

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 3rd, 2025

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Student Center, 4th floor, Room 401

Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97528675287>

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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting started at 3:30 pm.

I. ROLL CALL:

Title	Name	P/A
President	Frida Veliz (FV)	P
Vice President	Motse Mosola (MM)	P
External Secretary	Zoe Molter (ZM)	P
Internal Secretary	Ayla Madrid (AM)	P
Treasurer	VACANT	
Club Affairs Officer	Ahlam Ibrahim (AI)	P
Publicity Commissioner	Carmen Tan (CT)	P
Student Advocate	CK Chan (CC)	P
Senator	Sebastian Del Castillo (SDC)	EA

Senator	Giovanni Jordan (GJ)	P
Senator	VACANT	
Senator	Lindsey Wirgler (LW)	EA
Senator	Josh Gumperz (JG)	P
Senator	Maa-Becca Tucker (MT)	A
Senator	Juniper Vintson (JV)	P

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

ZM motions to approve the minutes, JV seconds the motion.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on matters not included on this agenda. A maximum of 14 minutes (2 minutes per individual maximum) will be provided for speakers under this agenda item. Requests to speak that cannot be honored within the time limit will be scheduled for subsequent meetings in the order received. Under the Brown Act, Council members are not allowed to discuss and/or take formal action at today's meeting on items brought before them under this item. Council members are only allowed to respond briefly. Persons requesting to address an item included on the agenda will be called upon at the time the agenda item is considered by the Council, and comments on tangential issues not directly related to the item may be ruled out of order. Written statements can be submitted to the ASLC for inclusion in the minutes.

Rudy Besikof - Came to ASLC for recommendations. Facilities committee meets first Monday afternoon of the month. Can also come up to them for recommendations. Approved to college councils for considerations.

V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Interview For Senator, Josh. (7mins)

Josh Villatoro, he/him, can call Josie. 21 years old. Political science major.
Running to be president of LatinX. Leader of communications of Speech & Leadership Club Looking forward to being part of our club. Will improve their resume.

CT asks Q2.

Josh V says most of the time, approaches things to do in the morning. Always advocate doing it properly. Do things in a proper way. Takes time to do things.

ZM asks Q3.

Josh V - Believe in the democratic procedure within clubs and expresses a need to make everyone's voices accounted for. Believes in managing a group to provide a space for people to vocalize their thoughts and opinions. Believes in keeping a moment to lead and use situations to talk to. Use a language they can talk to and can get transparent. Use a proper way to speak and make them feel like they're part of the group.

JV asks Q1.

Josh V - Alameda county - group of lawyers. On 2nd floor of student center - asking for legal advices now. The experience wasn't good. Housing situation with ICE is creating doubt and fear. Strives to create a space in a way they can interact with each other. Reach community and reach lawyers. Approach Once a month. People need to know the living situation right now. Create a space where people feel more comfortable. Inform them of resources they are unaware of. This is a disability.

CC - Are you currently aware of the responsibilities of being an ASLC senator?

Josh - Yes. Is willing to quit Speech & Leadership club to be a part of ASLC.

CT - Are you available during our meeting times? Monday 3:30-4:30.

Josh - Yes.

2) Interview for Senator, __. (7mins)

Maya - Uses she/her pronouns and wanted to join the association in the first place. She wanted to be more involved on campus and actually make an impact. This organization connects different cultures and people. North African background. Has also expressed her love for diversity in leadership. There are particular times that are very hard and people don't feel united. Student body recognizes the importance of that. Before she went to Laney, COVID-19 gave her a lot of pauses. Before that, she was Poetry Club President and did poetry slams. She recalled previous experiences in high school advocating for fellow students and believes she is capable of making real change at Laney College.

CT asks Q2.

Maya - Recalls an incident in high school where she advocated against hate crimes and islamophobia. The Muslim Student Association advocated to bring more awareness to people and invited people to share perspectives. She also went with students around school and did presentations on Islam. In MSA. Each school was assigned a senator and talked about how to get legislation in high schools.

JV asks Q1.

Maya - Has a strong desire to be an advocate and is very social. She was invited by the MSA in Berkeley to be an officer. She wants to spread awareness about the resources and programs available on campus.

JG asks Q3.

Maya - Mentions her previous knowledge of ASLC and wants to see more work being done in classrooms and classroom announcements regarding events and resources on campus. She was also confused whether ASLC was an association or if it was a club. She wants to use social media and flyers to promote events but these are all ideas that came to mind but doesn't have knowledge on whether they have been done or not yet.

ZM motions to vote, MM seconds the motion.

CT motions to extend the meeting, JV seconds the motion.

Board members discuss adding one additional question to both interviewees

regarding solid plans/goals if elected and how they would execute this plan.

CC - Additional Question: If you are elected, what is one specific goal you wish to accomplish this semester and how are you going to achieve this goal?

Josh V - Wants to make use of this platform to be a spokesperson and leader to advocate for people and bridging communities. Their main goals include helping students with legal advice, food, housing, and protection. They want to also create a space and a marking disability. They haven't heard too much from the Student Center but believe we should be a group to provide our communities. They also want to create a community for minorities and Latinos and find resources for them. Josh V also wants to equip others with people who can speak both languages to help sign up for classes. Can bring much to table. Can start/create an environment and can get what they want/approach what they want. Knows what they have to do.

Maya - Her main goal is to bring visibility to ASLC as an organization by putting the name out there. She believes that many students still don't know what ASLC is. She is a journalist in The Citizen and her teacher didn't know what ASLC was and assumed it was a club. She believes a lot of people are scared about what programs and what classes they have to take. She explained that we should lend lots of opportunities to struggling people right now. Students carrying their IDs as undocumented students and believe that this is a welcoming and open space for them. She wants to make it more visible so they can get the help they need.

ZM motions to vote, CC seconds the motion.

5 votes for Josh. 4 votes for Maya.

Josh reads Oath of Office.

Josh is sworn in as an ASLC Senator.

JV motions to move to the next item, CC seconds the motion.

3) Interview for treasurer, __. (7 mins)

No one for treasurer showed up. Item is skipped.

4) Letter Board Proposal, Ayla. (5mins)

Letter Board Proposal

AM presents buying a letter board for ASLC. Reasons to buy it are that you can write any message, grab people's attention, promote clubs and communities, tell people what to do/where to go. An example is what kind of food we are serving. Shows pictures of letter boards she made for events last semester and this semester. ASLC might've seen pictures of it on Signal. Currently owns a 10x10 and 12x12 and can still use both if it isn't approved. Would like one with a stand and a bag, a 10x10, and any color, which can be determined by ASLC. Is leaning towards dark since the letters are white and will pop out the most. Recently registered as a student vendor - can buy from Amazon or work with Blasidel's to buy it from Amazon, which will be better than trying to register other stores as vendors. If we buy one this semester, we can leave it in the storage room for any of us to use and for future ASLC to use. If we don't, we can still use hers but won't always be in the storage room and future ASLC boards will have to find a vendor to pay for it.

CC - Not necessarily disapproving of the idea, but since the price is estimated to be \$10-\$30 and it takes time to create a sign every time there's an event, I am wondering if there is a cheaper and more efficient alternative we can get instead of a letter board?

AM - We already have white boards. Has seen ASLC use them for promoting ASLC during the OUSD event. But feels as if they don't grab as much attention as a letter board would, in comparison to having a bigger board, dark background, and all capitalized letters. Also ASLC recently got an additional \$43,000 added to ASLC's budget, which will go into Fund 72 for general/events/etc so this won't hurt to buy.

CT - Additionally, there's a glare when taking pictures of the white boards.

JG - We won't know what the budget for next year's ASLC will look like, so we should buy it now.

5) Survey/Beautification Project, CK. (10mins)

CC presents beautification project facilities are working on. Makes campus much more interesting and alive. Enhances experience. People can be attracted to campus with projects like these. Give responses to the business office.

ZM motions to discuss, JG seconds the motion.

JV - Has been around B building. Refreshing to have new plants. Great to put surveys up for advocacy for beautification toward other buildings too.

JG - Good survey - facilities know we appreciate their work.

CT - Is the last question for areas on campus we'd like to see beautified yes/no or free response?

CC - Yes/no, but can it make it so we can answer with areas we'd like for Laney to beautify.

6) SSSCC Region 3 meeting, CK. (10mins)

CC - Upcoming meeting February 9th at 3 pm. Our ASLC as a government - can report any issues in our region. Bring up anything we want to share/help. Represent CCC's in region 3. Represent on a regional level.

JV motions to discuss, GJ seconds the motion.

MM - Other issues from CCC's in regions?

CC - They are doing college visits to campuses. Laney isn't on their priority list. The colleges that went out of contact - trying to build connections with them first. Region 3 - virtual meetings. Place a location for colleges at peralta. Host regions 3 on that site physically. Laney could be one of their locations.

Rudy Besikof - 2-3 years ago, Laney happened to host the meeting. Topic: student needs, housing, food. We can have a 2nd forum.

CC - Regional 3 concerns.

FV - We're happy to host it.

CC - Discussed among region 3. Tried to find a specific day to host a meeting during past couple of meetings. Trying to host it on a weekday, always ended up a weekend. Subcommittees - any progress to the region?

FV - MM and CT are working on furniture on 3rd floor of Student Center.
Bringing up next Monday.

MM - Will follow up with lights.

**7) New Government, and how it affects our students, space for Debrief/Plan.
(10mins)**

FV - New government and how can we help our students?

MM - We have UCRC here. However, a lot of people don't want to go to it. It'll direct people and they don't feel safe or want to leave their homes. Creates a target on map. Before Trump starts serving this term, wants to create a space of undocumented students that is not the UCRC. Name that doesn't highlight/amplifies where they're at. Trying to prioritize their safety. The student body cares about them whether they are legal or not. One of Laney students' principles. We are a body- we should act on it.

JV - Have resources available and make sure people know they are there. Putting more energy into a subcommittee. Health insurance purposes. Prescription drugs will cost a lot more. A prescription this year has gone up to \$40,000. Knows a lot of people will be struggling otherwise. Everyone will feel affected.

Josh V - Leaders of Communications. Address how it is problematic here. Bring ideas to create fliers. A circle of US flag, try to represent something Hispanic. Ask me in the middle. Put a phone number. People can feel more comfortable speaking their language.

MM motions to extend the meeting, JV seconds the motion.

MM - We don't have the real information. Make it a priority to distribute information and resources. To check if these affect students and information is correct.

FV - Make a place that has accurate information. White house page. Something was taken off. Asks Atiya if Laney has links for people to get informed.

AI - Spanish version of Constitution.

Atiya Rashada - White House Government?

FV - Links for people to get informed.

Atiya Rashada - Bring them up.

Rudy Besikof - UCRC web page has information on that. Will send out more info. Like what to do in an event if ICE comes to campus. One thing - in those cases, establishing a signal point of contact. Laney College President is one. Growing evolving system. Can't list bullet points and be done. Him and FV can talk separately. Atiya Rashada, Lily Espinoza, and him. Check in and go over questions and concerns. Doesn't know if it's a 3 by 3 conservation, would like to establish a working group that works with office.

Atiya Rashada - 3 deans and Atiya Rashada. UCRC might go through renaming. The idea was tabled and up for discussion. Dean Aubrey is spearheading it. Threw out idea of moving it since it's safest place on campus. Multicultural events - everyone is welcome. Intersectional of students. They're just like us. In clubs and everywhere. Do put on fliers - student center is a safe space. BSU bought a pin maker, we can make pins.

JG - 3 by 3. Should we create a subcommittee to do that?

Maya - Can you help if you're not part of ASLC?

FV - Yes, happy to listen to students.

AI - Professors. People check Canvas Student most. If not, the campus will check canvas. Flyers take a lot of manpower. Take time to reach out to professors.

CT - Brought up in AIM committee. Zero cost textbooks. Easiest way to promote it is to put it on Canvas. Regardless of which tab it's in. Even if we have to draft it, they can simply copy and paste it.

FV - Do we have our own Canvas page for ASLC?

Atiya Rashada - All directors. She has a shell which she can show. ASLC has elections coming up right now. Empower people to advocate. Event on quad. Get people to come out and register and apply for advice. What do you want for the environment on campus?

FV - How much space for this idea on campus?

JG - How will students get to the shell to put on Student Canvas?

Atiya Rashada - One con is we will have to invite folks and they have to select to take it. Will go back on notes to touch up on this.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

This time is reserved for any ASLC Members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and (15) fifteen minutes total shall be observed. **NO** action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended.

The meeting ended at 4:49 pm.