



**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
A.S Finance Committee Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2021, 11:00 A.M., Zoom/Telephone  
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/91969081608>  
Associated Student Phone Number: (310) 434-4250  
**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order 11:03 AM**

**II. Roll Call**

**Voting:**

P- Director Budget Management: Mohamed Najar  
P- President: Tafari Alan  
P- Director of Sustainability: Tatiana Claire  
P- ICC Vice Chair: Mitchell Chan  
P-Director of Auxiliary: David Dever- Late 11:06  
P-Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes

**Non-voting:**

A- Dean of Education Enterprises: Mitch Hesel  
P- Associate Dean: Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio

**III. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)**

- Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes: expressed his solidarity for Asian Americans due to the recent rise in hate crimes towards the group.

**IV. Approval of Minutes – 3/10/21 Regular Meeting**

- Motion to approve the minutes by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Without any objections, the minutes from 3/10/2021 were approved.

**V. Minor Action Items (under \$1000)**

**5.1 Minecraft SMC Server: 6 months - AS Director of Activities**

(Daniel Jiménez—cost \$144.00. Requesting \$144.00 Activities) ID: PROPOSAL170.

- Motion to approve item 5.1 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Minor action item 5.1 was approved with no objections.

**5.2 Costs for Mushroom Cultivation - Club Grow**

(Rezvon Amirani—cost \$311.75. Requesting \$311.75 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL171.

- Motion to approve item 5.2 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Minor action item 5.2 was approved with no objections.

**VI. Major Action Items (over \$1000)**

**6.1 WPA (Western Psychological Association) Convention- Psi Beta Honors Society**

(Aariyona Gates- cost \$3,030. Requesting \$996 ICC Allotment, \$2,034 Activities) ID: PROPOSAL 152.

- Motion to approve item 6.1 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Motion to amend major action item 6.1 from \$3,030 to \$2,880  
(Requesting \$996 ICC Allotment, **\$1,884 Activities**) by President: Tafari Alan, seconded
- Without any objections, the motion to amend major action item **6.1 has been amended.**
- Vote on major action item 6.1
- With unanimous vote on main action item 6.1 was approved as amended.

**6.2 Guardian Scholars: Housing Vouchers - Student Trustee/Guardian Scholars**

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$4,500.00. Requesting \$4,500.00 Basic Needs) ID: PROPOSAL156.

- Motion to postpone major action item 6.2 to 04/21/2021 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Vote on motion to postpone major action item 6.3 to 04/21/2021:
- With unanimous vote, major action item 6.2 has been postponed to 04/21/2021



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**6.3 SMC 2021 Graduation Celebration Kits - Community and Academic Relations & A.S. Director of Publicity**  
(Kiersten Elliott—cost \$39,471.84. Requesting \$39,471.84 Student Success) ID: PROPOSAL169.

- Motion to approve item 6.3 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Vote on major action item 6.3
- With a unanimous vote, major action item 6.3 was approved.
- 6.3 Benny Blades left the meeting and Associate Dean: Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio voted on Benny Blades behalf

**6.4 Funding for Meal Project Program - Associated Students Government**

(Biraj Gurung—cost \$921,245.00. Requesting \$35,000 Basic Needs) ID: PROPOSAL172.

- Motion to approve major action item 6.4 by Director of Sustainability:Tatiana Claire, seconded.
- Motion to postpone major action item 6.4 to next week's agenda's meeting by Director of Auxiliary: David Deyer
- With a unanimous vote, major action item 6.4 was postponed to next week's finance meeting.

**6.5 SMC Foundation Food Programs - Associated Students Government**

(Biraj Gurung—cost \$15,000.00. Requesting \$10,000 Basic Needs) ID: PROPOSAL174.

- Motion to approve major action item 6.5 by Director of Auxiliary:David Dever, seconded.
- Vote on main action item 6.5
- With unanimous vote, major action item 6.5 has been approved.

**VII. Discussion Items - None.**

**VIII. Director and Committee Reports (2 minutes per speaker):**

- Mohamed Oussama Najar, Director of Budget Management— *None*.
- Tafari Alan, President
- Mitchell Chan, ICC Vice Chair —*None*.
- Tatiana Claire, Director of Sustainability— *None*.

**IX. Advisor Reports:**

- David Dever, Director of Auxiliary — *None*.
- Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio, Associate Dean/ Advisor — *None*
- Mitch Heskell, Dean of Education Enterprises
- Benny Blaydes, Counselor/Advisor

**X. Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Associate Dean/Advisor: Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio, seconded.
- With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.