



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting

09/09/2026 at 3:00 p.m.,

Cayton Center Computer Lab (2nd Floor),

Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405

The Public may join via: Zoom/Telephone: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/89893070926>

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 3:03 PM

II. Roll Call

President, Paula Cortes, **P**

Vice-President, Gabriel Sánchez, **P**

Secretary, Zoe Linkins, **A**

Budget Management, **Vacant**

Basic Needs, Annabelle Garcia **A**

Instructional Support, Jiale Ma, **P**

Student Outreach, Daria Zharkova, **A**

Equity and Diversity, **Vacant**

External Affairs, Viktoriia Oberderfer, **P**

Activities, Gregory Hawthorne, **P**

Publicity, Samantha Jauregui, **A**

Sustainability, Muhammadjon Usmonzoda, **P**

ICC Chair, **Vacant**

ICC Vice-Chair, Matt Frankel, **P**

ICC Communications Officer, **Vacant**

Student Trustee, Audrey Liljegren, **P**

Dean of Community and Academic Relations, Dr. Kiersten Elliott, **P**

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)

- Dr. Katherine Nilsen – Offered her support to A.S. and shared plans to help relaunch The Pirate student magazine

IV. Approval of Minutes - 08/24-08/26/2026 (AS RETREAT),

- 08/31/2026

- Motion to table minutes by Secretary, seconded by Activities

- Motion approved without objection

V. Committee Reports & Informational Items –

- 5.1 Election on November 3, 2026 (External Affairs)

VI. Minor Action Items (Under \$1,000) – Consent Agenda – None.

VII. Major Action Items (\$1,000 and over) –

- 7.1 **Suspension of the Fiscal Policy** – For the Food Purchased During the A.S. Retreat from August 24th – August 26th, 2026, by **Office of Student Life Department**

(Cost \$2,541.71 Requesting \$2,541.71 from A.S. Contingency – Dean Elliott, Office of Student Life)

- Motion to change **Item 7.1 amount to \$4,033.83** by ICC Vice Chair, Seconded by Vice President

- Motion approved unanimously

- 7.2 **Proposal 1002 Approval for 2026 CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference**, by **Office of Student Life Department**

(Cost \$17,968.00. Requesting \$17,968.20 from Conferences/Memberships – Dean Elliott, Office of Student Life)

- Confirmation of A.S. Members attending the CCCSAA Conference: Student Outreach, Instructional Support, Publicity, ICC Vice-Chair, and Sustainability

- Motion to adjust line **Item 7.2** from Conferences and Memberships to Student Representation Fee by Vice-President, Seconded by Sustainability

- Motion approved without objections

- Motion to approve **Items 7.1 and 7.2**, passed without objection

VIII. Other Action Items

- 8.1 Confirmation of Interim Positions and Process:

- A.S. Director of Budget Management and A.S. Director of Equity and Diversity

- 8.2 Confirmation of Vacant Positions and Process:

- A.S. Director of Budget Management and A.S. Director of Equity and Diversity

- 8.3 Student Survey Continued Discussion (External Affairs)

- Motion to adjust **Item 8.3** language to include “Ad Hoc”, Motioned by Vice-President, Seconded by ICC Vice-Chair

- Motion approved without objections

- External Affairs: requested feedback and additional questions for the student survey to help identify student concerns and guide future campus activities and events.

- Motion to confirm Ad Student Survey Committee of Student Outreach, Vice-President, Activities, and External Affairs.

- Motioned by Secretary, Seconded by Instructional Support

- Motion approved without objections



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8.4 Constitution Committee Appointment (Vice-President)

8.5 A.S. Director and Commissioner Stipends (Vice-President)

- Motion to table **Items 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, and 8.5** due to time constraints, Motioned by Activities, Seconded by Instructional Support
 - Motion approved without objections

IX. Discussion Items

9.1 Robert's Rules of Order and Meeting Procedures (President)

- Calling on Speakers
- Speaking Order
- Unanimous Consent
- When a Second Is Required

9.2 ICC Mock Meeting (Vice-President)

9.3 CCCSAA Conference – Confirmation of Board Participation and Eligibility (Dean Elliott/Full Board)

- Take to Board for Approval September 28, 2026

9.4 Ad Hoc Committees and Working Groups – Purposes and Establishment (Dean Elliott)

9.5 Student Trustee Voting Rights – Continued Discussion (President)

9.6 Homecoming (Student Outreach)

9.7 New Technology for A.S. Directors (President)

9.8 Budget Transparency (President)

9.9 DPAC – Budget Planning Subcommittee Appointment

- Applicant, David Dagne, introduced himself and expressed interest in serving as an A.S. representative on the DPAC Budget Planning Subcommittee. He discussed SMC's financial challenges, enrollment trends, and potential strategies for addressing the structural budget deficit, including expanding virtual course offerings.
- Appointment tabled due to lack of attendees
- Motion to table **Item 9.9**, Motioned by Activities, Seconded by ICC Vice-Chair

9.10 Anti-Harassment on Campus (President)

- Motion to table **Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, and 9.10**, Motioned by ICC Vice-Chair, Seconded by Instructional Support

X. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

- External Affairs: Proposed discussing a possible Election Day visit at the next meeting and asked Directors to share their interest.
- Vice President: Announced the upcoming ICC meeting on September 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in HSS 165 and encouraged Directors to attend, introduce themselves, and connect with club leaders.
- ICC Vice-Chair: Shared the ICC meeting slide deck and requested assistance updating the presentation, including adding the date for Homecoming.

XI. Student Trustee Report – None.

XII. Advisor Reports

- Dean Elliott: Announced that copies of a book on democracy and Robert's Rules of Order are available for Directors and shared SMC Welcome Center dumpling-themed swag for promotional purposes.

XIII. Adjournment at 3:38 p.m.