



Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S Finance Committee Regular Meeting
March 24, 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 11:02 AM

II. Roll Call

Voting:

P- Director Budget Management: Mohamed Najar

P- President: Tafari Alan

P- Director of Sustainability: Tatiana Claire- Late 12:37 PM

P- ICC Vice Chair: Mitchell Chan

P-Director of Auxiliary: David Dever

P-Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes- Late 11:06 AM

Non-voting:

P- Dean of Education Enterprises: Mitch Hesel

P-Associate Dean: Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio

III. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

- None

IV. Approval of Minutes – 03/17/21 Regular Meeting

- Motion to amend the minutes from 03/17/21 by President: Tafari Alan, seconded.
- Motion to approve amended minutes from 03/17/21 by Associate Dean: Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio, seconded.
- Without any objections, the minutes from 3/17/2021 were approved as amended.

V. Minor Action Items (under \$1000)

5.1 Pico Partnership - Program T-Shirts - Student Trustee/Pico Partnership

(Joshua Nicholas Elizondo —cost \$815.63. Requesting \$815.63 Publicity) ID: PROPOSAL176.

- Motion to approve item 5.1 by President: Tafari Alan, seconded.
- Minor action item 5.1 was approved with no objections.

5.2 Additional Guest Speakers for Sustainability (Spring Semester) –

Student Trustee/Non-Credit SST Certificates/Earth Science 2

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$600.00. Requesting \$600.00 Student Success) ID: PROPOSAL178.

- Motion to approve item 5.2 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Motion to postpone item 5.2 to the end of the minor action items by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Minor action item 5.2 was approved with no objections.

5.3 Thank You Gifts for Speakers and Design Contest Prizes Design Club

(David Giammarco—cost \$305.25. Requesting \$305.25 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL186.

- Motion to approve item 5.3 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Motion to amend item 5.3 from \$305.25 to \$66.00 and to change the title of the proposal from “ Thank You gifts for Speakers and Design Contest Prizes Design Club” to “ Honorarium for Speakers” by President: Tafari Alan, seconded.
- Without any objections, the motion to amend item 5.3 was approved.
- Minor action item 5.3 was approved as amended with no objections.

5.4 Latino Center - Hombre to Hombre Program T-Shirts- Student Trustee/Latino Center

(Joshua Elizondo —cost \$713.63. Requesting \$713.63 Activities) ID: PROPOSAL188.

- Motion to approve item 5.4 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Motion to amend item 5.4 to change the account from Activities to Publicity by President: Tafari Alan, seconded.
- Without any objections, the motion to amend item 5.4 was approved.
- Minor action item 5.4 was approved as amended with no objections.



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VI. Major Action Items (over \$1000)

6.1 Funding for Meal Project Program - Associated Students Government

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

- Motion to approve item 6.1 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Vote on major action item 6.1
- With a unanimous vote main action item 6.1 was approved.

6.2 Latino Center Graduation Gowns and Shipping Materials - Student Trustee

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$2,750.00. Requesting \$2,750.00 Student Success) ID: PROPOSAL175.

- Motion to approve item 6.2 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Motion to postpone item 6.2 to the meeting date 04/21/2021 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- With no objections, major action item 6.2 has been postponed to 04/21/2021.

6.3 A.S. Elections - AS President

(Tafari Alan—cost \$5,000.00. Requesting \$5,000.00 Election) ID: PROPOSAL177.

- 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.

6.4 Latino Center-Noche de Familia Meal Assistance (Foundation) - Student Trustee/Latino Center

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$3,000.00. Requesting \$3,000.00 Activities) ID: PROPOSAL184.

- Motion to approve major action item 6.4 by Director of Auxiliary: David Dever, seconded.
- Motion to postpone major action item 6.4 to next meeting on 04/07/2021 by
Dean of Education Enterprises: Mitch Heskell, seconded.
- Without any objections, major action item 6.4 has been postponed to the 04/07/2021 meeting.

6.5 Virtual Concert of Opera Scenes - SMC Opera Club

(Angela Rhodes—cost \$6,994.00. Requesting \$3,759 Activities, and \$600 ICC Allotment) ID: PROPOSAL185.

- Motion to approve major action item 6.5 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Vote on major action item 6.5
- With a unanimous vote, major action item 6.5 has been approved.

6.6 Latino Center-MOCAN Program T-shirts - Student Trustee/Latino Center

(Joshua Elizondo—cost \$1,074.94. Requesting \$1,074.94 Activities) ID: PROPOSAL187.

- Motion to approve major action item 6.6 by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Motion to amend the account Activities to Publicity by Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes, seconded.
- Vote on main action item 6.6
- With a unanimous vote, major action item 6.6, as amended, was approved.

VII. Discussion Items

7.1 Review of A.S. Fiscal Policy

- Motion to postpone discussion item 7.1 to 04/07/2021 by Director of Auxiliary: David Dever, seconded
- Without any objections, discussion item 7.1 has been postponed to 04/07/2021.



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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 — Encouraged AS Directors to participate and benefit from the Meal Project Program.
- Isaac A. Rodriguez Lupercio, Associate Dean/ Advisor — Reiterated,
The AS elections are happening from March 29, 2021 at 12 a.m. through April 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.
The results are announced on Friday March 2, 2021 at 11am.
- Mitch Heskell, Dean of Education Enterprises — *None*.
- Benny Blaydes, Counselor/Advisor — Shared the news that other shootings have been reported across the country.

X. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Director of Auxiliary: David Devers, seconded.
- With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM.