



## Associated Students of Santa Monica College

### A.S. Finance Regular Meeting

Mar. 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Cayton Center A.S. Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, College 90405

The Public may join via: Zoom/Telephone

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/92686613618>

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

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order @ 11:05 AM

#### II. Roll Call

##### Voting:

Director of Budget Management: David Duncan P

President: Cecilia Jeong P

Director of Sustainability: Joseph Sanchez P

ICC Vice Chair: Zach Makari P

Director of Auxiliary: David Dever P

Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

##### Non-voting:

Dean of Education Enterprises: Mitch Hesel P

Associate Dean: Thomas Bui P

#### III. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker): none

#### IV. Approval of Minutes – 03/06/24

- Item was skipped due to minutes not being posted prior to the meeting.

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

**5.1** Approval for Jewish Voice for Peace - Ex Israeli Defense Force Member Speaks by Students for Justice in Palestine at SMC

(Club President Olivia Taha: Cost \$400.00. Requesting \$195.00. ICC Allotment. Requesting \$100.00. Activities) **Proposal 347**

- Motion to table item 5.1 until the next finance meeting due to activities committee meeting not being held and general lack of necessary paperwork by President Cecilia Jeong. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

#### VI. Major Action Items (equal or over \$1000)

**6.1** Approval for Celebrating Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta by Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS)

(Club Co-President Noemi Alvarado: Cost \$1,075.00. Requesting \$1,075.00. Activities) **Proposal 349**

- Motion to table item 6.1 until the end of the meeting due to activities committee meeting not being held by President Cecilia Jeong. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

**6.2** Approval for A.S./ICC Merch by Associated Students & ICC

(A.S. Director of Activities Cleopatra Hansasuta: Cost \$5,000.00. Requesting \$5,000.00. Publicity)

##### **Proposal 348**

- Motion to table item 6.2 until the next finance meeting at the request of submitter by Director of Auxiliary David Dever. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

#### VII. Informational Items: none

#### VIII. Other Action Item:

**8.1** Budget Reforecast

- Director of Budget Management David Duncan discussed the unexpectedly high spending in the Publicity line and the high draws on the ICC budget. As short-term measures, he suggested increasing the Publicity budget by \$10,000, drawing equally from the Activities and Conferences lines. The committee also briefly discussed trends in A.S. fee payment, which have faced headwinds from UI changes that make it easier to opt out.
- Motion to reallocate as follows by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Budget was reforecast without objection.
  - Increase Publicity budget by \$10,000.00.
  - Decrease Activities budget by \$5,000.00.
  - Decrease Conferences budget by \$5,000.00.



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#### IX. Discussion Items:

##### 9.1 A.S. Proposal Sustainability Guidelines

- The committee continued a discussion on the A.S. proposal sustainability guidelines from last semester. Last semester, Director of Budget Management David Duncan had proposed a framework of event sustainability requirements to reduce waste from A.S. sponsored events. Over the past four months, Director of Sustainability Joseph Sanchez worked to create a sustainability checklist for events and flyers to explain the policy to those submitting proposals. The committee discussed the details of the framework and gave feedback on the proposed set of policies.

##### 9.2 Fiscal Policy Revisions (cont'd)

- The committee reviewed and discussed article III, sections A, B, and C of the fiscal policy, which concern procedures for submitting proposals and the finance committee's sustainability guidelines.

#### X. Director and Committee Reports (2 minutes per speaker):

- Director of Budget Management David Duncan gave a brief report on the upcoming ASACC trip to lobby federal officials in Washington D.C.
- ICC Vice Chair Zach Makari discussed collaborations between the ICC, AS, and the Inspired to Create club on Club Row preparations. He suggested giving contributors merchandise in return.
- President Cecilia Jeong voiced concerns about the direction that Associated Students' meetings have gone in the past three weeks, citing a need for a greater focus on the student body. She also announced that her last commissioner slot has been filled and that DPAC has a new vacancy for student representatives.

#### XI. Advisor Reports

- Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes discussed the prior Flex Day's budget update. He also discussed the ongoing issues with the FAFSA form.

#### XII. Adjournment @ 12:16 PM

- Motion to adjourn by President Cecilia Jeong. Seconded.