

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 18, 2024

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)	EA
Internal Secretary	Ayla Madrid (AM)	P
Treasurer	Kamorie Smith (KS)	P
Club Affairs Officer	Ahlam Ibrahim (AI)	EA
Publicity Commissioner	Carmen Tan (CT)	P
Student Advocate	CK Chan (CC)	P
Senator	Sebastian Del Castillo (SDC)	P

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

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

JV motions to move President Rudy/ Elections Chat to the top of the agenda, KS seconds the motion.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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.

Niama - Anthropology student at Laney. Wanted to be of service to this community. Signed up for it. Doesn't know whos in charge and was alerted that positions are filled. Just wanted to let us know who she is.

KS - Won't be here next semester as treasurer - if she's interested in money, she can take on her position.

Niam - Very good with numbers - open for us.

V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1) President Rudy/ Elections Chat. (15 min)

President Rudy Besikof presents himself.

RB - Thankful for all of us. Highest outreach podcast was with Frida & Motse which reached over 1,000, with Carmen's as a close second. His purpose is to serve us and ensure we're all successful. Want to see if there are any concerns. Invited Judy May. Doesn't have an answer to everything but will find it. Open floor to hear our concerns right now.

CT - How do you feel about people who come on campus to promote outside organizations? Has seen flyers of cults given to very impressionable college students. Is that something allowed to students as a line of free speech - or should be a concern?

RB - Four things. Education code. Title 5. Board policies and administration policy/union contracts. Free speech. As long as activities don't disrupt what's happening on campus, individuals have a right to be there. Effective constitutional law. Abide by now. Doesn't interfere with operations on campus. If you feel something is violating that, such as a flyer promoting violence, bring them to our attention. Take to 2nd floor of tower. Tower of business administration services. Knows how to run colleges.

GJ - Knows student creating those flyers.

SDC - International students don't have the option of choosing health insurance. Have to have health insurance that's \$800 or \$900. No option to shop around. They also can't work. It's something harsh when struggling to see who can lend you money. As someone who works with lots of international students, they would be happy to shop around if other insurances are available. Here they only accept \$800 and \$900. When you pay out of state, there's an additional fee that is charged with healthcare.

Majority of students don't use it. Can it be waived? Those students pay even more for classes - have 2-3 jobs to afford classes. Wanted to bring to FV. Undocumented students have to create fake SSN just to pay for classes & have 2 jobs. Lower costs of education.

RB - Residents of CA pay high taxes. One of the things is a contribution to health care system. Root reason. Fees across district - standard across 4 campuses. Convey concerns to the office of international education.

SDC - Changes fees among classes across campuses. More expensive to take classes at another class. Cost of class itself, not the supplies.

RB - Send us that class. Unless units are different, they should be the same price.

MM - Health insurance for international students. Are we expected to pay for semester before it? If you want a payment plan, register/enroll for next classes. Sometimes payment doesn't go to health care, it goes to payment plan first. Move to health care fee to next fee. Creates a barrier.

RB - Two concerns: Health care fee which is a monopoly & timing of when we have to pay.

JG - Attended a board of trustees meeting. One of the big issues - budget cuts. Share what you know about how our budget is gonna be impacted in the coming year or so.

RB - Coming from pandemic, the number of enrollments before minimum were our source of funding. To get minimum, we need enough student enrollment. Costs are going up - coffee, healthcare, etc. We are getting ready to create budget reductions. As we're moving forward in making reductions, basically do it so education is a last resort - something that impacts all of us directly. Other ways colleges get funded - special funds from state. Don't touch our student experience, especially programs. Biggest priority to preserve those - certificate, education, degree.

MM - Is item title about the presidential election?

RB - Yes.

MM - He has a plan for education. How do you prepare for a plan that is harmful including our financial aid - how do you plan to combat that if it changes our system?

RB - Press conference - those are words. Policies/changes come. Education

leader - we see what's coming, we know what to do. Governor dedicated to students. Happens in this state - you have state control vs what's federal. Financial aid - pell grants. Also grants given through CA. We want students to have aid. In terms of understanding other changes, if you have specific questions, knowing what we need to do as a campus. What students need. Pay attention to undocumented students. We are 2nd college to open UCRC after BCC. We want to protect that. Top priority is understanding what as a college we can do.

MM - Plan if change happens.

RB - Budget challenges - need to speak up, don't apologize. See needs out. Working on fitness center. We want to hear you. What do you as students need? Colleges have procedures - we want records under studental wall/privacy record. We have to look at it abide by law and see what we can do and what supports we can do.

2) Speech and Leadership (10 min)

[Speech and Leadership Political Speech Event Proposal Packet](#)

[Speech and Leadership Political Speech Event Quote](#)

Speech & Leadership Club President Charles presents a Political Speech Event on November 26 from 12 pm to 1 pm at the quad. Club Advisor Ms. Thaning invited guest speaker - Derek Smith. They're the chair of education at the department at UCSF. Requesting \$200 to buy cookies, brownies, and lemonade from the cafeteria. 6 people planning to speak. 2 undecided.

SDC - Right and left?

Charles - Up to each student. Derek Smith will talk about how the newly elected president will affect education - not sure if republican or democratic.

JG - Can anyone come and do a speech? Can you open it up to other people after club presents?

Charles - Yes, if we have enough time.

KS - Outline of event?

Charles - Guest speaker Derek Smith will give his perspective - what he thinks

will happen to college.

KS - Interview style representatives of Speech and Leadership to Club or quad?

Charles - To quad.

FV - Open to questions?

Charles - Yes.

LW - What is your RSVP expectation?

Charles - Hoping for around 50 people like last time at Entertaining Speeches.
Not sure if it'll be at quad since it'll be cold.

FV - Back up - need to talk to advisor for backup location if needed.

SDC - Is Derek Smith their one guest one speaker the club all chose?

Charles - Advisor did.

SDC - Only concern considering politics - especially on campus. Open to free speech. A lot of students - they are right wing.

FV - Both sides are being acquired to - someone who sees other sides of the story.

SDC - One political view. Lean indoctrination. Bring in centers - someone in Oakland. Someone left wing and someone right wing. Different political views. One republican wing.

CT - Event is not to preach a student side. The speaker will present our president and his plan. Informative - but about politics.

SDC - Speaker is bringing only 1 side

GJ - It's interrogative to bring 1 side. But no one is obligated to bring both sides. Brought by their club advisor.

JG - If we had enough time to tell them how to change their event., it would be cool to make it happen. Ideally, they could get a 2nd speaker. But due to time commitments - not realistic. Move past this idea and save it for later.

Atiya Rashada - We all can throw events as well. If we want to bring a

perspective or talk to a club about organizing an event. Clubs represent how they want to present their events.

FV - Ok to have a speaker. Welcome to bring speakers to Speech & Leadership if someone else is interested in bringing them.

JG motions to vote, SDC seconds the motion.

Unanimous yes.

The total to be approved is \$200 from budget line 5 - 72 - 544 - 5106 - 1 - 696000 - 0000 - 00.

3) SSSCC Region 3 event by CK. (5 min)

CC - SSSCC region 3 event meeting. Every college represents themselves, touch bases, and find delegates of other colleges. We share about our college updates, such as our basketball tournament, remodeling of student center, and clubs. Advocacy Academy - annual academy they host in Sacramento. Registration past November 11. \$1000 budget to support delegates who are attending this year. Hotel and transportation will be covered. Delegates are free to attend this. Actively, locations to host monthly meetings in person. Other colleges - have made campuses open to host Region 3 events to meet other delegates from other colleges, people from other positions, and regional directors. Campus visit soon. We might not be first priority. They are reaching out to campuses that haven't been able to get into touch with the region. They are trying to visit their colleges first instead of ours. Want to plan a welcoming/tabling event & someone to bring them across campus.

LW motions to discuss, JG seconds the motion.

FV - Wonderful CK's attending this meeting. When did registration pass?.

CC - Last day to register was November 11. Doesn't think it's possible. It's Veterans Day - kind of postponed. Look forward to next year so delegate can attend. Delegates funding are covered, hotel and transportation are free.

FV - Welcoming event. Wants to know if everyone else is down.

LW - Agree. Wants to try to get them here and to meet and converse with all these other people at these colleges. Make an event between entire

district.

KS - Who are the delegates?

CC - Delegates - From all region 3 community colleges. Remembers BCC, exact delegates don't remember. Will send out names and bring them to KS. They are college students. With the same position as him on board. Represent college for their entire region. Each student government has their own.

4) Student center acrylic door signs by Atiya. (10 min)

[Acrylic Signs Mock Ups](#) & [Fast Signs Quote](#)

Atiya Rashada - Presents mock ups. One will go up her door and Carmen's door. Laney Bookstore - first floor - last place to get updated. Will make it clearer. Right by stairs, either side, so people know where it is. Student lounge sign - on either side by corners of stairs - one or two. Student club space - just to know where club space is. Student health clinic - uses blue Peralta sign to let students know it's a Peralta wide student health clinic. Prayer room & lactation room - permanent.

Can make minor adjustments. Total cost is \$491.96.

JG - Which fund would that come out of?

Atiya - 82.

KS - Currently \$1200 in 82.

FV - Can we make it not exceed \$500?

Atiya - Sure, can only tweak minor things.

CC - Are you making repairs to the fourth floor?

Atiya - Request Peralta Engineering every year. Ask Ashish. Didn't make those panels. Will need a larger project to replace those panels. Did send Ashish an email but haven't heard back. Can follow up.

FV - Can we make changes to the conference room, such as the sign?

Atiya - We can take it down. Place can be renamed.

LW motions to vote, KS seconds the motion.

The total to be approved is not to exceed \$500 from budget line 5 - 82 - 544 - 6403 - 1 - 696000 - 0000 - 00.

Unanimous yes.

5) Homophobia/Discrimination on Campus by Hannah. (10 min)

Hannah wasn't present.

FV - Talked to her. She mentioned an issue between homophobia and discrimination in classrooms. Really big issues. Want students to feel safe. Main concern - things are happening, but aren't being reported. Really important for us to address issue.

KS - Doesn't deal with homophobia, did experience unwanted advances. Met someone who can't read social cues. Professional Laney website - how to report harassment to report for Laney campus. Goes straight to person/professional who deals with these kind of things.

CC - Annual safety report. Have sources on page 10. Anonymous report - crimes. Report it to these sources. Department to public safety, Alameda County Department.

KS - Yes, but wants these reports that go directly to Laney. Has it on hard drive and upload it to the Signal.

FV - Who is experiencing unwanted behavior? FV and JV do but ignore it. Why aren't we taking actions?

JV - Happens so often. Doesn't want to put energy into it.

FV - There has to be a drawn line.

SDC - Similar issues. Met student completely attacking undocumented students. Wasn't a debate. SDC got upset and spoke to professor. Didn't want to impose opinion on them either. College is a place to bring ideas. Personally attacked - that's different. SDC wasn't attacked - just upset about their breakdown of opinion concerning immigrants. Angry and yelling back and forth. If she's feeling attacked personally, she should definitely taking it to us. There should be a way to open phone - click it,

and report it.

FV - Reports not being recorded. First time hearing about these things. We need to come to someone else. Not actively looking for how to do it. Students need easier access.

KS - All information we are brought up - bring to Laney People - not any outside resources. Bring it to QCC website or they can print it out on flyers.

JG - When KS tells us a link, print out some QR codes and create some flyers. Some of those flyers that let people know if you experience anything of this nature, scan this code.

Atiya - Maxient. Soft force system. We don't have. BCC - beautiful version of it. Migrating to a new system - hub spot. Already integrated. Title 9. Students don't know what is. Can we rebrand? Federal code. Student code safety and campus safety. Start complaint. Click link. System that creates a form. Automatically emailed to that person. Can respond in time. She talked to Chanda - how to get this? We didn't have anything for students. Will let her know this conversation occurred in ASLC meeting. Chanda will be building it out. Let her know if you want to talk about it. Rest of colleges have it, we don't.

FV - Suggests an app dedicated to Laney where you can easily request support and report crime.

MT - Likes idea. To create an app instead. Newsletter more beneficial in an app format.

AM - Isn't there an app Peralta students use called RAVE?

FV - Yes, there was an app called CampusShield. Went back down. Not used much.

MM - Called CampusShield. Never used it. Way you can report crimes on campus.

FV - Haven't used CampusShield and isn't sure its still active. Security department - cover reports, crimes, anything related to safety. Place to go to.

6) End of the Year Celebration (10 min)

MT motions, KS seconds the motion.

FV - 3rd floor - karaoke, 4th floor - movie night, hot chocolate.

KS - Atiya approved movie on the 3rd floor. Karaoke on 4th floor. Really creative way to release the angst. Appropriate songs.

Atiya - Has a spinning color light and a portable speaker.

KS - Karaoke. Microphone and speaker with you. Karaoke would be great way to wind down.

CT - Can we have pizza?

FV - Yes

SDC - Salsa and meringue. All types of music.

KS - How will events be spread out? One idea per week?

FV - One day - different stations: movie - third floor & karaoke - fourth floor. Games. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider & pizza. Rallies & Christmas games to have.

LW - Will the event happen on a weekend?

FV - School day to get as many students as possible.

CT - December 12 - Thursday. Week before finals. First week of december.

FV - December 5?

KS - Can work. Also during finals week - it's a strange process. On a certain day, then you're finals on a certain day. Only 2 weeks of December in session. December 5th is good. First week is better for student times. Weather - gets darker earlier. She can stay here or come after, leave here in an hour/1 ½ hours. Put more execution into it all rather than have things randomly, so we can refine it. We only have 2 weeks to prepare.

JG - Movie to play?

LW - Grinch.

JG - Home Alone.

FV - Create a list & take a vote.

FV - Are we thinking December 5th?

LW - Will be out of town.

FV - Share schedule through Signal on December 5th, to find time best to host this event. Looking for someone to request a quote from the cafeteria.

KS - Recs for movies. Karaoke or a dance night.

FV - Not too late.

KS - 4:30 - 6:30 - Earliest she can leave is 3:30 and can be here by 4:15. Students will walk around during class and see what's going on the upper floors of the student center.

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 4:38 pm.