

# Associated Students of Laney College

Friday, November 5, 2021, 2:00pm-3:00 pm

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:** <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94083401724#success>

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### CALL TO ORDER:

**2:04 PM**

### I. ROLL CALL:

Title	Name	P/A
President	Bilal Homran ( <b>BAH</b> )	<b>P</b>
Vice President	Jasai Martinez ( <b>JM</b> )	<b>P</b>
External Secretary	Seyer Sadat ( <b>SSS</b> )	<b>P</b>
Internal Secretary	<b>VACANT</b>	
Treasurer	Nghi Le ( <b>NL</b> )	<b>P</b>
Club Affairs Officer	Lita Hernandez ( <b>LH</b> )	<b>P</b>
Publicity Commissioner	<b>VACANT</b>	
Student Advocate	<b>VACANT</b>	
Senator	Lan Dinh ( <b>LD</b> )	<b>P</b>
Senator	Jose Martinez Reynaga ( <b>JR</b> )	<b>P</b>
Senator	Sahar Sadat ( <b>SS</b> )	<b>P</b>
Senator	Jacob Ahmed ( <b>JA</b> )	<b>P</b>

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**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.**

SS motioned for adoption of agenda, JM seconded 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 which 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.

**Member of the Public – ASMC President Cooper** - spoke on behalf of a student, named Ulana, requesting an emergency scholarship due to financial needs. Ulana is ineligible for in-state tuition, due to her immigration status. Ulana is currently supporting herself financially and is struggling.

**BAH** - showed his email response to Ulana’s request and exclaimed to her that other resources were available on campus.

**Atiya** - also introduces many resources Ulana could access, such as grants and other resources.

**VPSS Knox** - in response to the previous statement, further directed Ulana to more resources

**BAH** – Also stated that ASLC can create a scholarship but in interests of equity we must provide equal access to the scholarship.

Ramon L. Knox - briefly introduced himself formally as Vice President of Student Services (VPSS).

**V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **LGBTQ + Activism and Healing through Music** – Project Funding Proposal – Council will have time to discuss this proposal and vote. Irina will be in the meeting to answer questions. (Information/Action/5 - **10 min allocated time** /ASLC discussion).

Irina presented her project proposal titled “LGBTQ+ Activism and Healing through Music.” She presented the importance of celebrating LGBTQ+ and how this event will can benefit and empower the community through poetry, art, and music.

The invoices for each artist, are \$150. Irina might also request funding for an auto captioner later.

Irina stated that she will seek funding for the auto captioner from ASMC.

SS motioned for a discussion; JM seconded the motion.

SSS motioned the vote to approve the project funding proposal, JR seconded.

ASLC voted unanimously in favor of funding the LGBTQ + Activism and Healing through Music event.

NL would like to amend to make a payment to the agenda.

JA motioned to amend to make a payment to the agenda, LD seconded the motion.

Budget Line Item: Approved a payment of \$300 from the budget string **5-71-54405106-1-696600-6000-00** for Kin Folks (\$150) and Be Steadwell ( \$150)

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Latinx Center Club Chartering** – Review Renewal Charter Project - – Council will have time to discuss this proposal and vote. Irina will be in the meeting to answer questions. (Information/Action/5 - **10 min allocated time** /ASLC discussion).

Jose and Maria (President of the LatinX Club) discussed rechartering the LatinX Center Club.

JA motioned for a discussion; LH seconded the motion.

BAH thanked the LatinX community for hosting a great event for the Laney College community.

JM motioned to vote to recharter the Latinx club, JR seconded the motion.

ASLC voted unanimously in favor of rechartering the Laney Latinx Club.

- B. **ASLC New Member Interview – Marlene Hurd (Student Advocate)**– Interview Process and Vote on new ASLC applicant. (Information/Action/15- **20 min allocated time** /ASLC discussion).

Bilal introduced, Marlene who applied to be ASLC’s student advocate.

ASLC interviewed ASLC applicant Marlene.

## Interviewee Questions and Responses

**JM** - What are the current important issues at Laney College or in the region and how do you plan on informing the student body about these issues?

**Marlene** – “One of the issues I’m concerned about is homelessness. I was homeless and it’s how I got started being more involved in the Peralta District, in this cause. Enrollment and the lack of enrollment is very concerning to me as well. Another concern is identity theft, people logging in and stealing money. Those are my three biggest concerns.

**BAH** - addressed the issues concerning fake enrollment.

**LH** - If elected, what do you as a leader bring to this position that will help to promote growth in the students around you?

**Marene** – “Oh my goodness thanks you for asking, most importantly I used to be a student trustee for 2 terms. Student advocacy and bring about change is what I will do. When I was a Senator at Merritt, I brought up smoking, and I started the smoking clean policy at Merritt. Another issues I brought up was enrollment, when I was a student trustee, we didn’t have that problem. So that is what I’ll address.”

**SS** - As an ASLC Student Advocate for ASLC, you are responsible for attending regularly scheduled ASLC meetings. How will you ensure your consistent participation, while being a college student and maintaining other responsibilities?

**Marlene** - I am currently able to attend the virtual meetings, I am currently online. I will avail myself to be present in all meetings for ASLC.

**JA** motioned to vote to admit Marlene, **NL** seconded that motion.

ASLC voted unanimously in favor of Marlene becoming the new ASLC Student Advocate.

Marlene, Thanked the ASLC!

C. **Miscellaneous:** Council members will have the time to discuss any committee updates or other items not on agenda. (Information/Action/ **5 - 10 min allocated time** /ASLC discussion).

**BAH** - discussed his meeting with President Besikof, and the proposed town hall meeting.

**BAH** - will email the ASLC for a special meeting to hold a Q&A town hall for the Laney College community, to discuss returning to campus and bring to attention services available.

**VPSS Knox** - discussed the holistic approach and the process of returning to campus. Peralta District voted to take away funding from the Sheriff’s department.

**LH** - updated the ASLC that a student wanted to start a gardening club, but there is not a set place Laney can create a garden yet.

**BAH** - is rechartering the Black Student Union and will be president for the Black Student Union.

**Member of the Public - ASMC President Cooper**- mentioned that they are working passionately on Gender inclusion policy, and for the Peralta district to adopt this policy.

## **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.

**IX. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:50**

**JA motioned; JR seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned by BAH**