

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 10, 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)	P

Senator	Giovanni Jordan (GJ)	P
Senator	Josh P Villatoro (JPV)	P
Senator	Lindsey Wirgler (LW)	A
Senator	Josh Gumperz (JG)	EA
Senator	VACANT	
Senator	Juniper Vintson (JV)	A

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

CT motions to move 6) Budget Overview by VP Sahni to the top of the agenda, MM seconds the motion. The agenda now reads: 1) Budget Overview by VP Sahni.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

CC motions to approve the minutes, ZM 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.

V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Budget Overview by VP Sahni (30 min)**

Sahni - Purpose: Present the Laney College budget, Peralta District challenges, future changes, and plans for the future

- Begins by introducing the different categories and items that the budget accounts for. We have \$81 million allocated for Laney College and 94% of that is made up of two kinds of funding sources.
 - 1st source of funding is the unrestricted fund from California which makes 55% of our budget
 - 2nd source of funding is restricted funds. Cal grants we have from the state but we have to compete to get that money. Makes about 40% of our budget. 6% of our budget isn't really that complicated and is made up of other stuff we see.

Atiya Rashada - Chimes in to note that under restricted funds are all the learning communities - QCC, BNC, etc. as they serve a different purpose than unrestricted funds.

Sahni - Fund 1 is the largest contributor to our budget. Roughly 94% is already spent because of its commitments of salaries and benefits to administrators, faculty and staff.

- Even with the unrestricted budget (around \$1 million), there's just not enough money. Main contributions: Tutors, coaches, books, conferences, and travels, student workers, supplies, graduation etc.
- 94% funds are given to classified workers.
- Peralta District Challenges: A collection of challenges growing for the past 10-15 years such as decline in enrollment
- 2024-2025 faced a \$11 million dollar cut and the college must come up with \$900,000, proportionate with our college size compared to the other Peralta colleges.
 - The college has given up five positions that were empty and chose to not fill them anymore to save money.
 - The college has taken money out of the discretionary budget
 - The college has taken out money from facilities rental

For more information: News Articles that can explain: Peralta District - The Citizen 2/10, - SF Chronicle 2/7, Peralta District - The Citizen 2/1.

Sahni - Presents the Laney Full Time Equivalent Student (FTES) chart with data regarding enrollment by academic year.

- Funding is based on how many units our students take (15+ units is considered full time)
- There is a need for more full time students and the target for next year is 5,500 students — we are currently at 5,000 full time students.

Challenge: There are less students pursuing higher education and even less pursuing community college.

Laney's share of the budget: \$2.3 million for 2025-2026. Before he goes on, remember 94% are salaries and benefits. Most of the cuts will go to positions. District is facing another 11.5 million dollar cut next year.

Challenge: Lay offs and position removals

- The district will be eliminating 68 positions across the Peralta colleges.
- 24 of the 68 positions are vacant so they will automatically
- 18 of 68 positions are at Laney College
 - Only 4 positions are vacant

Next Steps:

1. Analyze the conditions of our administration and faculty (salaries, benefits, population, number of classes, etc)
 - Challenge: We do not have enough money to hire more faculty therefore, they are looking to merge classes
2. May Budget Update: The financial situation on the State level improving will mean Laney's budget will improve as well
 - Revenues are projected to be higher than expected
 - Waiting for Sacramento to redo their numbers for K12 to college.
3. Longer Term Focus for all of Peralta: Review class schedules across the district and carefully analyze overlapping classes in all 4 colleges.
 - Merge classes to avoid duplication across all four colleges
4. Centralization of Administrative Services: Think about how much staff we have and if we need all of them.
 - Reconsider the number of staff (just examples)
 - Deans
 - IT Directors
 - Head Custodians

SDC - Expresses concerns regarding the cut with disciplines and classes

Sanhi - No clear answer on which departments or disciplines will shrink in size because this is a district decision

MM - Requests for an elaboration on Centralization of Administrative Services.

Sanhi - An example can be IT: Consider whether or not we need a large IT department at every college or can there be one central IT department accounting for all four colleges

MM - If we reduce the size of the IT department for example, wouldn't we encounter other problems like delay in services

Sanhi - Unfortunately yes but with such a strained budget, we must be prepared to make difficult decisions and face difficult consequences.

Goes on to further emphasize the importance of increasing enrollment. Current ideas and potential initiatives include: creating any creative programs, such as lifetime career and double enrollment with OUSD.

MM - Earlier in slides, \$42 million for next year. Do you know how many administrators are full time? And how many are classified?

Sanhi - Has a general idea, but it's a moving number since it's changing daily. Retirees, change jobs, etc. District also offers buyouts for employees to leave momentarily.

FV - How will you combat budget cuts next year?

Sanhi - Decisions will be made for the following academic year.

Hard Example: Merging a college 2-3 years.

Easy Example: Everybody has to take a class at one college. Everything has to be negotiated with the labor union, faculty and staff.

FV - How can ASLC learn more about this and help?

Sanhi - Has multiple proposed actions to take for ASLC

- Attend the President's Office Hours to express your concern about the budget
- Attend the Peralta District Budget Committee meetings to express student voices regarding the budget and what it means to students
 - Ex. Concerns about graduation
- Attend Board of Trustees meetings

MM uses Point of Privilege to leave the meeting.

GJ - Shared that he will be joining the Planning & Budget Committee meeting; just joined as a student committee member

FV - Can you share where your office is & your office hours?

Sanhi - Tower Room 215. Almost always there.

GJ motions to skip items 3), 4), and 6), CC seconds the motion.

2) International Student Club Chartering (4 min)

International Student Club Chartering

Motse: The President of International Student Club (ISC) and will be the representative for today

- Purpose: Strives to create a social space for international students to build community
- Social activities include: Watching movies, creating playlists, cultural dining, and more to come
- References a group called Bridges at Berkeley that hosts dinners and has meetings with various agenda items during this dinner
 - Hopes to include the Laney ISC in these activities to have joint meetings and activities with UCB

CC motions to charter the club, SDC seconds the motion.

Unanimous yes.

The International Student Club is chartered.

3) Food Vouchers (6 min)

[Tabled for next week]

4) Basketball Tournament Quote (2 min)

[Tabled for next week]

5) ASLC Elections (10 min)

ASLC Election Days - 4/8 & 4/9

Atiya Rashada - Presents quote for ASLC Election Days

- On April 8 - Lemonade & hibiscus tea
 - Still looking for another vendor for food because the original place is closed
- April 9 - Ice cream and pastries
 - Basic Needs will be doing their community fair and providing free lunch
- Ticket System: Vote to receive a ticket to claim food and drinks

CC made a motion to fund ice cream, pastries and drinks from fund 5 - 72 - 544 - 5106 - 1 -

696000 - 0000 - 00 not to exceed \$1000. ZM seconded the motion.

No objections were made.

Motion passes.

6) ASLC Events - Game Day in the Quad & “The Great Game” Virtual Experience (8 min)

[Tabled for next week]

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.