



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting

April 6, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Zoom/Telephone

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/858424174>

Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA, 90405

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order- 3:00 PM

II. Roll Call

P	President , Daniel Cha	AB	Director Student Assistance , Safa Saleem
P	Vice President , Yongha Hwang	P	Director Instructional Support , Alexis Gosselin
P	Director Budget Management , Skander Zmerli	P	Director Publicity , Sabina Lee
P	Secretary , Nathan Silberberg	P	Director Sustainability , Adriel Ghadoushi
L	Director Activities , Carla Claure	P	ICC Chair , Natalie Lim
P	Director Outreach , Tafari Alan	P	ICC Vice Chair , Gabriella Montgomery
P	Director Community Relations , Ching Yi Yu	P	ICC Communications Officer , Girard Dela Roca
P	Director Student Advocacy , Summer Le	AB	Student Trustee , Brooke Harrington

P	Associate Dean : Dr. Isaac Rodriguez Lupercio	AB	Counselor/Advisor : Benny Blaydes
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III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)

- **Mariely Pozuelos**: a student in an Art 62 course, has been seeking support from the art dept. but has been low and distasteful, no resources have been shared, has become difficult to do any classes during this pandemic; would like AS too assist
- **Dennis Funes**: the 2020-2021 elected AS directors will be emailing the current directors for insights and tips; be aware to check AS emails for counseling

IV. Approval of Minutes —March 18, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 26, 2020, and March 30, 2020

- **Motion to approve**: Secretary, 2nd by ICC Chair

V. Student Trustee Report — Brooke Harrington (5 minutes)

VI. Discussion Items

6.1 Guest Speaker- Teresita Rodriguez, Vice President, Enrollment Development: Graduation Update

- good to see the students; there will not be an in-person graduation at SMC and will honor the graduates through a virtual ceremony in June; looking at companies to continue with an online ceremony; would love to have 2020 graduates to come back to the 2021 commencement.
- Dir. Of Student Outreach: would like to see some type of participation for each graduate
- Motion for 5-minute extension: ICC Chair, 2nd by Dir. Of Student Outreach
- Dir. Of Sustainability: would like to see a portion of the commencement funds to be donated to current struggles of students such as food and other necessities

6.2 Guest Speaker- Mike Tuitasi, Vice President, Student Affairs: COVID-19 Update

- Biggest push is to lower the amount of people on campus; scaled back on the physical interaction on campus for computers or other resources; closed some of the satellite locations; Chromebook lending program to give out from 8am-5pm (200 students currently use the program) (over 600 have said they need more tech help); assisted around 250 students for the Drive-Thru Food Pantry last week; commencement will be online; Summer classes are up in the air at the moment if they will be online;
- Dir. Of Budget Management: when are the deadlines for dropping, Withdraws, refunds?
- Mitch Heskell: if you drop, please contact a counselor first and then fill out the proper paperwork and the financials will be processed properly and promptly.
- Motion for 5 minutes: Dir. Of Budget Management, 2nd by Dir. Of Student Outreach
- Dir. Of Student Outreach: will physical education classes be cancelled for next semester?

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- Tuitasi: the dept. and professors are talking about cancelling next semester, but it is not done yet
- Dir. Of Student Advocacy: will the drive-thru food pantry continue normally?
- Tuitasi: hoping to continue but up in the air
- Dir. Of Instructional Support: will Art students be allowed to get ink from campus?
- Tuitasi: will talk to admin more about this and asks for the students to reach out to him
- **Motion for 5 more minutes:** Dir. Of Sustainability, 2nd by ICC Vice Chair
- ICC Vice Chair: would like clarification on dropping without a W on transcript?
- Dennis Funes: any student can drop within a 75% of the course time and not have a W on the transcript
- Dir. Of Student Outreach: would like to see a more wide-ranged complaint area for students that have needs other than basic can report it to the school and request help
- Dr. Rodriguez Lupercio: there is a student FAQ for students to asks for any requests for needs of students
- **Motion for 1 more minute:** Dir. Of Sustainability, 2nd by Dir. Of Budget Management
- Dir. Of Student Advocacy: will Zoom be banned at SMC like in New York City?
- Tuitasi: at the moment, Zoom classes will continue as usual

6.3 State of our current environment: Comments, questions, and concerns from the Board

- Dir. Of Activities arrived at 3:51pm
- Dir. Of Sustainability: working on a survey for students for any help or events online
- Dir. Of Budget Management: in fear about going back home to Tunisia and not being allowed back into the US for school in the Fall semester

6.4 No Hate Campaign: Next Steps

- Dr. Rodriguez Lupercio: working with Dir. Of Publicity and Regina Ip on making a digital campaign that will be sent out to students
- Secretary: would love to assist in any campaign with spreading peace and a healthy campus along with online classes
- Dr. Rodriguez Lupercio: has guidance from IT of how to keep Zoombombers away
- **Motion for 3 more minutes:** Dir. Of Sustainability, 2nd by Dir. Of Budget Management
- Dir. Of Publicity: has been working on making the banner for profiles on social media, but needs an original copy of the AS logo
- ICC Chair: would like to have some guidelines on what hate speech is as the Asian American community has faced over 1000 reports in the past 2 weeks against the Asian community

6.5 Virtual Town Hall: Finalize dates and topics

- Secretary: will be sending out the poll to vote on virtual town hall dates and topics today
- Dir. Of Student Outreach: Welcome Day planning committee is working on what to do for the event and would like to see it as a discussion at the Town Hall
- ICC Chair: getting many emails from students who are facing issues with professors who are not transitioning or accommodating the students and would like to discuss this at a town hall
- ICC Vice Chair: any concerns should be sent to counselors and professionals on

6.6 SMC's/AS's GOT TALENT via Zoom – Carla & Nathan

- Dir. Of Activities: would like a 1st mic night and then a talent show later on; Open Mic Night will hopefully be in April and the Talent Show be around the middle of May
- Secretary: still looking for different ways to participate and possible prizes

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VII. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

7.1 President — Daniel Cha

- Would like to congratulate Summer and Adriel on the AS Sustainability Resolution last week at General Assembly; would like to see a report sent to the SMC Board of Trustees of the success of AS at GA; thanks to Sabina for all the hard work on publicity on the work done during these tough times; stay safe and strong during these tough times

7.2 Vice President — Yongha Hwang

- State-wide governance is changing, and sustainability is crucial to this topic; happy that the resolution passed at GA last week
- Will be continuing with a AS Constitution committee meetings
- April 10th, he will be leaving back home to South Korea

7.3 Secretary — Nathan Silberberg

- Got a haircut and hopes that SMC can help in this nuanced issue
- AS rubber band ball is growing

7.4 Dir. Budget Management — Skander Zmerli

- Has started training of the Dir. Of Budget Management elect for next year
- AS Budget meeting was postponed until after Spring break

7.5 Dir. Publicity — Sabina Lee

- Has decided to move back to South Korea in the coming week
- Has been redirecting students to the correct dept.'s about specific issues from students sent to her about EveryTable food program and other resources

7.6 Dir. Student Outreach — Tafari Alan

- Was very happy to attend the online GA meeting last week with Summer and is happy that the AS Sustainability Resolution passed; has ideas of how to make GA better next year

7.7 Dir. Student Advocacy — Summer Le

- Happy to announce that the AS Sustainability Resolution passed at the General Assembly meeting; big thanks to Adriel for being part of this experience wants to thank Gan, her commissioner for assisting as well

7.8 Dir. Student Assistance — Safa Saleem

7.9 Dir. Community Relations — Ching Yi Yu

7.10 Dir. Sustainability — Adriel Ghadoushi

- Earth week has been planned out to be online and will work more on it

7.11 Dir. Activities — Carla Claure

- Thanks for the input for a talent show to connect to students virtually
- Always available to chat about any issues going on now

7.12 Dir. Instructional Support — Alexis Gosselin

- Was happy to help out the student during public comments to come for support with online art class issues; will post instructional online supports on the SMC website soon
- Congrats to Adriel and Summer's AS Sustainability Resolution that passed at General Assembly

7.13 ICC Chair — Natalie Lim

- Wanted to remind everyone to stay inside and safe during these times

7.14 ICC Vice-Chair – Gabriella Montgomery

- Having 1st ICC online meeting this Thursday at 4pm; would like a virtual game night as an AS event in the future

7.15 ICC Communications – Girard Dela Roca

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VIII. Advisor Reports

8.1 Benny Blaydes, Counselor/Advisor

- **Tiffany Inabu:** proud of all Directors during these tough times; proud of Adriel and Summer for the success at GA; all counselors are accessible during these times;
- **Dennis Funes:** miss being in the office; has been thinking of all students at SMC in every type of community and has ideas to help those communities

8.2 Dr. Isaac Rodriguez Lupercio, Associate Dean/Advisor

- Thanks to all; working on the elected directors for next year meeting; ICC meeting is this Thursday at 4pm on Zoom; congrats to Adriel and Summer for the success at the GA meeting with the AS Sustainability resolution; Everytable event was a success; working on the students who are joining the Everytable food program; proud of all Directors during these hard times.

IX. Adjournment – 5:03pm

- **Motion to adjourn:** ICC Communications Officer; 2nd by AS Activities

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