



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting

March 10, 2025, 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://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98941154407>

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 3:07 pm

II. Roll Call

President, David Duncan P

Vice-President, Michael Helfand A

Secretary, Tiffany Lee P

Budget Management, Jordan Davis P

Basic Needs, Stefani Hernandez P

Instructional Support, Brenda Carrasco P

Student Outreach, Louisiane Marie Tardon A

Equity and Diversity, Valeria Castillo Salgado P

External Affairs, Semia Beji P

Activities, Andrea Giraldo P

Publicity, Vacant

Sustainability, Julia Kowalski P (late)

ICC Chair, Ireedui (Ike) Munguntsatsralt P

ICC Vice-Chair, Nora Ibrahim P (late)

ICC Communications Officer, Megan Menez P

Student Trustee, Vacant

Associate Dean, Thomas Bui P

Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker)

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IV. Approval of Minutes – 3/3/2025

- Minutes for 3/3/2025 have been approved without objection.

V. Committee Reports & Informational Items

5.1 NACCC Student Survey

- From March 11th to April 8th; Opportunity for students' voices on racial climate regarding college campuses

5.2 SMC Student Wellness Survey

- Motion to table Item 5.2, Motioned by Activities, Seconded by Sustainability
 - Motion approved without objection.

5.3 Director of Publicity Appointment Process Overview

- Appointment Committee will have a meeting sometime this week; Three to five applicants will be expected to attend next Board Meeting to receive approval from Board

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

6.1 Proposal 545, Approval for Proposal Tutorial by Associated Students

(Cost \$250.00. Requesting \$250.00 from ICC Allotment – ICC Communications Officer, Megan Menez)

- Item 6.1 was approved unanimously.

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

7.1 Proposal 542, Approval for SSSCC General Assembly by Associated Students

(Cost \$11,000.00. Requesting \$11,000.00 from Student Rep Fee – Director of Equity and Diversity, Valeria Castillo)

- Item 7.1 was approved unanimously.

VIII. Other Action Items

8.1 AB 648 Endorsement

- Motion to endorse AB 648 Endorsement, Motioned by Sustainability, Seconded by Activities
 - Item 8.1 has been approved unanimously.

8.2 Hold Harmless Budget Ask Endorsement

- Motion to strike Item 8.2, Motioned by Sustainability, Seconded by Equity and Diversity



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IX. Discussion Items

- 9.1 Student Imagining Sessions
- 9.2 District Budget Discussion
- 9.3 Election Planning
- 9.4 Spring Planning

- Club Row—For Directors, please reach out to commissioners if they are able to help for Club Row; Open House Proposal—Currently in progress, Planned for the beginning of April

X. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

- Semia, External Affairs
 - Zoom Meeting with Congressman Details—Bill 899 regarding Department of Education—Expressed concerns for the approval of its termination; Budget Proposal—300 billion cuts for education over the next decade; Please reach out to representatives to share your voice!
- Julia, Sustainability
 - Environmental Action Committee—Hopes for more sustainable infrastructure, Looking for bike share system on SMC campus for easier transportation.
- Valeria, Equity and Diversity
 - Equity Committee—Sets guidelines for equal employment for SMC (EEOP), Please reach out to view plan for more specifics.
- David, President
 - SSCCC Meeting—Senate Bill 323; Discussed that the CADAA would be sufficient replacement for FAFSA, Senate Bill 305; Pushing for system where college students are required to fill out FAFSA and other federal aid, if not, will lead to penalties like no priority registration or hold to enrollment.

XI. Student Trustee Report

XII. Advisor Reports

- Benny
 - CAL-GETC will require new requirements that may be more complicated than IGETC; Expected that more students will opt out of AA degrees with the development of the CAL-GETC, especially for stem majors—which may allow for another hit on the budget.
- Thomas
 - Elections are happening, Please make sure to promote to the student body and commissioners; Deadline for Publicity Applications is today.

XIII. Adjournment at 4:11 pm, Motioned by Activities, Seconded by Equity and Diversity