

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, April 07, 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)	P
Senator	VACANT	
Senator	Juniper Vintson (JV)	P

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

MM motions to move 2) ASLC Vacant Position Interviews to the end of the agenda, JPV seconds the motion. The agenda now reads: 2) International Students Insurance & 3) ASLC Vacant Position Interviews.

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.

Allan Arata-Vega the Region 3 delegate for Skyline from SSCCC wants to host a Bay Area Block Party on May 2nd. Held at Laney College in quad to bring CC students from Region 3 along with non profits and organizations. Will involve community building, foster community and show unification of diverse communities. The confirmed location is quad through facilities. Wants Friday midday 11am-2pm. Labeled as a student event to avoid non profit fee (\$32 an hour). Next steps: a list of interested organizations, nonprofits, local offices that support youth activities. Can't invite them until we lock in date and time. They have DJ and equipment, but they still need PA system for a more robust system. Will have snacks and food from Costco. Will work with the regional director for the budgets. Aim for 200 attendees to stay full. Steps: 1)

student approval as a student event to avoid non profit. 2) food as a campus regulation 3) Spread the word. Student vendors sign up. Entrepreneurs that sell vendors, do vending. Showcase to people all around the Bay.

JPV motions to discuss, JG seconds the motion.

JV - Organizations you've looked at so far?

Bay Rising, East Bay Sanctuary, Mission Action SF Pride, Equality CA, SF Foundation, Tipping Community, Global Research Organization. Also have public officials helping youth from Oakland & SF.

Justin Mora - Part of S&L Club. Worked with Laney catering company. For 2 pizzas, it serves 40 people each. About \$145.

JG - Logistics for this event. To request money and food for that, they can't really go through those channels cause they're not Laney students.

FV - They are mainly looking for quad. If they want to cater, that's on their budget.

JG - They pay out of pocket. ASLC host their own events and takes money out of their own budget.

JV - They're asking for our space, not money.

CT - We can bring Event Magic game pieces Atiya talked about to the event.

CC - Brought issue up to him. Will work with him and FV. This will be looked at during the next meeting. No actions and voting will be done today.

AI - Do you mean this event's for student attendance? Classes usually aren't on Friday.

AA - Wanted to set it up for when people don't have classes. Skyline is in Daly City, south SF. Not having classes is actually perfect for them. Laney College is a perfect 2 mins walk away from Bart.

FV - We'll get back to you.

GJ motions to move to International Students Insurance, AI seconds the motion.

V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Safety at Laney with Abdul Pridgen (30 min)

Abdul Pridgen, Interim Executive Director of Public Safety and Security of PCCD presents safety at Laney. Goes over different options to choose from the app. Using this app, 911 will know exactly where you are. About/Preferences: can talk with someone & they'll know exactly where you are. Virtual escort. Can track you from 1 place to another. We can find you. Students can tell app who they are. Clery report crimes are major: murder, robbery, reported to Department of Education. Stolen stuff are in the daily crime log. These crimes are not available on the app yet. 60 days of crimes within the district. Encourages students to lock bicycles up. Enhanced video operation in the cameras. Smart technology in district across campuses in places we don't have visibility. We have deemed a concern we want to investigate together. Fight can be seen on dispatch camera & go active. If window is broken into parking lot, we'll see who broke & what to do to address situation. Finally, there'll be a vendor for the holistic community safety plan who will be talking to all stakeholders across district & address how to make campus safer across the district. Behavior intervention team trained at campus level who need to help those from a behavioral standpoint. Students attend all campuses, usually don't go to one school. Make sure all campuses are up to date with safety plan. Increase the number of behavior intervention specialists. Susan Yee knows how many students who have behavior support issues. We trained them in deescalation & they'll diffuse situations that can turn violent. Process will take long. But it's shared governance. Will set up for December. Blueprint for making campuses safer moving forward. Video in app that will summarize highlights of ASR report.

JV - Video produced by AI or natural humans?

AP - Will be done through marketing. They're videos that exist & are being used.

FV - Really appreciates this. We host events & we don't know how to go over these training. Excited to learn.

AP - Keanon associates. New insurance - July 1st. Last friday - overview classified staff. Formal deescalation training to all campuses.

MM - safety cameras/smart cameras? How is it going to work. How will they detect that. Who will be in charge of these cameras?

AP - Community safety is in charge of cameras. Behavior is being identified. Not facial behavior. They get it via text message, they can pull up video on phone, etc.

GJ - Would we get notifications about the daily crime log?

AP - Yes, readily available, but now notifications. October 1st will send ASR on the phone.

Cameras are just audio. Two way speaker. We can communicate with speaker in real time.

JPV - Can we use QR codes to promote it?

AP - Refers to board on easel. Wants to get smaller sort of postcards. Business cards to distribute to faculty/staff.

AI - There are students who face hate crimes in the cafeteria. What do they do when it's verbal? It's affecting them and they don't want to stay.

AP - Hate crimes are classified as clearly reportable crime. Faculty need to know this. Student conduct is reported to community safety. Aware of who those challenging students who might be.

MM motions to move 2) ASLC Vacant Position Interviews to the end of the agenda, JPV seconds the motion.

2) International Students Insurance (5 min)

JPV - We had a meeting with Director of International Education Thomas Torres-Gil & IPM/SEVIS Advisor Karla David. Just wanted to talk about health insurance for international students. They will also host an event. April 21. 8th floor of tower 1:30-2:30.

JG - April 21?

JPV - Could change.

Thomas Torres-Gil is the Director of the International Student Program of Peralta. Oversees F1 the international student program all throughout Peralta. Has been working on group international student plan & health insurance coverage. for over less than a decade. Health system is different from what students suffer in countries. Wants to see what's best: In network, out of network, what kind of coverage. All students will have this as part of admission fee. Used to have 100% in network coverage through covid. Students used services, exceeded what they were putting in, rates went high. Resulted in fewer students. Hard to keep rates low. Increase it by another \$25 a month. Went from \$95 to \$220. Developed a survey to solicit our feedback from F1 international students who paid these fees. Looking to get feedback on it. If they got insurance on their own, they must submit proof on an I-20 Visa.

SDC - Why only one provider?

TT - Group plan goes up with group rate.

SDC - Plan is only 1 provider, it'd be only provided by 1 company. Why not many companies with many rates?

TT - Wouldn't be group plan if everyone chose their plan individually. Historically, group plan

gets better rate. Also looking at other CC's and seeing rates individually, it costs a bit higher. Their field is unique in that international coverage doesn't prevent coverage. Repatriation & medical evaluation. There are some unique components to the plan.

MM - How much are international students currently paying for their health insurance?

TT - \$25 x 12 (per month of the school year) = \$300. Pre covid, much less.

Justin Mora - Will there be a deductible?

KD - Thinks so. Not sure on current plan. Can't tell of bat.

TT - Prescriptions in generic in network are free. Insurance is going up. Wondering if it's own student best interested to shop on their own.

Justin Mora - Where is International Student page?

TT - peralta.edu/international

MM - Will students have information about health care plans or would they have to look for it on their own?

TT - Identify specific coverage amount that's matching what we currently have. There's a baseline we really need for coverage to be included & certain amount of money the insurance company will pay out. Will pay out of pocket if something happens. Work with 3-4 companies that include international students health insurance. International Student Portal have custom applications for reduced course loads, ebt, & link to companies directly. They'll upload the documents there. Covered CA meets requirements. Might recommend silver, gold, platinum plan. Will have supplemental medical evaluation plan information. Lots of choices for who we want: Blue Cross Anthem, Kaiser, etc. They can choose the price they want, as long as they hit the baseline.

MM - Since you're trying to get feedback, do you want us to help on the event to get those people to fill it out. If you have survey reading, we can get flyer to prompt it.

TT - We need feedback on the plan. 5 questions. Multiple choice. Lots of info on what you'd prefer. Spread the word to F1 international students' plans. Ensure students have coverage and it's affordable.

Planning a separate event on talking about students on coverage.

Visa termination. Article - SF Gate on UC's & Stanford. Terminations. We're a national part of FAFSA. Homebase in USA. Want to gauge how they're feeling. A lot going on. Health insurance timely. Health insurance fee for fall. If we put it in now, they enroll. Only way to pass funds and give to the provider. Remove fee so students can purchase their own insurance.

We have not made a decision. We have been notified where to go. Fee still needs to be paid to register for class. Register their own insurance. As we collect docs, \$975 would apply for tuition

and classes OR refund it.

MM - Students have to pay for health fee before semester. If they can't pay health fee, they can't even go to class. And as for new medical aid, can you fix that as well? Knows students at the end of 4th semester looking for classes for spring & they don't want to pay health fee just to take classes.

TT - Health fee is a barrier to students. We need to make sure they're fully covered by August 1. We have students automatically enrolled in an insurance program. Example is by Jan 1st & even if they didn't get enrolled Jan 15. International students can lose their status if not enrolling. Karla David is good at communication with students, they might change status or apply for something else. Just want to make sure they have coverage. Worked in an international business office in 2008. Students had concerns such as: having an ambulance to a hospital, \$1000 bills, they paid for health insurance first semester, are they covered next semester? They want to avoid that. Proof of coverage before enrollment occurs. Meet income threshold. Reduced or low amount. Between us and provider. This semester, they are planning for August. If there's a change, they will work with students for this challenge. Then from November to spring, they'll renew plan. Thinks it's November when plans are renewed.

FV - If the board wants more info, please go to workshop.

JPV - Worked with advisor, we already figured out a date to have meeting. Time is limited since it's just next week. Encourage most students from all colleges to have a big meeting for a really big space. Pre limited. Change it to April 21st. Not entirely sure.

KD - Are there other events if the survey is not turned in tomorrow?

CT - Spring Fest.

3) ASLC Vacant Position interviews (25 min)

Interviews for Treasurer - Owen Flaherty & Berachah Mahati:

MM motions to extend the meeting by 12 minutes, JV seconds the motion.

Owen Flaherty - Economics student.

Berachah Mahati - Cosmetology student. Senior semester. Logistics degree. 2 more years.

AI asks Q5.

OF - ASLC's most known for events through semester in the quad. Have not seen documents in classes. Knows students who have night classes, jobs at night, & they are left out of that information.

CC - Has a good point on a problem we have. One solution. Outreach within classrooms. If you

were to put yourself in the presidential position, how would you execute this position? How would you reach out to students this semester?

OF - Most receptive people are poli sci majors. We can ask "Have you seen this event?". You can know that this is important info people haven't been receiving. Can utilize boards in many classrooms. Not sure if it is universal at Laney.

BM - Make spread of info much better. We have fliers all over campus. Not everyone has time to stop and be notified on fliers since they're finishing work and assignments. Use word of mouth & inform about events going on. Try to find the president of deans to record a video, newsletter announcements, any latest updates on campuses. They could record a video. Send it to each teacher, mandate them to show videos. Do networking events based on students in majors. Cosmetology students all of them gathered together. Mentor them in a sense of professionalism.

JPV asks Q2.

BM - Best way to create a solution would be to start asking peers where they notice issues. See a different perspective. Maybe issue to her, not to other people. Could be bigger. Communicating with other people is important. The person to go straight to is the dean & president, now knows ASLC can come to them. They reach the president and dean.

OF - Friend and him went to Berkeley High School. Both him, his friend, & people at his school were experiencing & getting affected by a very intense learning environment regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict & immigration. Peers from Georgia and state as well. They formed a non profit. Created spaces at school students can discuss issues. Wasn't affecting class times. They were able to achieve their vision. Right after he left, they had started 7 chapters. Funded over \$1000 across the country. Represented in 2 states & 3 countries. Technically international. They published what people had written. Announce opinions online. People could see extreme opinions on social media that were not represented by the school population.

JG asks Q4.

Berachah - Best way is to try to talk to students within the same country. Get different views. Just because one person is from the same country & suffers from something doesn't mean they experience the other. Communicate with different students on different ethnic issues. Now see the faces of ASLC. As a member of ASLC, she will make an effort to speak with students across campus. Connection in present moment. Though busy life, can be more aware by communicating with people. Has friends from Vietnam, Pakistan, Afghanistan. Maintain connections with people from different countries and backgrounds.

OF - Touches things said in past. Equity & disbursement of information. Multiple people come from different backgrounds, countries, communities & work situations. Ensuring everyone has the same information. The core of government is keeping stock market equitable and diverse. Info across is laney is given to everyone. Relay using our funds to invest as much possible and insure everyone has the information. Hard to identify the background just by walking by.

JV - How do you handle finance? Give us time you were financially responsible. Organization of house funds or clubs?

BM - Very first time she had her first job at 16 at KFC in high school. Felt more mature & had all these responsibilities. Spent money on things that would be important. Clothes, purse, etc. Now has to be compliant. Divide finances. Money saving for business & transportation. Keeps separate & organized. Edits money here, ensures she has enough money for another place.

MM motions to extend the meeting by 20 minutes, JV seconds the motion.

OF - Last time, director of finance for that organization. Purchase \$1000s. Mostly working on campaigns. Managed all of their donations, money, and transferring packs around. All payroll, splitting requests, approving requests, managing all of that. Maintaining complaints for grants.

JG - We meet every Monday from 3:30 pm. Do you have any time commitments that conflict with our meeting time?

OF - No.

BM - Has a class that ends at 3:30 pm every Monday.

Interviews for Senator - Jennifer Wan & Justin Mora:

Jennifer Wan - Came from Shanghai China. Served at the president of student union at Berkeley. 3 clubs in peralta. Work experience: administrator office, law office, military institute, store in New York. Problem solving communication preparation, recording. Goal: help create more helpful and supportive campus. Can make improvements to student life.

Justin Mora - End of freshman year of this semester. Freemason. Along with San Leandro lodge. Ran lodge before. Lots of fraternity experience. Solving within our own community. Pay attention to lots of things around campus and what needs to be taken care of. Has knowledge to carry position for the semester. Anything he learns, pick up along way. Tenacity makes him a good position along the way.

AI asks Q5.

Jennifer - International student. First year in USA. Usually feel disconnected with students here. Established 3 clubs. Made lots of people join. Made friends. Connect students with school activities and clubs. Likes activities like lobbying.

AI - What clubs did you open & where?

JW - Tzu Chi club : Charitable organizations in Oakland. Coach Art club: told many students online. Children- have mental/physical disabilities. Statics club: likes math. From BCC.

JM - First part of anything. They have to reach out to us. For them to receive help. Kind of job to

remain open to everyone and safe & anyone can talk to. There, connect to group from ASLC. Date of today, table in quad to advocate issues. Lawyer details, basic rights of being here.

JV asks Q1.

JW - Most have attended organizations in school. It's good for us to assign work to senators or students here to express our ideas to this organization. We can ask our friends as team members to work on things.

JM- Club Day, something UCB does with their rushing. Clubs set up and have booths everywhere. S&L, BSU, everyone can sign up. Market them in a sense. BSU is facing struggle. Saw 3 members one time. Doesn't show how strong BSU really is. Knowing that they're there. At least it will be like 1 day event. Marketing day.

JG - You described Club Rush. Do every year in October. To increase publicity, should we do a 2nd club rush promotion in the same vein?

Justin Mora - Even in fall, didn't see club rush. More promoting of that event. Everyone in spring is coming back in either summer or fall.

CC motions to start the voting process, MM seconds the motion.

ZM motions to discuss, JV seconds the motion.

CC - Only a couple of weeks left, all four candidates are on the next ballot. Just vote on the best candidates in our mind. We only have so much time left. Equally good impacts and good introductions are important. Owen can be a better candidate for treasurer.

JV - His ego as president would be really good.

JPV - Owen would be so good for treasurer.

JG - Owen's experience working with finance makes him a really good candidate.

CT motions to vote for Treasurer, ZM seconds the motion.

Owen Flaherty - AM, JPV, SC, CT, AI, CC, JG, ZM

Berachah Mahati - JV, MM, SDC

CC motions to discuss for interviews for senator, JV seconds the motion.

MM - Justin had it until he was interviewed again. Nothing got him excited again. Justin was probably a good pick. Jennifer had a good experience. Gives more information on how to utilize being part of student body.

CC - Vote for Justin. Throughout the previous meetings, he left a very strong impression & presence in here. He is very patient, kind, and understandable.

JPV - He said no when he wanted to do the interview again. She's an international student, which we have a lot of. Look at her background. Came for a year. But got 3 clubs.

JG - Justin actually say he was fine being interviewed either way. Agree with CC. He reached out to us first. Despite not being an official member. He has the best students of interest at heart. Meanwhile, Jennifer has other conflict of interest.

JPV - BCC will help us with connections.

JV - Justin being here & showing up. As much as the other girl is a good candidate, we reached out to other candidate later. He already has knowledge of other meetings. Jennifer will get more knowledge as she's going in for next semester.

SDC - Justin's being exposed and involved in campus. Campaigning really shows he wants a position. Good work and flows well.

CC motions to vote for Senator, MM seconds the motion.

Jennifer Wan - AM, JPV

Justin Mora - JV, SC, CT, AI, CC, JG, ZM

Abstain - MM

OF reads the Oath of Office. Owen Flaherty is sworn in as the Treasurer of ASLC.

JM reads the Oath of Office. Justin Mora is sworn in as a Senator of ASLC.

CC uses Point of Privilege to leave the meeting.

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 5:12 pm.