

Associated Students of Solano College
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

October 22, 2013 12:34pm-3:04pm

*Solano Community College
4000 Suisun Valley Road
Student Union Building Room 1421
Fairfield, California*

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:34pm. Senator Smith took the minutes.

II. SEATING AND OATH

No members seated at this time.

III. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

Executive Board Members Present:

Gabriel Johnson, Latifah Alexander, Leilani Quesada, Arturo Castillo, Charlene Alimboyao

Senators Present:

Casey Bess, Dulce Walton, Joleena Lewis, Kyle Todd, Wesley Thomas, Luis Garcia, Maria-Alejandra Jaramillo, Tony Guevara, Damond Smith, Jr.

Associates Present:

Nancy Lua, Mel Sancada

Quorum achieved with 9 of 11 seated Senators present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. October 8, 2013
Motion to approve the Agenda for October 15, 2013 by Senator Todd. Second by Senator Bess. **Associate (2,0,0). Motion passes (9,0,0).**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:00 Minutes)

- A. October 8, 2013
Motion by Senator Guevara to approve agenda. Second by Senator Garcia.
Senator Thomas would like to make an amendment to items.
Senator Lewis exits 12:36pm.
Senator Lewis enters at 12:37pm.
Senator Bess moves to amend the previous motion with the said amendments. Senator Garcia seconds.
Associates (2,0,0). Motion passes (9,0,0).
Motion now reads "Approval of minutes including said amendments for October 15, 2013". **Associates (2,0,0). Motion passes (9,0,0).**

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Dr. Dambrosio is coordinator of this year's accreditation effort. She said the report is on the homepage of the website. The Accreditation Commission will be visiting at any time starting next Thursday. They are anticipating a one to two day visit. The commission will investigate the knowledge of students and faculty on the schools accreditation. There will be a potential open session for the commission to ask students questions in an open forum. The school will provide evidence that we are adhering to our school improvement plan. Senator Thomas asked where we can find the accreditation report. Dr. Dambrosio directed that we are able to find it on the mysolano website under the accreditation tab. Dr. Dambrosio said that she encourages asking questions and student involvement, in addition, she commended the student government.

Solano student Terrel, a member of the public attends the ASSC meetings to observe, and see what positions this can lead to.

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Diane White

Not present.

VP White asked for the student government to introduce themselves. She also requested that the group provide items they would like for her to report, being that there are many items to report. She commended that the student forums are a great way to mold policy. VP White asked to entertain questions. VP Castillo asked what her background is. VP White started teaching in the 80's teaching history, with an emphasis in revolutionary history. She was asked to apply to be vice president during a recruitment effort, and was appointed interim VP. Her contract was extended to next year. President Johnson asked what her role is within the school. She states that she is the Vice President of Academic Affairs. She has an important role with overseeing the curriculum and ensuring that the district complies with all education codes. This is known in some districts as Chief Academic Officer or Chief Compliance Officer. She makes recommendations to the school president and governing board. She expressed that her fundamental question to all faculty and administration is "how does your action improve student success". She encourages that students also become proactive, and interface with people in decision making positions. It allows for a streamlined process of problem solving and resolving issues including student and faculty input. Senator Jaramillo said, "you stated you had a vision of what Solano could be, what is that vision". VP White responded with her mission is to focus on what evolves student success. Not just talking about student equity, but being about student equity. She observed that we have a tendency to get trapped in the smaller details instead of looking at the bigger picture. "getting trapped in the weeds". Senator Bess asked "what is your feeling on AB 955". VP White responded with it can be a socioeconomic and access issue. VP White mentioned that she didn't come from the upper strata of the socioeconomic scale. Student Terrel asked what is the meaning of "getting trapped in the weeds", and VP White summed up that it is getting focused on a sentence in a book, rather than the book in its entirety.

Senator Thomas asked, "what is your feeling about the LR10 conversation". VP White answered that this is where her role becomes Chief Academic Officer with compliance in AB 955. She said it is like an automotive student that needs to take a co-requisite in actually working on a car. LR10 relates with student success. In 2009 there was a pilot study from the 2008-2009 LR10 pilots. Our campus researcher gave a report to VP

White and President Laguerre , which stated that LR10 students in conjunction with English 001 were less likely to get an “A” grade. We do not want a co-requisite that alienates student sub-groups. Senator Garcia asked how white students succeeded with LR10. VP White responded that with ethnic groups performing at lower success rate than white students. LR10 caused a negative impact on LR10. There was a lack of oversight. The curriculum is reviewed every six years, career technical education is reviewed every two years. With the pilot program showing two years of discouraging data, LR10 still proceeded. VP White received an email from the Chancellors office that says a two percent increase in student success does not validate student success. There may be a possibility that we may have to give back all the money to former LR10 students. Senator Lewis stated that she saw no equity being an LR10 student. VP Castillo enters 12:53

Legislative Advocate Alimboyao enters at 1:14

Senator Todd moves to resume the orders of the day. Second by Senator Jaramillo. **Associates (2,0,0).**
Motion passes (9,0,0).

VIII. INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

A. Felipe Wilson

Professor Wilson said the final is due this Friday in his mailbox. He went on to discuss that he is pleased with the student government. During his reflections at CCCSA and commends the group for the team work. A professor at the conference presented that he has a student lobbying group that reviews assembly bills that affect students. This student lobbying group travels to Sacramento to speak with Legislators regularly and visit Washington D.C. once a year. Professor Wilson said there may be negative connotations with lobbying groups, but could have a beneficial impact to protect students. Professor Wilson encouraged that the student government looks into big ticket items, for agenda items. There are projects such as leadership trainings or retreats that we can look into doing. The fiscal feasibility will be discussed at a later date.

President Johnson asks to entertain a motion to suspend the orders of the day to go back to Item 7, Vice President Whites Report.

Senator Bess moves to suspend the orders of the day to go back to item 7, Vice President White's presentation.

Seconded by Senator Jaramillo. **Associates (2,0,0).** **Motion passes (9,0,0).**

IX. ADVISOR'S REPORT

A. Jose M. Ballesteros

Advisor Ballesteros said that there was a consensus of having ASSC meetings held at our satellite campuses in the lecture halls. Vacaville campus, October 29, 2013. Vallejo November 12, 2013. Both meetings will begin at 1:00P.M. There was a revision to the ICC presentations. The revisions are as follows.

October 31, 2013: Club presentations to ICC

November 5, 2013: All presentations to ASSC

November 12: ASSC action on funding request (Vallejo)

Advisor Ballesteros sent a list around for everyone that plans on being in ASSC to make sure he can forward those names to the admissions office for priority registration.

He also reported that Foxboro Elementary in Vacaville Unified is seeking college mentors, to provide guidance and improve student success.

There was a reminder that ASSC members are students, and keep in mind that students must keep their grades are a first priority. See President Johnson, Professor Wilson, or Advisor Ballesteros if there is a need for accommodations.

Tomorrow, Wednesday October 23, 2013, there will be the co-sponsored ASSC/faculty student forum for student success. It will be in the student lobby in the 1400 building. Advisor Ballesteros also requested that if anyone knows of a night student that can attend the forum for the night session.

GOTV will also be present in the 1400 Bldg. on October 23, 2013.

X.	INFORMATION ITEMS	(10:00 Minutes per item)
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A. CCCSAA Reports

Student Trustee Alexander reported that the conference was a great experience. The workshops also had ice breakers that involved character building. There is an annual student trustee conference that any student government member can attend in November. There is also a student trustee leave retreat that trustee can go to. VP Castillo presented pictures from the CCCSA retreat. He also mentioned that he met with members of Napa Valley College about teaming up and networking.

Treasurer said she met a host of student leaders that gave her good ideas

Quorum lost at 1:53pm.

Quorum retained at 1:56pm.

B. No Shave November – Jonathan Alexander-Barkley

Absent. Senator Bess stated PRO Barkley is abandoning the project, but the activities committee will take it on.

Senator Lewis exits at 1:50pm.

Associate Lua exits at 1:50pm.

Senator Guevera leaves at 1:53pm.

Senator Todd leaves at 1:54pm.

VP Castillo leaves at 1:54pm.

Legislative advocate Alimboyao leaves at 1:56pm.

Senators Gueveara and Todd enter at 1:56pm.

VP Castillo and Legislative Advocate Alimboyao enter at 1:54pm.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

(10:00 Minutes per item)

A. Student Riders – Lorenzo Hays-Phillips

Absent.

President Johnson stated that Mr. Phillips is looking to reactivate the Student s riders committee.

Senator Garcia moves to reactivate the Student Riders committee. Seconded by Senator Thomas. **Associates (2,0,0). Motion Passes (8,0,0).**

Senator Jaramillo asks what the committee is. President Johnson responded with saying it is a committee that will work in conjunction the transit authority.

Senator Bess asked if there is a way for ASSC to lead this, because we have a lot of tasks at hand.

VP Castillo mentioned that Mr. Phillips talked about the possibility of having a bus that goes between the satellite campuses and main campus.

Senator Garcia asked who would lead the committee. Mr. Phillips asked that an ASSC Member lead the committee, but if all fails, Mr. Phillips will lead it.

Discussion exhausted.

B. 1400 Building Microwave – Debra Summers

Absent.

VP Castillo said this is a very important issue. For the time being, the ASSC microwave is being used as a loaner microwave. It was also presented that microwaves can cost from \$200-\$2,000. Senator Guevara asked if the school would be open to a donation of a microwave.

Move by Senator Bess to have ASSC donate the ASSC workroom microwave. Seconded by Senator Guevara.

Associates (1,0,0). Motion Passes (5,3,0).

It was made transparent that the microwave was being placed in the cafeteria to keep student out of the nurses workroom which could be a HIPPA violation.

Discussion exhausted.

President Johnson reinforced that those who are in opposition can search for alternatives

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(3:00 Minutes per item)

A. *Activities Committee: Casey Bess*

The committee meeting is tomorrow October 23, 2013 at 1:30P.M the focus of the meeting will be club engagement pertaining to fundraising.

President Johnson asked if we can entertain a thought of doing a Thanksgiving potluck and having members bring food. ASSC Members attending and having plates.

B. *Inter-Club Council: Arturo Castillo*

The ICC meeting was postponed to comply with the 72hour rule with posting meeting agendas. VP Castillo also presented an idea about having clubs present during the first ASSC meeting of the year.

C. *Public Relations Committee: Jonathan Alexander-Barkley*

Absent

D. *Budget Committee: Leilani Quesada*

There were two meetings. One was tabled pertaining to the ID Promotions. There was a template contract composed about soliciting local businesses to give discounts to students with student ID's and Alumni ID's. Chair Quesada also requested to dissolve the standing committee since their objective was met.

E. *Election Committee: Maria-Alejandra Jaramillo*

Meeting moved to Friday at 11AM.

XIII. DIVISION REPORTS (2:00 Minutes per item)

Governing Board: Naser Baig

Absent.

Business Services: Kyle Todd

No report at this time.

Math and Science: Casey Bess

Senator Bess attempting to gain a meeting with Dean. Nothing to report.

Diversity Affairs: Luis Garcia

No report.

Curriculum [Academic]: Damond Smith, Jr.

Senator Smith asked who to report to for his position. Member Toni Murrery stated that he can be added to the Curriculum Committee email list. President Johnson noted the Chair of the Academic Curriculum Chair is Conrad Murrery, and noted that the Senator should do what he needs to do to comply with his job description. VP Castillo said he attended the meeting and he was the only member present. There was discussion about allowing students not doing well in high school to attend SCC. Dr. Laugerre also presented he received a notice from the Chancellors office, and in regards to the smoke free district, there can be citations given to anyone that violates this policy.

Senator Garcia moves to extend time to two minutes. Seconded. **Associates (1,0,0). Motion passes (8,0,0).**

Senator Jaramillo asked if there is a way to designate smoking areas because people will smoke everywhere if we don't designate areas. VP Castillo there was a transition period for one year to give awareness and then one year to eliminate smoking.

Health and Kinesiology: Christian Ogden

No report at this time. He will email out a list of the home games.

Student Services: Maria-Alejandra Jaramillo

Senator Jaramillo stated she saw signs about SSI and she made an appointment to have Dean _____ put on the agenda to talk about this issue.

Senator Garcia asked how will SSI affect students. Senator Jaramillo responded she will speak with Dr. Lewis about how to resolve this.

Social Sciences: Tony Guevara

No report at this time.

Career Tech Ed: Dulce Walton

Senator Walton said the Haunted House made \$116. There was not a kid's area the first weekend. She said it is well worth it. \$1.00 or \$0.50 with a student ID. Toni Murray said she is seeking help with it still.

Fine and Applied Arts: Wesley Thomas

Senator Thomas met with Dr. Kinghorn and discovered Neal will become Dean on January, but Dr. Kinghorn will give oversight. They are looking into renovating the theater.

Business Senator: Joleena Lewis

Absent.

XIV. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(2:00 Minutes per item)

President: Gabriel Johnson

The student forum went particularly well. Topics such as, "can we get rid of parking tickets", "can we get arcade games back", "can we get men's track and soccer back", "how can students find out about ASSC elections", "how can cafeteria food prices be reduced"

Motion by Senator Garcia to extend time by three minutes. Second by Senator Thomas. **Associates (1,0,0). Motion Passes (8,0,0).**

"Are women's sports getting more funding about men's sports" "more information about careers" "more information about paramedics" "pizza in the cafeteria on Fridays" "hand sanitizing dispensers because the campus is dirty". There is a lot of student talent, so how can we promote it. President Johnson also needs someone to replace him for the Shared Governance meetings, due to his work schedule. The replacement also has a vote. President Johnson also stated he saw potential recruitments for ASSC next semester. President Johnson also reiterated that academics come first.

Vice-President: Arturo Castillo

CCCSA was great. There were about 500 students in attendance. He also reiterated that we are here to take care of academics. We also need representation at the Academic Senate meetings. The meetings are on every other Monday. Curriculum meetings are every other Tuesday. Toni Murrary also mentioned that we can have someone represent the Academic Curriculum Senator. Senator Bess also asked if we can ask the school not to schedule meetings during our meetings.

Student Trustee: Latifah Alexander

Absent.

President Johnson read her report. She visit a historical house across the street from the college, President Laguerre is looking into buying it to host Holiday parties and alumni parties. All resolutions were passed at the board meeting.

Secretary: Jesirae Collins

Absent.

President Johnson that the E-Board and Senate also needs to make sure that anything we need to place on the agenda or minutes needs to be announced ahead of time. Secretary Collins takes a lot of time to do this job and we need to help her as much as possible. We need to keep teamwork in mind.

Public Relations Officer: Jonathan Alexander-Barkley

Absent.

Treasurer: Leilani Quesada

Absent.

Legislative Advocate: Charlene Alimboyao

LA. Alimboyao said that we are gaining a presence on campus and in her Political Science class, she speaks on behalf of ASSC every other Friday. She also mentioned that AB955 passed, but it is up to schools to accept it. CCCSA, she said it was great to mingle with other student leaders that took the community college route instead of the university route. She stated it was very eye opening.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VP Castillo stated there was a workshop in the 1400 conference room, where engineers conducted an underground survey. It gave a chance for potential engineers to ask questions.

Senator Todd said he will be in a Lacrosse tournament at UC Davis this Saturday at 9AM

Senator Todd moves to adjourn. Seconded by Senator Smith. **Associates (0,1,0). Motion Fails (3,4,0).**

(0,1,0) (3,4,0) Motion Fails

Toni Murray requests to push the barbeque back.

Senator Todd exits at 3:01 P.M.

XVI. OPEN DISCUSSION

XVII. UPCOMING AGENDA

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Quorum lost at 3:01pm. Meeting ended at 3:04pm.