

**Antelope Valley College**  
**Associated Student Organization**  
**Executive Council Minutes**  
3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536  
Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
Student Lounge, 7:00 AM

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President John Cabral 722-6300 ext 6725.

**I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

1.1 Call to order: 7:08 am

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by President Cabral

1.3 Roll Call:

**President – John Cabral - Present**

**Vice President, Academic Affairs - Shunnon Thomas - Present**

**Vice President, Student Services – Time Randolph - Present**

**Vice President, Club Affairs – Bernadine Sewell - Present**

**Vice President, Public Relations – Bennie Hawkins– Present**

**Treasurer – Elijah Blanton - Present**

**Secretary – Holly Edblad – Absent**

**Senator:**

**Business, Computer Studies and Economic Development– Jessica Theologidy – Present**

**Counseling and Matriculation–Jonmmica Walter– Absent**

**Enrollment Services – Chad Wood - Present**

**Health Sciences – Andrew Douglass - Present**

**Instructional Resources – Michelle Ellis - Absent**

**Language Arts – Sam Swartz - Absent**

**Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Zuleika Hernandez - Absent**

**Social and Behavioral Sciences – Curtis Smith - Absent**

**Student Development and Student Services – Sean Izquierdo - Present**

**Technical Education - Vacant**

**Visual and Performing Arts – Johnatan Olguin – Present**

Membership is 17, Quorum is 9, 11 were present, Quorum is established.

**Student Trustee – Elizabeth Soos – Present**

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved to adopt the agenda by VPAA Shunnon Thomas, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass. Motion passed 10/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes- Moved to adopt the agenda by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass. Motion passed 10/0/0.

1.6 Approval of Checks and Receipts – Moved to adopt checks and receipts by VPAA Shunnon Thomas, seconded by VPPR Benny Hawkins. Motion passed 10/0/0.

## II. PUBLIC FORUM

Jeremy Soto – Would like to work closely with ASO to help bring sponsors to the program discount card, to donate gifts, places such as Soup Plantation, Casablanca Restaurant (free dinners, access to dance floors). Business is dropping due to the economy and many companies would like to give 10% discount and free things as well. College of the Canyons community is doing this and thriving. He would also like to apply for the Tech Ed Senator position.

## III. ACTION ITEMS

### 3.1 ASO Committee Appointments

Jeremy Soto would like to be considered for Tech Ed position. Senator Johnatan Olguin indicated that there are several offers interested in position. President Cabral.

President John Cabral create a ASO committee for marketing and VPPR Bennie Hawkins will chair the committee as part of his position, Jeremy Soto will be part of the committee along with VPAA Shunnon Thomas.

Dr. Zimmerman – ASO Committee's that you signed up for you need to attend and reflect in your Senator reports.

### 3.2 ASO Conferences

We need a delegate for Student State Wide Senate and a list of attendees. We will catch flight at 6:15 pm. VPAA Shunnon Thomas was appointed as the delegate. Moved to approve by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass. Motion passed 10/0/0.

Dr. Zimmerman we will not attend the CCSSA Conference.

### 3.3 ASO Activities

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VPCA Bernadine Sewell requesting funds allocated for Student Development and College to Co sponsor Homecoming Week up to \$1500. There was discussion about itunes request. VPSS Time Randolph stated it may be better to purchase a subscription instead of buying one set of itunes songs. Dr. Zimmerman suggested research itunes to see if it will cheaper to get subscription and if the cost isn't much more than what the \$50 request would be than ASO would absorb the cost difference. Moved to approve by VPSS Time Randolph, seconded by Senator Shawn Izquierdo. Motion passed 10/0/0.

VPSS Timne Randolph asked if funds were approved for food the debate? Dr. Z stated that funds were approved.

VPCA Bernadine Sewell asked if ASO was willing to give incentives to new clubs that were not involved in the September incentive that ASO approved for ICC? Treasurer Elijah Blanton stated that we should not give this incentive that sends a message that it's okay not to get your paperwork in on time. VPSS Timne Randolph said that we should have informed clubs. VPCA Bernadine Sewell said that new clubs were not aware of the incentive, they are just coming aboard, so as they come aboard, are they entitled to the incentive? Senator Johnatan Olguin said that new clubs should have opportunity to get the incentive. VPSS Shunnon Thomas said that we are in business to sell stickers, if the incentive encourages clubs to buy stickers, let's get the money up to the last minute of the semester. Dr. Z said that there is a distinction between a new club and a club that need to reactivate. Moved to approve by VPCA Bernadine Sewell,

seconded by VPPR Bennie Hawkins to allow new groups to have 30 days from their activations to submit the paperwork to get the \$1 incentive but not for clubs who are reactivating late. Motion passed 10/0/0.

Senator Johnatan Olguin moved to revisit roll call, seconded by VPSS Time Randolph Motion failed 4/6/2.

Dr. Z-ASO members should not so be disrespectful and walk out of the meeting because of disapproval of not revisiting roll call. You should get to the meetings on time. It is important to have members hear what is going on than to walk out because you are not allowed to vote.

VPAA Shunnon Thomas asked who do we want to participate in the debate? John, Elijah, Sam, Bernadine, and Jonmmica all volunteered to help ask questions. Timne is waiting on questions from John Vento. VPPR Bennie Hawkins spoke with the Examiner and is waiting on feedback on the press release. VPAA Shunnon Thomas indicated that we need another 8 or 9 questions. Candidates will be in & out, debate will last about an hour. Elizabeth Soos the Student Trustee asked if we are picking and choosing questions or are using the 8 questions the candidates choose? Dr. Z asked everyone to send questions to Shunnon since he does not have enough questions. VPCA Bernadine Sewell asked Shunnon if he can email everyone to flow of the event/structure or cc her on that?

John – Johnatan what going on with Angel Food Ministries? Dr. Z.-They emailed Mandy the October menu choices, giving us less than a week for purchases. Dr. Z ask Mandy to look into this, because they normally would give us a 30 day turn around. VPAA Shunnon Thomas informed them last semester that they have to be more proactive. VPCA Bernadine Sewell indicated that we need to bring this back next week when we have more info.

3.3 ASO Goals- Dr. Z said we need to work on better meeting time, so that more people can be here at the beginning of the meeting. Students have late night classes, this is tough, we are starting to create hostility to where we can't work as a team, on the other hand we are making quorum. If you are here your voice is heard. Sam inducted that it isn't fair to revisit roll call if you're 15 minutes late and someone who is 10 minutes late does. Jonmmica said there is a possibility of being impeached if you are not counted in roll call. Dr. Z respond, absolutely but not likely if you are participating. We can fix the meeting times for Spring semester, think about.. Do we have to meet every week? Can we make a commitment to be here at 7:00 am? Impeachment will not be used as lynching. Commitment comes in many different forms. I'm seeking effort, I feel that 7:00 am is killing us.

Point of personal privilege – VPAA Shunnon Thomas & Treasurer Elijah Blanton – 8:01 am.

VPAA Timne Randolph moved to revisit roll call, seconded by Senator Johnatan Olguin

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Senator Sam Swartz -Point of Personal Privilege 8:04 am.

President John Cabral asked Senators to attend divisional meeting and email their deans.

Senator Jessica Theologidy - Point of Personal Privilege.

VPCA Bernadine Sewell asked people to be here on time and there is no need to get mad when someone votes against revisiting roll call.

President John Cabral asked if Student Development and College Activities is doing something for the last week of school. Dr. Z said yes, Final Relaxation Week, and ASO has always provided snacks for Finals Relaxation Week. VPSS Time Randolph asked if maybe we should continue to charge \$5 for message. VPCA Bernadine Sewell said she did not think so, it didn't work the previous semester. I think we should go with what works, free.

Senator Jonmmica Walter asked if we can have another Ice Cream Social and sell ASO stickers? VPCA Bernadine Sewell said maybe we should consider doing that for every semester.

VPSS Timne Randolph asked anyone who want to do activities to email her so we can set a planning committee meeting to see schedules, so we can get your events scheduled.

Dr. Z said the ASO Boardroom, SSV 184 can be reserved so check the calendar to see when it's free or ask Mandy. VPPR Bennie Hawkins can get with you all to schedule office hours, so that when someone shows up at the front counter looking for one of you guys in ASO the front desk will be aware who is here in the back to help students. Mandy is your liaison and will make appointments with me.

## REPORTS

### IV. Senator Reports:

- Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Zuleika Hernandez-Will call Dr. Uhazy to schedule appointment.
- Student Development and Student Services – Sean Izquierdo- Meeting on Saturday to sign up Sushi Restaurant, Buffalo Wild, and possibly two other businesses.
- Health Sciences – Andrew Douglass – Will be contacting dean to see when meetings are.
- Visual and Performing Arts – Johnatan Olguin-VAPA meeting wants ASO to support event Annual Tumbleweed, suggested to mix with graphics. Meet with Interim Dean Cooper. Will forward to John an email and to inboxes to everyone. Questions have been asked about Wifi, AT&T contract expired. IT meeting missed, had wrong date. Surveys to get student feedback. Need to address students complaints, will report more on Tumble Weed event.
- Counseling and Matriculation–Jonmmica Walter – Smoking survey, Student conflict on campus, arguments, need for security to issue smoking citations instead of students, it seems to create hostility between smokers and nonsmokers. The BE incident was due to smoking. I suggest posters and/or billboards to be posted. Dr. Z-Survey, was not to take action. Jonmmica- Who is responsible for safety committee? Dr. Z-Safety committee, Michelle Ellis is on that committee, but other students can go to the safety committee meetings. John-Well students get punished and faculty doesn't. Dr. Z-The president says that there is no way to punish faculty. Timne- Our rules should reflect the rules of the college.

### Executive Board Reports:

- President – John Cabral-Attend his 2<sup>nd</sup> Accreditation Steering committee meeting. Board meeting Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

President John Cabral - Point of Personal Privilege at 8:32 am

VPSS Time Randolph - Takes over meeting

- Vice President, Student Services – Timne Randolph – ASO needs to make our presence know on campus, I'd like to see ASO volunteer with Student Development.
- Vice President, Public Relations – Bennie Hawkins– I missed meeting last week. I want to address the email about the classroom situation with ASO involvement. The way we look with something like this, we should decide if we want to put our name on these situation, we need to look at the way we are pictured as a group. Jonmmica responded by saying that she originally submitted the email to a situation she thought was hostile. She sent the email to the Executive Board members only and her teacher to bring awareness. She wanted her teacher to know that she was an ASO member. Next time she won't involve ASO, she felt that she don't get help from ASO on any matter, that is a personal feeling. She was crying out for help, She will go to my teacher and not ASO next time. She thought ASO was a voice for students , the classroom situation is hostile and it is still brewing, She was tried to make people aware. Bennie commented that his concern is methodology: bring to ASO first and then

collectively we can do something about it. With ASO at the bottom of the letter that made ASO involved. He felt it's a shame that you (Janmmica) feel ASO is communicated in an unjust way. Timne said to Jonmmica that she brought the situation to her attention and she suggested to send it to the Executive Board. Dr. Z said what Bennie said is pivotal do not hit the send button so fast. If you need to have a meeting on a critical issue you can. Brown Act calls for a 24 hour notice for a Special Meeting, so I suggest you post an agenda to discuss the situation. The role of ASO is advocate, we are doing what ASO is suppose to do, but we need to learn how to do what ASO is suppose to do. 1<sup>st</sup> get the facts, then move up the ladder.

- Student Trustee Report-Elizabeth Soos-I have received 13 emails in the last week from students angry over what has transpired in the AV Press about the college's use of Measure R funds. Considering I only get maybe an email a week, it's a pretty big deal. These e-mails are angry, upset, and downright bitter. Measure R, was a local voter-passed bond that gave the AVC district \$139 million dollars through taxes paid by the community over a course of twenty years. The City of Palmdale is alleging that we "promised" them \$52 for a permanent Palmdale campus. The \$52 million dollar figure that they are mentioning was based on a 2002 estimate on how much the state would provide and approve if and when they approved it. The student body and community perception is that the college goes about deciding what projects to work on and therefore how to spend the money on a need-based system. Or to put it simply, that the college decides what projects and when and so forth. The reality is this: The state decides what projects they will approve and therefore match funds to based upon what funding is available for the year. So if the college decided to rank what things we need in order and then submit it to the state, the state pays no attention to that order. A permanent Palmdale campus while it is something that the college has strived for many years is, like all other projects and perhaps more so due to the scale of it, required to pass through these same hoops as every other project that we have submitted for approval. In order for us to even request to build that campus, we need so many full time students at the current Palmdale site, and then we need to go through an approval process by the state so they can tell us whether or not we have met all the specifications required to show enough need for a Palmdale campus. All of this was explained to the City of Palmdale very clearly. The point is, we are the Antelope Valley Community College District. Not Palmdale College District or Lancaster College District. We work as a community, not as separate entities. I have been meeting with Dr. Fisher, Doug Jensen and Steve Standerfer on this issue and I am willing to do a meeting with the Student Trustee similar to Dr. Fisher's talks with the President to educate students on this issue and I will also be putting out a statement through myAVC to the students. I encourage ASO to forward all emails that involve this issue to me or if they have any questions to please ask me before asking someone else, since due to my meetings with those directly involved I am more aptly able to discuss the issue and answer any questions on it. Bennie said an email went out yesterday from Dr. Fisher on the breakdown. Timne-When reading both letters it's political. Dr. Z-Is there a role ASO should take on this issue? Student Trustee-We will know more by the end of the week. Dr. Z-Brown Act-Call for a special meeting on Monday to take a stand on issue get together to do so. Student Trustee-Suggests that we read the email set out by Dr. Fisher and provide something my Monday at the special meeting.

**Advisor's Report:**

No report due to time constraints.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 am by VPPR Bennie Hawkins, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass. Motion passed 11/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.