, students can ride the bus for free and not pay the id fee.

Tuitasi: You ride one hundred percent for free. At ucla, you pay fifty cents per ride.

Motion to Extend Time by Five Minutes by Inayat, Second by Maya.

Extension Approved Unanimously.

Inayat: Why can't we just charge students how much it costs to actually activate the card because the

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13 dollars is not to pay for the activation? The 13 dollars are used elsewhere.

Tuitasi: You're asking a hypothetical question, I can't answer it.

Hasun: How much does it currently cost to activate the card.

Tuitasi: This is a question for someone else.

Hasun: This is for question directed in budget?

Tuitasi: I was asked to answer questions. I'm not here to answer questions.

Hasun: Where does the money go?

Tuitasi: It goes to the general fund.

Jasmine: I would like to make a request to see if we can make the cost of the id separately. I think that we are forcing students to but the whole id fee.

Motion to postpone 10.1 until next week by Cassandra, Second by Inayat.

Action Item 10.1 Postponed Unanimously.

10.2 Approval for the **Associated Students Board of Directors** to approve Fiscal Policy Changes. (Inayat Issa, Budget Management). [20 Minutes].

Motion to postpone by Inayat, Second by Cassandra.

Action Item 10.2 Postponed Unanimously.

XI. Discussion Items

11.1 Screening the 2014 World Cup Games in the Cayton Center (Ty Moura, AS President). [10 minutes].

Ty: Do you think we can install a system in here so we can show games. Brazil is always four hours ahead so in the afternoon early evening.

Cyrus: Everyday?

Ty: Yes for June.

Cyrus: It depends if we can install a projector on the roof.

Ty: Can we have it by the last week of May.

Cyrus: Yes, it'll take two weeks.

Inayat: Are we buying this system for the games or will it be a permanent system?

Ty: It will be a permanent one.

Cassandra: I request that if we were to do this is have it be silent.

Benny: They put it in the cafeteria. It is more appropriate than in here because people are eating there.

Yana: Can we make a sign that if it too loud to address the AS who can mute it?

Ty: I thought that one of the purposes of the renovation was to make this space a social space.

Maya: I understand how much fun it is to bond over sports but getting good grades on your finals is a little cooler. It will be a study space for finals week.

Ty: Even if the game is silent, the crowd may be silent and students always have

Hasun: I think this is a great idea but people use this to study and it's hard to displace them. We can do it as a celebration after finals. We need to consider the time line for the event. Would you be fine doing a recap of the games rather than do it the day of.

Ty: I want to do this for people who want to watch the game. I don't know how many people want to watch a game that has already happened.

Yana: The library is over packed during lunch hours.

Maya: We should consider just doing it in the cafeteria. This is a school experience.

Hasun: Can we have a viewing outside?

Sonali: Unless it's activity hour, we can't have amplified sound. If you wanted to show a game in the room with sound, you can be able to do that with compromise. We should consider putting a projector in here and getting a tv.

Sarah: I like the idea of having limited hours. Like maybe later in the day when classes are usually over.

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Yana: If we don't do this, it will defeat the purpose of the lounge.

Cassandra: I just looked up the schedule for the world cup. There's a few that conflict with finals. I think we should hold these in the evenings.

motion to extend time by Inayat, Second by Maya.

extension not approved

11.2 Setting Guidelines for what Should be Brought to AS Sponsored Events (Ty Moura, AS President) [10 minutes].

motion to bring back next week as an action item by Kyle, Second by Inayat.

postponed unanimously

11.3 End of the Year Goals (Ty Moura, AS President). [10 Minutes].

Today is cinco de mayo. Finals begin in a month and five days. How does the board think about our goals and prioritize.

Maya: I think we have done a good job on the discount board but we have overlooked the whole board thing.

Cassandra: My graphic designer is working on it. It will happen.

Kyle: Does the discount board go around and make sure everything is keeping their discount. I went to tby and it looked nothing like the picture

Ty: We don't have a discount with them.

Kyle: Well, I got a discount.

Hasun: I want this ID card fee analyzed and have made a decision on that.

Inayat: We want to keep the student success award up. I think this a great way to give back to students because we are all advocates to providing low cost tuition. Hopefully this will be tradition.

Ty: I recommend you to come to the new joint council meeting.

Kyle: I want to work on the CSP, community service program. One thing I wanted to bring up was talking about the mission statement of our volunteer organization. We have a very heavy focus on environmentalism. Other than environmentalism, what do you want csp to look like?

Ty: Voter registration drives?

Hasun: It should be another discussion item. Can we make sure humanitarian efforts are highlighted?

Maya: Can we get food to those students who haven't gotten any?

Jasmine: My goal is to have one or two election committees and bring in a strong icc board next year.

Ty: I want to make sure we communicate with others who will be filling in your position. Give support.

Kyle: I want to take care of the filter in the cayton center.

Kseniya: I thought it would be nice for future directors to make connections with directors from other colleges. We can call other directors to talk about issues with colleges around la.

Ty: So be more active with other colleges. We have a medium for that which are region meetings.

Hasun: Every other Friday we meet as a region which includes all of LA county. I think it's a good idea to hold a separate meeting so that we have regions bring in new directors to get to know each other.

Halie: I want to help the next director of sustainability. I have also been in contact with convergence coordinators and I hope to bring a convergence here.

motion to extend time by five minutes by Cassandra, Second by Inayat.

Extension Approved.

Cassandra: I want to go to a region 7 meeting before my term. LA trade tech is going to have a new leadership dinner this coming month to welcome all the new leaders. We should reach out to the new board to go to that.

Hasun: An independent meeting on leadership and communication with other colleges would be effective.

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Ty: You may want to consider hosting it here.

Cassandra: I hope to stay in solidarity with la trade tech with their problems with administration. I sent out an invite.

Ty: We should start today so we don't overwhelm each other in finals. I recommend we begin calling in committee meetings and writing proposals.

XI. Director & Committee Reports / Student Trustee Report/ Advisor Reports

Halie: We had the sustainability convergence. We participated in workshops, discussions, speakers. We shared our knowledge of sustainability. We will probably be going in the fall. It was so much fun.

Matthew: I have been working at both club Olympics and smc everywhere committee. We are deciding on what events to do and the point system. My office hours will be in the cayton lab.

Ty: What athletic events will there be?

Sarah: We will have an obstacle course and other fun stuff. We will have water balloon volleyball. I'm hoping we can get soccer or something.

Ty: If we could have regular sports in addition to these fun sports.

Kyle: A lot of people emailed me after posting responses about the banquet. It will be a semi formal event, it will be at a hotel and there will be vegetarian and kosher food. The entertainment will be live music, games. If you object to anything, email me.

Maya: GA was this weekend and it was amazing. It was really educational. I got to spend the weekend with amazing people and met a bunch of people. I really hope we use all the information we learned there.

Hasun: On the GA, Sarah's resolution passed so the next step is that state legislators will look at it to look into adopting a meditation and prayer room. Let's not let the info learned in the GA not go to waste. It was a success, we learned quite a bit and it was a very education event.

Matt: How is the banquet being paid for?

Kyle: We would have to talk about that. I will send in a discussion item on the agenda.

Cassandra: My report is that we made connections with an amazing student leader named Karl Prescott and he was working on perk.edu and has connections with over 100 businesses. That is an amazing app you can download now. I suggest that students download that if they want to take advantage of those perks.

Yana: the AS boards are up. I want five or six main benefits and know which ones you think are the most important.

Maya: Ty's resolution passed as well. ICC social has been approved. The theme is superheroes on June 5th right here in the student lounge from 4-7.

Kyle: During club row, I noticed there were people selling items but I think they used icc allotment to buy things. We should look at the minutes and make sure everything was followed.

Ty: We should write something on distributing live animals during events. I learned that we need to first suspend the orders of the day.

Benny: I'll sent out a new idea about the baseball game. Club row was last week. I want to congratulate Maya, she did an incredible job.

Sonali: I want to congratulate and thank Hasun in all his preparation for the GA. I thought we were very well prepared. I'm proud of all of you and the professionalism you had and the tireless effort you did.

XII. Adjournment 4:38 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Inayat, Second by Cassandra