

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 25, 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)	P
Internal Secretary	Ayla Madrid (AM)	P
Treasurer	Kamorie Smith (KS)	P
Club Affairs Officer	Ahlam Ibrahim (AI)	P
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)	P
Senator	Lindsey Wirgler (LW)	EA
Senator	Josh Gumperz (JG)	P
Senator	Maa-Becca Tucker (MT)	P
Senator	Juniper Vintson (JV)	P

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

MT motions to change Item 4) Homophobia/Racism on Campus by Hannah to New Election & Effect on Undocumented Students, JV 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.

V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. MidTerm Report by VP opsata. (10mins)

Becky Opsata - VP of instruction. First visit to ASLC. Does lots of work with classes and teachers to make things happen. Is an accreditation liaison officer. Her job is to liaise with creditors and the major creditor ACCSC. CA Hawaii. Members of different places in Pacific. They check if they're following all laws - financial aid, good degrees and certificates, real classes, and rules about classes. Accreditors check to see if they're doing good. Then they're allowed to exist. Financial aid from the government to be given to them. 116 CA CC's. Do peer review teams. Some faculty and administration and staff from different colleges to check if everything's in order. Check out process happens every 7 years. They write what they do for our classes, how we do online education, how we have heat in buildings. Every 7 years - say they're doing a good job or if not, work more. Good and accredited to go. Midterm report. Big report hundreds of pages. Midterm 18 pgs. They're in the middle of doing an 18 page report. Last 3 and ½ years. Next 3 and ½ years. See how they're doing. The midterm report is due January. They are sharing draft with other people. The past 3 ½ years we were very different. Did a big one during covid. Section A - What we've done during the past few years. Distance education. Improved tutoring services & new tutor in A105. Eagle's Nest - Basic Needs Center. First part - all new stuff. Then instructional stuff. End - things to keep working on for next 3 ½ years. Can answer any questions we have. President, faculty senate, classified senate and VP Opsata have to sign cover sheet.

FV - What are some changes you've made?

BO - It is now a state law that students can go straight to transferrable math and english classes. We can't require them to take prerequisites. Don't have to take high school algebra to go to college level math. Unlike the past, where several semesters of prerequisites were required. Basic Needs Center is also new. They are also trying to have more online educational resources. On Campus Solutions, icons - low cost or high cost. Some even have dollar amount signs to see costs. Trying to improve students' lives.

JV - Has classes that had no cost textbook. Big motivator for them. Could actually participate in classes without worrying about getting the newest versions of textbooks.

MT - Is in a low cost class. Professor isn't as informative. Does that have to do with the fact it's a low cost class? Meanwhile for her other classes, her teachers who make her buy all materials are more hands-on and take more time. Thinking of retaking the class, although she has a good grade, so it can actually help her with her program.

BO - Finding low cost materials is hard and making sure it's valid. Teachers have to check publishers, fact check, and lots of stuff for the book. Good amount of work to find proper material.

SDC - Knows a student whose main campus is Laney. Cost of class is different when taking it at Laney? Cost of class should be the same if it is the same class. English 5 - Critical Thinking is \$500 more at Merritt.

AI - Is this for international students?

SDC - Yes. Not the same amount. \$500 more.

BO - Here at Laney, students are DACA certified. At Merritt, maybe not. Go to Financial Aid Office or Admissions and Records and talk about it..

SDC - Same for every single class.

BO - Something up with Merritt.

SDC - DACA and international students have to pay triple?

MM - It's how they are subsidized in state vs out of state. Out of state pay more.

BO - California tax fares. They've chosen to privilege them by making them pay less than out of state folks.

KS - Is being charged more for being an out of state student at her college.

MM - There is a number of students that a class for the teacher is supposed to have. Students get dropped without any notice right after semester has begun. Is there some way they can be noticed that this class is about to be dropped? Once class is dropped, they have to look for another class.

BO - LatinX and undocumented students went down by 27%/.

MM - LatinX and black students being severely low are an issue in his subcommittee. Planning to help in the subcommittee.

BO - Students that have lowest completion rates are African American students for years. Would love to hear ideas for how we can help make a difference. Umoja helps some students. Upgrade tutoring. College has been trying to work on this for a long time - would love ideas.

MT - Doesn't see resources for black immigrant students, but sees resources for other immigrants. Has met immigrants of African American students. Didn't know they existed. So many programs for many other students. Would be great to target that, especially in Oakland, since there's a huge African dysphoria in Oakland. Nothing Laney did. Would be a good start.

SDC - Same for LatinX. DACA undocumented students' prices are too high. Prices would be better.

FV - Would love Becky to come back again.

2. Bsu Proposal (10mins)

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mhyTP0gWSiPQzaX6-SYUcLRpC_eqpsUo/view?usp=sharing
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N0bWojE7Z0GeGIaPi6yJOGF5ZHZA11t8/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109714394945304533353&r_pof=true&sd=true

AI, president of BSU, is planning to do a Friendsgiving Event on 11/27 at the quad from 12 pm - 2pm. Was out sick and had difficulties obtaining the quote. Games - musical chairs, board games, telephone, steal the bacon. Stickers and tickets will be given to those who participate in games and those people can get food. Is asking for 2 large pizzas and 50 cookies.

CC motions to discuss, JV seconds the motion.

FV - Alfred already has a quote. Can get food ready this Wednesday.

CC - Large pizza can serve 48 people?

AI - Was also suspicious.

CT - Maybe a square or rectangle?

AI - Come play games and see it.

KS - Will you have someone doing stickers and hand outs? Do you have delegates for each aspect of the event?

AI - AI and MT in charge of serving food. Each person who's in charge of games will have stickers and tickets and give them out. AI needs as many volunteers as she can.

JG - Would like to help.

MT motions to vote, CC seconds the motion,

Unanimous yes.

The total to be approved is \$295 from budget line 5 - 72 - 544 - 5106 - 1 - 696000 - 0000 - 00.

3. End of the year celebration Proposal (10mins)

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16fV9B0jftS3M44cmIMzTFRtnpVnXz852GP2XvIxwmxA/edit?usp=sharing>

AI motions to discuss, CT seconds the motion.

FV - End of Year Celebration will be on December 5 from 2-5:30 pm on the third floor and fourth floor

of the student center. Movies on the third floor and karaoke on the fourth floor.

Movie Vote:

- How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000) - 5
- Home Alone - 5
- Klaus - 1
- The Muppet Christmas Carol - 2
- Harry Potter (Any Movie) - 6
- Elf - 7
- The Nightmare Before Christmas - 8
- Home Alone 2: Lost in New York - 4
- Edward Scissorhands - 1

The Nightmare Before Christmas, Elf, Harry Potter (Any Movie) will be played during the event.

Food:

- Hot Chocolate - $\$1.50 \times 50 = \75
- Apple Cider - $\$1.50 \times 50 = \75
- Large cheese pizza (serve 36-48) - \$60
- Large pepperoni pizza (serve 36-48) - \$85

Total: \$295

AI - Suggests not to exceed \$350.

CT motions to vote, MT seconds.

Unanimous yes.

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Unanimous yes.

CT - What other activities will we do at this event?

FV - Karaoke.

KS - Is suggesting a karaoke machine for the event. Can request a quote this week, rather than next week to get a karaoke machine.

FV - We can get a microphone and speaker from facilities, we don't need a karaoke machine. We also have a projector to display lyrics.

CC - Why do we need a karaoke machine? YT has vocals for karaoke. Just need a microphone.

FV - We don't need one.

KS - For audio/video. Find a way for microphone to connect to speaker.

MT - Most karaoke places play songs on projectors. Microphones are one standard jacks. Smooth process and set up.

FV - Great way to request a microphone is to request from facilities. But no one is willing to request a quote. If you're willing to, that'd be great. But we might not have time.

KS - She can. But she doesn't want to do it till next week. We can process all of this early this week.

FV - We need a quote to approve the cost of the karaoke machine.

KS - Is hearing MT wants to move forward. It's fine. It was just a suggestion.

AI - We send a facilities request to get a microphone and speakers. If anyone is willing to, they can see if it works right.

KS - Can't till Sunday.

AM - Movie set up on third floor?

FV - There will be a projector, the same as the one in the club room. Will be on side where the Walk Around the World event was - where the couches are. Projector and movie will be there. Questions can be brought up on Signal..

4. New Election - Effect on Documented Students (10mins)

MT motions to discuss, JV seconds the motion.

FV - Is holding an event to request access to FAFSA information. Is for people who have mixed status families and are applying as undocumented students so they'll have access to this information. We'll be having a session with UCRC. We want to inform students if they don't feel secure applying to FAFSA. They can always apply to Cal Grants or CA Dream Act. Should be spread to students of families to be safe. Trump is actively getting information from students though FAFSA. If they do go through Cal Grant/CA Dream Act, their info is more protected than fafsa. FAFSA can't give them a secure guarantee.

GJ - Does FAFSA give money to undocumented students anyway?

FV - No.

JG - Do we have a plan to inform people through the newsletter?

FV - Erandi Garcia of UCRC will create a forum where students can come in and ask questions. We are aiming to have it next week so students know before finals. We are collaborating and still working on it with UCRC.

SDC - Knows a non profit non organization called East Bay Law which is a lawyer's non profit organization and they even had a recent workshop.

FV - Yes, reach out to them. How is everyone's schedule next week for the event?

JG - Tuesday - business day.

AI - Works Wednesday.

MM - People read news. Trump is trying to get rid of education. Not just this demographic, but all.

FV - We can talk about this at the beginning of semester as well.

MM - At the beginning of break, we can do an initial brainstorm. It'll take a while to set it up and get the word out. We can host it in the student center and maybe outside.

5. 3rd Floor Project Proposal Brainstorm. (10mins)

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 4:30 pm.