



Associated Students of Solano College

Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes

September 6th, 2023

12:30-2:00 PM PST

1400 Building – ASSC Conference Room

Zoom Meeting ID: [321 536 4386](#)



I. CALL TO ORDER

President Bermudez called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

II. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

Executive Board

1. President Christian Bermudez - present
2. Vice President Diana Solis - present
3. Secretary Krystal Pham - present at 12:36pm
4. Legislative Advocate Karissa Brown - present
5. Student Trustee Sriya Srinivasan - present at 12:53pm-1:11PM
6. Treasurer Christian Pardo - absent
7. Public Relations Officer - **Vacant**

Senate

1. Diversity Affairs Senator Malika Mirador - present
2. Applies Tech & Business Senator Noah Wong - present
3. Liberal Arts Senator Giovanni Torres - present
4. Health & Kinesiology Melanie Punzalan - absent
5. Math & Science Senator Ernesto Valencia Pena - present
6. Social & Behavioral Science Monica Mitchell - absent
7. Academic Curriculum Senator Gavin Arpaia - present
8. Student Services Senator Niel Simon Guanlao - present
9. Humanities Senator Grace Bassler - present
10. Governing Board Senator Kiren Wilson - present 12:38pm
11. Vocational Curriculum Senator - **Vacant**
12. Business Services Senator - **Vacant**

III. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. September 6, 2023
 1. Senator Wong moved to approve the agenda.
Senator Torres seconded the motion.

IV. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 30, 2023
 1. Senator Mirador moved to approve the minutes.
Senator Wong seconded the motion.
- B. President Bermudez requested to amend the agenda to include Dr. Lewis' approval for Common Grounds Cafe catering for the ASSC retreat not to exceed \$450.

1. Senator Guanlao moved to approve the amendment.
Senator Mirador seconded the motion.
2. Motion was passed by consensus.

V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the ASSC Senate on items not already on the agenda. Please be aware that there is a 3-minute time limit for each item and that NO action may be taken on any of these items. These items may however come back to the Senate for action at their discretion.

VI. **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

- A. Dr. Shirley Lewis
 1. The meditation room is in the works and a collaboration with ASSC is being sought out to aid in furnishing the new meditation room.
 - a. LA Brown volunteered to help with the meditation room.
 2. Announcement of new interim council dean.
 3. A mentor will be hired for the MESA program to support students entering the STEM field. The program will be set in the 1500 BLDG.
 4. A mentor for Cultural Programming is being explored.
 5. Dean Ryan is working on scheduling and might reach out to ASSC regarding the scheduling committee.
 6. Dean Lewis asked for a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$450 for Common Grounds catering.
 - a. Senator Wong moved to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$450 for Common Grounds catering.
 - b. Senator Torres seconded.
 7. Governing Board meeting tonight: available ASSC members are encouraged to attend 10 minutes early for the meeting.

VII. **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. 1400 Committee Status
 1. Committee must vote on which furniture they want to present to ASSC in the following meeting. A link to the furniture options will be sent to the ASSC Discord.
 2. There are thousands of dollars in funds designated for the upkeep of SCC
- B. Retreat Preparation
 1. This Friday from 11:30-4:30am; attendees must come early to prepare for our guest speaker.
- C. College Hour Discussion
 1. An initiative from the Academic Senate has been made to schedule College Hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00PM-2:00PM. The initiative requires a statement of rejection or approval from ASSC.
 2. More must be discussed regarding the practicality of College Hour
 - a. Are Tuesdays and Thursday suitable for most students? Is this time convenient for ASSC or clubs to host events? Is an hour enough to destress or hold events?

Does ASSC have enough manpower to host events, assuming no support from staff? Consider carrying out petitions.

b. President Bermudez will discuss more with Josh Scott.

3. Item will be agendized to be approved or rejected by ASSC.

D. Bulletin Board Updates

1. Starting today, everyone must collect their bulletin board assignments from ASSC workroom – building assignments can be accessed in the Discord chat. Council members must check their 'mailbox' every Wednesday and follow posting and removal rules.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Swearing in of new senators and executive officers

B. Approval of Kiren's ASSC Workroom Banner

- Door banner will be 24x36 and cost \$17; the giant banner will be 36x42 and cost \$64.64, totalling \$81.
- a. Senator Wong moved to approve expenditure of funds not to exceed \$100 for the ASSC workroom banner. Senator Torres seconded the motion.
- b. The motion was approved by consensus.

IX. GUEST SPEAKER

Patricia Escalada

1. Former Student Services Senator and Diversity Affairs Senator. Patricia gave words of wisdom to the Fall'23 council: prioritize consistency and ensure all members are on the same page; be aware of how we conduct ourselves in public.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Inter-Club Council

1. First meeting of the month today at 11:00am; club renewal forms will be extended til next Wednesday (1 week). A total of 15 club renewal forms have been submitted.
2. Suggestions were made for the student life survey, ICC was informed of spirit week, and VP Solis will be contacting Erik Visser.

B. Activities

Spirit Week

1. LA Brown reviewed the events and themes of Spirit Week. Senator Mirador's flyer will be advertised for the event week.
2. Anticipate voting for expenditure of ballons for photobooth – to be agendized.
- A. Senator Torres moved to approve the Spirit Week event for September 25th-29th. Senator Pena seconded the motion.

Fright Night

1. 'Grace' offered to volunteer her services regarding the food aspect of the event; a foodtruck is tentative.
2. A student survey may be created to gauge what content students wish to be threatened by.
3. Terri may be available to aid in the materials needed to construct the haunted house.
4. VP Solis will email LA Brown regarding the dimensions of the cafeteria.

5. Council should anticipate to vote on the funds for Fright Night in the near future (next week or two weeks from now).
- A. Senator Wong moved to approve Fright Night to be subjected to funds. Senator Torres seconded the motion.
- B. The motion was approved by consensus.

XI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (3:00 Minutes)

1. President: Christian Bermudez
2. Vice-President: Diana Solis
3. Secretary: Krystal Pham
4. Legislative Advocate: Karissa Brown
5. Student Trustee: Sriya Srinivasan
6. Treasurer: Christian Pardo
7. Public Relations Officer: **Vacant**

XII. DIVISION REPORT (3:00 Minutes)

1. Diversity Affairs Senator Malika Mirador
2. Applies Tech & Business Senator Noah Wong
 - A. He'll be seeking Jose Cortez's admin assistant to discuss any feedback or updates.
3. Liberal Arts Senator Giovanni Torres
4. Health & Kinesiology Melanie Punzalan
5. Math & Science Senator Ernesto Valencia Pena
6. Social & Behavioral Science Monica Mitchell
7. Academic Curriculum Senator Gavin Arpaia
8. Student Services Senator Niel Simon Guanlao
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XIII. REVIEW

- 1400 committe status
- Retreat preparations
- College Hour discussion, more information will be sent in Discord chat.
- Bulletin board material are ready for pickup.
- Approved Senator Wilson's workroom banner not to exceed \$100.
- Spirit week event approval and halloween bash approved to be subjected to funding

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN DISCUSSION

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XV. UPCOMING AGENDA & MEETING

A. September 13, 2023

XVI. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Mirador moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM.

Senator Torres seconded the motion.