



Associated Students of Santa Monica College
 A.S. Town Hall - “Voice Your Concerns” - Special Meeting
 April 29, 2020, 3:00 P.M. – 4 P.M.,
 Zoom- <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/92931116365>
MINUTES

Call to Order – 3pm

I. 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	L	Director Sustainability , Adriel Ghadoushi
P	Director Activities , Carla Claure	P	ICC Chair , Natalie Lim
P	Director Outreach , Tafari Alan	L	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	P	Student Trustee , Brooke Harrington
P	Associate Dean : Dr. Isaac Rodriguez Lupercio	P	Counselor/Advisor : Benny Blaydes

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)

- **Chloe Levian**: spoke of family persecution from Iran to the USA due to anti-Semitism; the right to define anti-Semitism relies solely to Jewish people; spoke in favor of the resolution
- **Skander Zmerli**: asks all to maintain professional; has concern with the IHRA definition in regard to the specific parts of speaking about anti-Zionism
 - **Motion for 3 more minutes**: Dir. of Budget Management, 2nd by ICC Communications Officer
 - **Motion for 1 more minute**: Dir. of Budget Management, 2nd Dir. of Student Advocacy
- **Justin Feldman**: spoke of the history of Zionism and the attack on the Jewish identity in recent times
- **Danielle York**: spoke of her Jewish history and connection to her identity of being a Zionist
- **Divina Davidds**: states that anti-Zionism is not linked to anti-Semitism; spoke in opposition of the resolution
- **Rabbi Eli Levitansky**: spoke of previous on campus incidents and attacks against himself and the Chabad at SMC;
 - **Motion for 2 extra minutes**: ICC Chair, No 2nd was given
 - **Motion for 3 extra minutes**: Secretary, 2nd by Dir. of Budget Management
- **Dir. of Sustainability joined at 3:27pm**
- **Gabriella Davoudpour**: spoke in support for the resolution
- **Reema Alshammari**: spoke of her not being able to speak properly during public comments at the previous AS meeting; agrees with her previous statements that anti-Zionism can lead to anti-Semitism; spoke of harassment issues with her club on campus
- **Faraz Moallemi**: spoke of combatting all forms of hatred and discrimination as well as making it clear that combatting each part individually
- **Motion for 1 more minute: ICC Chair, 2nd by Dir. of Student Advocacy**

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- **Hunter Baoengstrum:** spoke of SMC hopefully maintaining the Big Blue Bus contract and hopes AS advocates to use other forms of transportation
- **ICC Vice Chair arrived at 3:40pm**
- **Ben:** spoke against the resolution and his own personal issues with being anti-Zionist
- **Rani Allan:** spoke of issues with the ADL movement; spoke of the Israel/Palestinian conflict in the Middle East
 - **Motion for 3 extra minutes:** Dir. of Budget Management; 2nd by ICC Chair
- **Hesham Jarmakani:** was very upset with the way the previous AS meeting was held; spoke in opposition of the resolution
 - **Motion to extend by 5 more minutes:** ICC Chair, 2nd by Dir. of Budget Management
- **Batool Abdel Hafez:** spoke in opposition of the resolution
- **Motion to speak for 3 minutes:** Secretary, 2nd by ICC Chair
- AS Secretary excused himself for a family emergency at 4pm
- **Ariana:** spoke in favor of the resolution
- **Motion to suspend the public comment time limit:** Dir. of Student Advocacy, no 2nd was held
- **Motion to extend speaking limit to 5 minutes for all speakers:** Dir. of Student Advocacy, 2nd by Dir. of Budget Management
- **Ziggy Walker:** spoke in opposition to the resolution
- **Lucia Aguilar Cole:** Thanks AS for supporting the Food programs; anti-Zionism is not linked to anti-Semitism; any censorship is not healthy
- **Brandon Chase:** spoke in opposition to the resolution
- **Carla Claire:** spoke in opposition of the IHRA definition in the original draft of the resolution
- **Chern Xun Gan:** mentioned a variety of unprofessional conduct in violation of Roberts rules and brown act
- **Motion to suspend rules and elect herself Chair of this meeting:** ICC Chair, Dir. of Outreach
 - **Vote:**

	President, Daniel Cha		Director Student Assistance, Safa Saleem
N	Vice President, Yongha Hwang	A	Director Instructional Support, Alexis Gosselin
A	Director Budget Management, Skander Zmerli	N	Director Publicity, Sabina Lee
	Secretary, Nathan Silberberg	N	Director Sustainability, Adriel Ghadoushi
A	Director Activities, Carla Claire	A	ICC Chair, Natalie Lim
A	Director Outreach, Tafari Alan	N	ICC Vice Chair, Gabriella Montgomery
N	Director Community Relations, Ching Yi Yu	N	ICC Communications Officer, Girard Dela Roca
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- The motion failed as it did not receive a 2/3rd's vote
- **Thando Mlauzi:** spoke in favor of the resolution
- **Michael Goldsmith:** (member of the Corsair) would like to request that everyone shows their face on camera

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- **Sofia Alonso:** would like an update on SMC’s policy with possibly opening up again in July
- **Ethan K.:** spoke in favor of the resolution and his connection to Israel and Judaism
- **Tafari Alan:** spoke of the hateful online organization such as Radical Alert and the attacks they propose on the club SJP
- **Gabriella Montgomery:** thanks to Daniel Cha for running this meeting with the utmost respect and patience

IV. General Announcements

1. Covid-19 update: SMC website has been updating daily with news and laws pertaining to the virus/pandemic; Tuitasi: basic needs with food security has been fully operational for the past 5 weeks with assistance from the AS, Chromebooks have been given out to students in need of computers during these times; SMC got 12 million dollars for the Cares Act fund, half will go directly to students in need
2. Graduation/Commencement: SMC will move forward with being a virtual graduation via an online system
3. Food Pantry: SMC has a pop-up food pantry to give out bags of food to students; a free meal delivery system has been in effect for a few weeks now to thousands of students

V. Questions and Answers with A.S. Leaders

This section of the agenda is reserved for members of the public to address the Associated Students Board. A time limit of 2 minutes per speaker shall be observed. Board members have a total of 5 minutes to address the public questions. More than one board member may address the public during those 5 minutes.

- **Hesham Jarmakani:** this AS meeting has been handled in a poor manner; there were violations of Robert’s Rules
- **Justin Feldman:** spoke of the Middle East conflict and the struggle of the Jewish people in the region; spoke in favor of the resolution and being able to define anti-Semitism as he is Jewish
- **Reema Alshammari:** supports the resolution if amendments were to be made; spoke of previous anti-Semitic individuals that were part of SJP this past year
- **Gabriella Davoudpour:** spoke about the slandering of her club SSI by members of the public and former AS Directors
- **Skander Zmerli:** would like to hear about any changes of international tuition
- **Brandon Rice:** would like for AS Directors to do more research on Zionism and anti-Semitism; spoke of anti-Semitic incidents that have occurred recently across the country

VI. Adjournment – 5:41pm

- **Motion to adjourn:** ICC Vice Chair, 2nd by Dir. of Sustainability

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