



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Winter Retreat

February 03, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Zoom/Telephone

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

Agenda

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

President, Kamiko Greenwood

Vice-President, Alyssa Arreola

Secretary, Denise Lui

Budget Management, Justin Liu

Basic Needs, Cecilia Jeong

Instructional Support, Anna Iyer

Student Outreach, Evan Vasquez-Gomez

Equity and Diversity, Esmeralda Hernandez

Student Trustee, Catalina Fuentes

External Affairs, Tyrel Deverya

Activities, Francis Yang

Publicity, Chloe Heo

Sustainability, Veronica Lin

ICC Chair, Antoine Aoude

ICC Vice-Chair, Katherine Nilsen

ICC Communications Officer, Aika Taguchi

Associate Dean, Thomas Bui

Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)

IV. Approval of Minutes - 11/28/2022

V. Committee Reports & Informational Items None.

VI. Minor Action Items (Under \$1,000)- Consent Agenda¹² None.

VII. Major Action Items (\$1,000 and over) None.

VIII. Other Action Items

8.1 Student concerns and Resolves

8.2 Resolution Sponsorship

- [Alternative Assessment Resolution \(Appendix A\)](#)
- [Gift Cards, Certificates and Other Vouchers For Students \(Appendix B\)](#)
- [Equal Opportunities for Remote Students Educational Experience within California Community College Institutions](#)
- [Equity in Leadership within California Community Colleges Campuses \(Appendix C\)](#)

8.3 [Student Study Space Resolution \(Appendix D\)](#)

8.4 Ad Hoc Committee for AB 1736

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8.5 Ad Hoc Committee A.S. Bylaws

8.6 Board introduction, open discussion about student concerns, campus activities, initiatives/updates, and ideas for improvement

IX. Discussion Items

9.1 Workgroup update

9.2 Facilitated by Dr. Bruce Bishop

- Refresh Robert's Rules
- New Brown Act Guidance
- Q&A

9.3 Team bonding

9.4 Brainstorm, vision planning, and implementation

X. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

XI. Student Trustee Report

XII. Advisor Reports

XIII. Adjournment

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Title: Alternative Assessment Resolution

Author: Kamiko Greenwood

Sponsor(s):

Whereas, students experiencing test anxiety may suffer a dramatic performance decline when taking tests that are not aligned with their learning style and alternative testing solutions such as open book, essay based, project based, multiple test retakes, and research paper based testing alternative options that provide students with their academic freedom and are more than likely to provide them with choices that align with their learning style;

Whereas, Offering alternative testing solutions such as, open book, essay based, project based, multiple test retakes, and research paper based testing would provide a more student centered solution, would aid in student retention, and more importantly student achievement;

Whereas, Colleges have the responsibility to every student to offer and design an educational environment that is inclusive, tailored to students needs, and maximizes their potential;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to encourage professors to offer alternative testing by implementing and integrating different testing solutions;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges seek joint advocacy efforts from the its partners – University of California Student Association, and California State Student Association - to promote and advocate for more alternative assessments to be offered throughout the educational system; and

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges advocates for the integration of more alternative assessments that have proven to be reliable and accepted by some students and professors.

Title: Gift Cards, Certificates and Other Vouchers For Students

Author: Kamiko Greenwood

Sponsor(s):

Whereas, Some colleges provide gift cards and/or gift certificates, meal and book cards/vouchers, tablets, access codes, etc. to students utilizing institutional funds and others do not;

Whereas, When gift cards and/or gift certificates, meal and book cards/vouchers, tablets, access codes, etc. are provided, students are required to report these benefits to financial aid;

Whereas, The inconsistencies in what funds are used or how student must report such resources cause many students confusion and at times result in lack of benefits for students; and

Whereas, Financial aid already does not cover the full cost of education and students need more resources;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges encourage colleges to find solutions for providing students with additional financial resources without affecting their financial aid;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges advocate for a change in the Education Code that requires students to report gift card funding when they receive to financial aid; and

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Chancellor's Office to inform colleges of the current regulation around gift cards and their allowed uses.

Title: Equity in Leadership within California Community Colleges Campuses Author: Kamiko Greenwood

Sponsor(s):

Whereas, Any student attending a California community college whether they are non-credit or credit should be granted the right to hold a leadership position within their student government or club organization, and minimum unit requirements set by institutions to hold leadership positions on campus present a barrier to students who do not meet the unit criteria set in participating in leadership roles;

Whereas, AB1736 (2022, Choi) removes barriers that are present due to the unit requirements established in the Cal. Ed. Code 76061;

Whereas, Colleges would benefit from building student leadership on our campuses and no student should be excluded from participating in a leadership position on their institutions governing body due to unit requirements;

Whereas, AB 1736 (2022, Choi) ensures that students with disabilities, non-credit, and credit have equal opportunity to run for leadership positions in their student government;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges to work with system partners such as the California Chancellor's of Community College to urge all California community college that are currently out of compliance with AB 1736 (2022 Choi) to change their governing documents and district board policies accordingly;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community College to work with student body associations to promote AB 1736 (2022, Choi) by providing them with a toolkit or resources on how best to advocate for changes contained in AB1736.

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community College assist any student body association that identifies barriers with advocating for AB1736 within their institution by advocating with them jointly;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community College should take any necessary action to guarantee that students with disabilities, credit, and non-credit students all have an equal chance to be a part of their student government to promote equity and inclusiveness.

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2022-2023

RESOLUTION NO. Res 3

Title: Student Study Spaces

Author: Kamiko Greenwood and Tyrel Deveyra

Supported By: A.S. Director of Budget Management

A RESOLUTION TO: To address student study space concerns

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SANTA MONICA COLLEGE:

A Resolution to: provide more study spaces for students and extend the hours of operations of the study spaces to increase the on-campus accessibility of environments in which students can work and study safely beyond what is currently available.

Whereas, as Santa Monica College continues to welcome more students on campus, it is critical that students have access to safe and high quality studying facilities that cater to their needs.

Whereas, students have expressed concerns over the limited availability of safe study spaces on campus, particularly for those who require an alternative space because they lack an adequately safe and stable home environment from which they can work and study without distraction and with access to internet connection.

Be It Resolved, Associated Student encourages Santa Monica College to at minimum continue the hours that have been established in the winter session of 2023 and work to expand hours given by student feedback.

Be It Resolved, the college will facilitate either the creation of additional study spaces, or expansion of existing ones, which are to be designed according to student feedback.

Be It Further Resolved, online surveys, drafted by Associated Students, will be sent out to the student body to collect student feedback, enabling students to describe the specifications of their preferred study spaces, including its features and offered amenities; the Associated Students of

Santa Monica College urges Santa Monica College to address all reasonable concerns and tailor the new study spaces around such feedback.