

Associated Students of Solano College  
Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

October 29, 2013 1:15pm-3:33pm

*Solano Community College  
Lecture Hall  
2001 North Village Parkway  
Vacaville, CA 95688*

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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President Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:15pm. Secretary Collins took the minutes.

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II. SEATING AND OATH

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III. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

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Executive Board Members Present:

Gabriel Johnson, Jesirae Collins, Charlene Alimboyao,

Senators Present:

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

Associates Present:

Mel Sancada

Quorum achieved with 7 of 11 seated Senators present.

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IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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- A. October 29, 2013  
Motion to approve the Agenda for October 29, 2013 by Senator Garcia. Second by Senator Smith. **Associates (1,0,0). Senators (7,0,0). Motion Passes.**

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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(5:00 Minutes)

- A. October 22, 2013

Minutes have not been posted. Will be emailed this week for approval next week.

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VI. PUBLIC FORUM

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Casey Bess would like us to get additional senators to represent the satellite schools and increase student involvement.

Luis Garcia speaks on behalf of the photo department. They are updating the flier for the photo course and webpage gallery for the program and would like ASSC support.

Senator Baig enters at 1:20pm.

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VII. INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

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- A. Felipe Wilson

Based on emails which have been sent between ASSC members, he has been in contact with Ben Quesada at

Napa Valley. Ben Quesada sent him a retreat agenda that they would like Solano ASSC to be a part of next year.

It is a week-long retreat/leadership conference that takes place over the summer. Napa Valley would like us to

do it in conjunction with them. He will pass around the agenda for everyone to look at.

He is also putting together a database of other school's bylaws, calendars, etc. in order to see different things we can participate in, learn from or work with them. Lastly, he asks that those students interested in the advocacy program let him know so that he can see how we can get something up and running for Solano.

PRO Alexander-Barkley enters at 1:23pm.

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VIII. ADVISOR'S REPORT

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A. Jose M. Ballesteros

Next week is funding requests and majority of the meeting will consist of funding request presentations. He requests that senators go to the SDO and take a look at them before next week. There are about 19 funding requests.

Vice President Castillo enters at 1:25pm.

Advisor Ballesteros reminds ASSC to grade the funding requests in preparation for next week.

He reminds the ASSC about the Student Services task force email, SSI and default rate. About 33% of students have default loans at Solano. They are working on how to bring that number down. They have requested 4-5 members from ASSC. He only has one person who has signed up. First meeting is at 1:00pm on Thursday. The task force will be made up of curriculum and academic senate. Let him or one of the members know if you have any suggestions for the meeting.

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IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

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(10:00 Minutes per item)

A. Student Success Initiative – Barbara Fountain

Absent.

B. General Assembly – Dr. Powell

Absent.

Vice President Castillo presents information about the General Assembly. The General Assembly meeting happens every semester, once in the fall and once in the spring. The main goal is that if Solano Community College has a resolution it can be prepared and approved by ASSC. It will eventually go to the General Assembly where it will be reviewed by other community colleges. If it is approved it will be turned into an Assembly Bill. Every legislative advocate from each college has a vote.

Legislative Advocate Alimboyao exits at 2:38pm.

Senator Baig volunteers to be the non-voting member in the case of Legislative Advocate Alimboyao's absence during a vote.

Motion to resume the orders of the day by Senator Garcia. Second by Senator Jaramillo. **Associates (1,0,0).**

**Senators (8,0,0). Motion Passes.**

C. Position Binders – Leilani Quesada

Vice President Castillo presents for Treasurer Quesada.

Treasurer Quesada is requesting that every member of ASSC fill out the questionnaire at the end of the semester regarding their position in ASSC. It will be used for future members of ASSC who do not know what to expect.

They will be able to see what to expect from certain positions. Benefits include quickly getting members up to speed, know about the history of ASSC and will be able to make an educated decision about the position they are applying for.

Senator Smith suggests a physical ASSC yearbook including pictures and captions to see what projects took place and who was involved. Senator Jaramillo suggests putting info like how to create an agenda, etc. in the binder. Senator Bess suggests putting info about caucusing, importance of quorum, etc.

D. ID Promotion Contracts – Leilani Quesada

Vice President Castillo presents for Treasurer Quesada.

The Budget Committee wants to initiate a business contract with local businesses to promote ID sales. The purpose is to get businesses whom are willing to promote ASSC and to eventually promote ID sales.

Senator Jaramillo exits at 1:40pm.

PRO Alexander-Barkley exits at 1:40pm.

PRO Alexander-Barkley enters at 1:43pm.

Senator Jaramillo enters at 1:43pm.

Vice President Castillo will email the proposal for the senators to review and any suggestions or questions please address prior to the next meeting.

Senator Baig mentions that all of the discount information should be on the ASSC website.

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X. ACTION ITEMS (10:00 Minutes per item)

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A. MTV-U – Jose Ballesteros

Professor Ballesteros has been in touch with a representative from MTV-U. They are interested in installing the TV's in the 1400 building. Some of the ASSC members were able to view the setup at Folsom Lake College. He would like ASSC to make a collective decision whether or not to move forward.

Motion to reject the MTV-U proposal by Senator Baig. Second by Senator Garcia. **Associates (1,0,0).**

**Senators (8,0,0). Motion passes.**

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XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (3:00 Minutes per item)

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A. *Activities Committee: Casey Bess*

Presented by PRO Alexander-Barkley. The meeting this week will include No Shave November and Measure Q student input. Meeting will be held Wednesday at 1:30pm.

B. *Inter-Club Council: Arturo Castillo*

Meeting will be held Thursday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. A gentleman will be speaking about voting and voting participation. Funding request presentations - if the club scores above 75% they will move on to the ASSC. Funds will be given to the clubs that need it the most.

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

PRO will discuss Orgsync and is looking for ideas on how to present it to the administration. Senator Baig would like to put it as an agenda item for the Governing Board. Senator Bess spoke with Diane White about it. Vice President Castillo suggests presenting it at the different committee meetings first to see their response before presenting to governing board.

D. *Budget Committee: Leilani Quesada*

Absent.

E. *Election Committee: Maria-Alejandra Jaramillo*

The first meeting was held last week. The election calendar was an info item and will go to action next week. She asks for volunteers to join the committee. The meeting will be held on Friday at 11:00am.

Senator Baig requests that the election committee be presented as information item on every agenda in the case that there are items which need to be acted on quickly.

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XII. DIVISION REPORTS

(2:00 Minutes per item)

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*Governing Board:* Naser Baig

There is no meeting tomorrow because of the long month (there is an extra Wednesday in October). There will be a meeting next week. The Fairfield City Council meeting will be Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. He would like to have a couple of students attend the meeting for educational purposes. Senator Garcia asks about the status of the Jimmy Doolittle center. Senator Baig says they are moving forward with it, the total cost is about 1.6 million for the land. The college will pay half plus any additional fees that might be accessory to that. Senator Baig mentions also that Vallejo and Vacaville city council meetings are both on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Business Services:* Kyle Todd

No report. Asks president about shared governance, but he has not received anything either.

*Math and Science:* Casey Bess

Senator Bess has been talking to science students and many are frustrated with the finals schedule since science finals are stacked on top of each other, sometimes with only 10 minute breaks in between. He is working on getting that fixed. He says the science buildings have been extremely cold in the morning for about 3-4 hours. He is also working on getting that fixed.

*Diversity Affairs:* Luis Garcia

No report.

*Health and Kinesiology:* Christian Ogden

Absent.

*Student Services:* Maria-Alejandra Jaramillo

Senator Jaramillo met with Camber Sta. Maria. She was really happy with the poster for the town hall meeting. Senator Todd and Senator Jaramillo emailed her a list of everything that was written on the board. She would like the ASSC to present those items to the counselors at the meeting next Thursday at 12:00pm. Senator Jaramillo also met with Barbara Fountain about SSI and the task force. There is a kick off meeting this Thursday. Next Tuesday the meeting will be from 11:00am-12:00pm. She would like senator Jaramillo to assist in making an informational pamphlet including the top 4 info items.

*Social Sciences:* Tony Guevara

Absent.

*Career Tech Ed:* Dulce Walton

Senator Walton reports that the Haunted House tripled this weekend what they did last weekend. They are trying to make Halloween their biggest night. The Haunted House is in the 1100 building and is hosted by the Welding Society Club. Senator Bess asks about dressing up as a zombie. She says she will get him the info, they provide costumes and make up, etc.

*Fine and Applied Arts:* Wesley Thomas

No report.

*Business Senator:* Joleena Lewis

Absent.

Curriculum (Academics): Damond Smith

No report.

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XIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(2:00 Minutes per item)

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*President:* Gabriel Johnson

President Johnson reports that last week he hosted the town hall meeting in the morning. He wishes the feedback from the students was more straightforward. He reminds the ASSC that this is our opportunity to let the staff know what is really going on.

He apologizes for no president's forum this week but he would like to continue them for the rest of the semester. It will take place on alternating Mondays and Wednesdays of every other week. He would like more info about SSI. President Johnson and Associate Lua are going to present information to the activities committee about a talent show. Senator Bess suggests alternating the President's forum on different days since Mon/Wed crowd is the same. President Johnson has class Tues/Thursday so he is unable to do it on those days.

*Vice-President:* Arturo Castillo

Vice President Castillo attended the Governing Board meeting and Senator Baig reported about the progress of ASSC and the success of the poster boards. One of the advisors asked Senator Baig to type up a document with all of the responses from the different posters. Vice President Castillo also created a document to keep track of which senators meet with whom. He asks that senators fill in who they are meeting with, meeting dates and times. Also if there are any issues meeting with Deans, let Vice President White know. She will help get that issue resolved. He reminds ASSC that the Vallejo campus meeting will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Let him know how we can improve setting up that meeting. The curriculum meeting is Tuesday at 1:30 in room 503. He will attend the meeting in the next week or two. The Academic Senate meets on Monday and we need a representative to attend those meetings. There are only about 5 more weeks of the semester left. Make sure there are no issues with quorum.

*Student Trustee:* Latifah Alexander

Absent.

Trustee Alexander asked President Johnson to inform the ASSC members that Dr. Laguerre will be having a Holiday Party on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. President Johnson and Trustee Alexander were invited to attend. It will be at the house across the street from the college. It is a historical house which was once owned by Chief Solano.

Senator Bess moves to crash the party. Second by Senator Smith. **Associates (1,0,0). Senators (7,1,0). Motion passes.**

Senator Jaramillo asks if it is formal attire. President Johnson states that as someone who was invited he will bring ASSC as his guest.

*Secretary:* Jesirae Collins

Secretary Collins thanks Senator Smith for taking the minutes for her at the last meeting. She asks for input from the senators or advisors as to the length of the minutes. Would they like the minutes to be more summarized or do they like her to include the details. Senator Bess states that he thinks she is doing a great job and he likes to read the minutes because it is like re-living the meeting.

*Public Relations Officer:* Jonathan Alexander-Barkley

No report.

*Treasurer:* Leilani Quesada

Absent.

*Legislative Advocate:* Charlene Alimboyao

Legislative Advocate Alimboyao states that she spoke in classes about AB-955 and the students want to know how they can get their voices heard. The students want something that they can sign. Senator Baig offers to help draft a letter. They want to know how many signatures would be effective. Senator Garcia makes a suggestion to make a petition to the governing board. The students in her class would like the student government to present information about AB-955 at the clock tower.

Motion to suspend the rules of the day and return to item 9B by Senator Baig. Second by Senator Bess. **Associates (1,0,0). Senators (8,0,0). Motion passes.**

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#### XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Senator Bess announces that as his guest for Dr. Laguerre's party he is going to invite the entire student body.

Vice President Castillo attended the haunted house Sat & Sun. It was very cool, short and scary. He said it was very well organized and students should check it out on Halloween.

President Johnson announces that ASSC previously had 11 senators and now we have 9. The positions which are no longer filled are Health and Kinesiology and Social Sciences Senators. The students are still able and willing to help out when they can.

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#### XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

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Senator Bess would like to know about having additional senators to represent the satellite campuses. Senator Baig states that it's not specifically outlined in the Bylaws. They would count towards quorum, have voting rights, etc. It is one of the reasons the constitution needs to be revised. Having them as senators may not be feasible. Vice President Castillo states that in order to change the constitution and bylaws we would need have committee meetings, open to the public and need to include it with the elections. We need two thirds of the student body to approve the changes. Senator Smith suggests having an ambassador position instead of senator positions. Senator Baig will be meeting with Dr. Powell regarding our options to revise the constitution or bylaws so he will hopefully be able to report on these items soon.

Senator Baig reminds the ASSC that a couple of weeks ago a motion passed on A Golden Fleecing opening party. He has been trying to get a solid response from Toni Murray but he has not heard back. Senator Bess said she intends to move the BBQ to a different day and she wasn't sure which day and he has also not heard when she wants to move it to.

Motion to amend the previously adopted motion to strike out "opening night" and insert "any showing of A Golden Fleecing provided Toni Murray gives ASSC the information" by Senator Bess. Second by Senator Baig. **Associates (1,0,0). Senators (5,3,0). Motion passes.**

Senator Jaramillo sent out an email about a Secret Santa and needs to know who would like to participate.

Senator Smith says he doesn't think he's on the group email and please be sure he is included.

Vice President Castillo recommends checking who is on the emails that you reply to, depending on who needs to be involved in the email.

Senator Garcia would like for the political activities committee to be reactivated and to have a lobbying group which would be chaired by Legislative Advocate Alimboyao.

President Johnson reminds that there are six weeks left in this semester. ASSC did a great job of setting the foundation this semester. He recommends thinking of one thing we really want to do and to set the groundwork for next semester. If you need help with activities/responsibilities then let someone know.

Student Riders needs an ASSC chair. Geff Freire will be the co-chair. He delegates the chair responsibility to Senator Garcia.

Senator Baig issues a challenge, tomorrow will start the No Shave November process, benefiting Mission Solano. If we can raise \$2500 collectively he will shave his eyebrows tomorrow.

Vice President Castillo announces that the Measure Q meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-5:30pm.

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#### XVI. UPCOMING AGENDA

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#### XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sen. Garcia. Second by Senator Todd. **Associates (1,0,0). Senators (6,2,0). Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.