



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting of 10/05/2026 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 3:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call

President Paula Cortes, P	External Affairs, Viktoriia Oberderfer, P
Vice-President, Gabriel Sánchez, P	Activities, Gregory Hawthorne, P
Secretary, Zoë Linkins, P	Publicity, Samantha Jauregui, P
Budget Management, David Dagne (Interim), P	Sustainability, Muhammadjon Usmonzoda, P
Basic Needs, Annabelle Garcia, A	ICC Chair, Vacant
Instructional Support, Jiale Ma, P	ICC Vice-Chair, Matt Frankel, P
Student Outreach, Daria Zharkova, P	ICC Communications Officer, Zahra Veera, P
Equity and Diversity, Vacant	

Student Trustee, Audrey Liljegren, **P**

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

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)

- Asher Liu: Recommended providing translated versions of A.S. announcements and social media posts to improve accessibility for international students and help them better understand campus events and information.
- Massimo Keyes: Wishing the board a happy 2026 school year.
- Nico (Via Zoom): Questions about Foundation financial transparency and the use of funds, emphasized the importance of understanding how resources support students.

IV. Approval of Minutes – 09/28/2026

- Motion to approve the minutes for 9/28/2026 Motioned by Vice-President, Seconded Publicity
 - Motioned approved without objection

V. Committee Reports & Informational Items –

5.1 Current Events

- Instructional Support: Reported meeting with the Director of Library and Information Services, who requested A.S. input on reinstating a previously postponed library water bottle filling station and establishing a printing limit of approximately 20-30 pages.
- Dean Elliot: Announced the upcoming job fair in the quad and the SMC College Fair, featuring more than 100 colleges and universities. Encouraged directors and students to attend.

5.2 SSSCC Delegate Report

- Motion to table **Item 5.2**, Motioned by ICC Vice-Chair, Seconded by ICC Communications Officer
 - Motion approved without objection

VI. Minor Action Items (Under \$1,000) – Consent Agenda –

6.1 Proposal 1010 Approval for Pre-Law Society Fall Welcome Event by Pre-Law Society Club

(Cost \$190.00. Requesting \$190.00 from Club ICC Allotment - Treasurer, Evan Sarokin)

- **Item 6.1** was approved unanimously

6.2 Proposal 1017 Approval for Cosmos Club Awareness Tabling by Cosmo Club

(Cost \$187.40. Requesting \$187.40 from Club ICC Allotment – President, Caitlynn Johnson)

- Motion to table **Item 6.2**, Motioned by Publicity, Seconded by Student Outreach
 - Motion approved without objection

6.3 Proposal 1024 Approval for A.S. Snacks by Associated Students

(Cost \$327.91. Requesting \$327.91 from Office – A.S. Activities Director, Gregory Hawthorne)

- **Item 6.3** was approved unanimously

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

7.1 Proposal 1020 Approval for Sustainability Week, by Eco Action Club

(Cost \$3,966.13. Requesting \$3,716.13 from Sustainability, \$250.00 from Club ICC Allotment – Co-President, Miles Bunnell)

Vice-President – YES	Secretary – YES	Budget Management – YES	Basic Needs – Absent	Instructional Support – YES	Student Outreach – YES	ICC Chair – Vacant
External Affairs – YES	Publicity – ABSTAIN	Sustainability – YES	ICC Vice-Chair – YES	ICC Communications Officer – YES	Activities – YES	Equity and Diversity – Vacant

- Motion to approve **Item 7.1** is approved with 10 Yes, 0 N, and 1 abstain



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VIII. Discussion Items

8.1 International Students (President)

- President: Discussed international students' concerns about increased health insurance costs and reduced coverage. Further clarification is expected.
- Motion to table Item 8.1, Motioned by Vice-President, Seconded by Budget Management
 - Motion approved without objection

8.2 Student Trustee (President)

- The Board discussed inviting the student trustees, who are up for reelection, to speak at an A.S. meeting and potentially address the student body.

8.3 Ad Hoc for Vacancy Positions (President)

- Motion to table Item 8.3, Motioned by ICC VC, Seconded by Secretary

8.4 Homecoming (Student Outreach)

- Student Outreach: Reported an upcoming meeting to discuss Homecoming planning. Requested that interested directors participate in meetings and communicate their availability so the team can coordinate effectively.

8.5 ICC Updates

- ICC Vice-Chair: Reported securing Power 106 for Club Row through the college's existing contract. Seven clubs had registered for the event, and participating clubs were able to obtain tables. ICC also discussed rotating responsibility for presentations during meetings and reminded directors that they are welcome to attend and present at ICC.

8.6 Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- Reported coordinating with the President on the Constitution Committee agenda and encouraged directors to submit suggestions ahead of the planned meeting next week.

8.7 Event Updates

- Proposed making activity hours more engaging in Club Row by providing games and activities and inviting directors to participate in promoting A.S.

8.8 Purchasing Corsair Ad's in Bulk (Activities)

- Proposed purchasing Corsair advertising space in bulk to support multiple directors and A.S. programs while simplifying the advertising request process. Reported requesting \$4,000 from the advertising and publicity budget for consideration at the next Finance Committee meeting.

8.9 How to Request a periodic budget update (Activities)

8.10 SMC Fest (Activities)

- Reported that ICC would consider expanding Club Row into SMC Fest, potentially incorporating a panel featuring club representatives and presidents. Requested feedback from directors regarding event planning.

8.11 Club Olympic (Activities)

- Proposed bringing back Club Olympics as an SMC tradition, potentially incorporating inflatable obstacle courses and club competitions. The event would promote club awareness, student engagement, and A.S. programming. Requested feedback from directors on the proposal.

8.12 A.S. Director of Equity & Diversity Interview

- Motion to move up **Item 9.3, 9.4, 8.12, and 8.13** Motioned by External Affairs, Seconded by Vice President
 - Motion approved without objection

Vice-President – Jurnee	Secretary – Jurnee	Budget Management – Amanda	Basic Needs – Absent	Instructional Support – Jurnee	Student Outreach – Amanda	ICC Chair – Vacant
External Affairs – Jurnee	Publicity – Joaquin	Sustainability – Amanda	ICC Vice-Chair – Jurnee	ICC Communications Officer – Jurnee	Activities – Jurnee	Equity and Diversity – Vacant

- 7 Votes Jurnee, 3 votes Amanda, 1 vote Joaquin
- Motion to appoint Jurnee as Director of Equity and Diversity, Motioned by ICC Vice-Chair, Seconded by ICC Communications Officer
 - Motion approved without objection
- Motion for the Board to recess until 4:19, Motioned by Student Outreach, Seconded by Activities.
 - Motion approved without objection



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8.13 A.S. Director of Budget Management Interview

Vice-President – No	Secretary – No	Budget Management – No	Basic Needs – Absent	Instructional Support – Yes	Student Outreach – No	Equity and Diversity – Yes
External Affairs – Yes	Publicity – Yes	Sustainability – No	ICC Vice-Chair – Yes	ICC Communications Officer – No	Activities – Yes	ICC Chair – Vacant

- Motion fails due to tied votes with 6 votes N, 6 votes Y. Due to tied vote, the President invoked position to vote,
 - The President cast a No vote.
- The Board conducted a second roll-call vote because the candidate had not secured more than 50% of the Board's votes.

Vice-President – No	Secretary – No	Budget Management – No	Basic Needs – Absent	Instructional Support – Yes	Student Outreach – No	Equity and Diversity – Yes
External Affairs – No	Publicity – Yes	Sustainability – No	ICC Vice-Chair – Yes	ICC Communications Officer – No	Activities – Yes	ICC Chair – Vacant

- 7 votes no, 4 votes yes
- Motion failed because the candidate did not receive more than 50% of the Board's votes. The Board will continue the application process to fill the vacancy at the October 12, 2026 meeting.

8.14 A.S. Technology (President)

- Provided an update on the proposed A.S. laptops. Also discussed a potential task-management application to help directors track responsibilities and identify areas where they need support. Requested feedback on using Slack to improve communication and organization among clubs and directors.
- Vice-President: Suggested that Slack could benefit ICC and clubs through organized announcements and communication channels for club presidents, ICC delegates, and A. directors.

8.15 Administration Suggestions (President)

- Asked directors to notify the President by email when they anticipate absences or delays and to include relevant team members in the communication. Also proposed creating a Google Form for students to submit public comments when they cannot attend meetings in person.

8.16 A.S. Document Feedback

- Discussed improving financial documentation by having clubs report when they have finished using funds allocated through proposals. The Board also discussed creating a checklist outlining club responsibilities, required meetings, and documentation expectations.

8.17 Upcoming Events

- Motion to table Items 8.1 to 8.17, Motioned by Vice-President, Seconded by Publicity

IX. Other Action Items

9.1 Confirm Joint Council Membership (16 Directors and 8 ICC Representatives) and meeting arrangements

- Vice-President: Explained that the Joint Council must be formed to address the Constitution and that the meeting must be convened within 10 days of its formation. The meeting would most likely take place via Zoom.
- Motion to Confirm the ICC Delegates, Motioned by Activities, Seconded by ICC Vice-Chair
 - Motion approved without objection

9.2 Appointment to the Academic Senate Equity and Diversity Committee (Vice-President/Seito Phipps)

- Motion to move up **Item 9.2**, Motioned by Activities, Seconded by Budget Management
 - Motion approved without objection
- Vice-President: Introduced Seito Phipps and explained that the Academic Senate Equity and Diversity Committee addresses faculty equity and diversity matters, develops and assesses related policies and programs, promotes equity in student success, and updates the college's equity plan.
- Seito Phipps: Introduced himself as a first-year SMC student and expressed enthusiasm for joining the committee and contributing to the college community.
- Motioned to appoint Seito Phipps to the Academic Senate Equity and Diversity Committee, Motioned by Outreach, Seconded by Sustainability
 - Motion approved without objection

9.3 A.S. Director of Equity & Diversity Appointment

- See **Item 8.12** for more information

9.4 A.S. Director of Budget Management Appointment

- See **Item 8.12** for more information



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X. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

- ICC Vice-Chair: Announced that Gregory and the ICC Vice-Chair were developing a primarily virtual talent competition inspired by American Idol, titled SMC Idol. The finale would be held in person, with further details to be presented once the proposal was developed.
- Activities: Welcomed Jurnee to the Board and commended directors for participating in discussions and sharing their perspectives.
- Vice-President: Announced that the Community Teach-In was accepting speaker applications. Explained that the annual event allows students and faculty to present on various topics and encouraged directors to participate. Also encouraged attendance at upcoming ICC and campus meetings and noted that the new Director of Equity and Diversity would be connected with relevant organizers.
- President: Reminded directors to submit proposals before Finance Committee meetings, communicate with the appropriate directors regarding funding requests, and email the President to arrange individual check-ins. Thanked the Board for its work.

XI. Student Trustee Report

- The Student Trustee reported that the White House had proposed approximately \$95 million in education funding. Noted that California community colleges would not be directly affected in the same way due to AB 2121, which provides greater flexibility regarding federal funding for student programs.

XII. Advisor Reports

- Dean Elliott: Welcomed the new Board members and congratulated directors on their participation. Announced an open spot for the Seesaw Conference, scheduled for October 16-18, and asked interested directors to respond as soon as possible.

XIII. Adjournment at 6:01 p.m.