

Antelope Valley College
Associated Student Organization
Executive Council Minutes
3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536
Monday, October 29, 2008
SSV 151 7:00 AM

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on October 29, 2008. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President John Cabral 722- 6300 ext 6725.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 7:10

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by VPSS Timne Randolph

1.3 Roll Call:

President – John Cabral - Absent

Vice President, Academic Affairs - Shunnon Thomas - Absent

Vice President, Student Services – Timne Randolph - Present

Vice President, Club Affairs – Bernadine Sewell - Present

Vice President, Public Relations – Bennie Hawkins– Present

Treasurer – Elijah Blanton - Absent

Secretary – Holly Edblad - Absent

Senator:

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

Counseling and Matriculation–Jonmmica Walter– Present

Enrollment Services – Chad Wood - Absent

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 - Present

Student Development and Student Services – Sean Izquierdo - Present

Technical Education – Mihaela Blidaescu - Present

Visual and Performing Arts – Johnatan Olguin – Present

Membership is 18, Quorum is 10, 10 were present, Quorum is established.

Student Trustee – Elizabeth Soos – Absent

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved to adopt the agenda by Senator Andrew Douglass, seconded by Senator Johnatan Olguin. Motion passed 9/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes- October 29, 2008:

Moved to approve the minutes by Senator Andrew Douglass, seconded by Senator Mihaela Blidaescu, Motion passed 9/0/0.

1.6 Approval of Checks and Receipts.

Moved to approve the checks and receipts by Senator Andrew Douglass, seconded by VPCA Bernadine Sewell. Motion passed 9/0/0.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

There are no public comment.

III. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 ASO Committee Appointments

Dr Zimmerman- followed the impeachment process by attempting to contact Secretary Holly Elblad. The next step is a 2/3 vote to declare the office vacant.

Move to revisit roll call by VPCA Bernadine Sewell, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass, Motion passed 8/0/1.

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VPCA Bernadine Sewell moved to declare the position of Secretary vacant and impeach Holly Edblad, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass, Motion passed 12/0/0.

VPSS Timne Randolph (who is chairing the meeting) moved to appoint Roxanne Schleben to the position of Secretary, VPCA Bernadine Sewell moved to ratify the appointment, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass, Motion passed 12/0/0.

Discussion: **Dr Zimmerman**- stated we should discuss committees and asked Jonmmica if she wanted to take her name off the Accreditation Committee. **Jonmmica**- confirmed she wants to take her name off the committee. **Mihalea**- wants to be the

student representative for the accreditation committee **Dr. Zimmerman**- informed those present that she told the administration she would pass the list of committees around to see if there was anyone interested to fill vacant positions. **Timne**- reminds all that it is very important for ASO members to attend their committees **Dr. Zimmerman**- add the ASO groups on MyAVC so be sure to check on your committees.

3.2 ASO Meeting and Supplies

Discussion: **Jonatan**- stated we should take inventory to see what is needed. He talked to Ken Sawicki from ITS about the tape recorder. Ken suggested we buy an Olympic DS series, which has small speakers. It costs about \$200, the price varies according to gigabytes. **Bernadine**- That series allows you to download your recordings to a computer.

Senator Michelle Elis moved to approve up to \$200 dollars for a tape recorder, seconded by VPCA Bernadine Sewell, Motion passed 9/1/2.

Discussion: **Jonatan**- ASO members can check the ASO supplies on their own time. **Dr Zimmerman**- states ASO members often use the ASO supplies as their personal school supplies and asks what is needed for ASO. **Johnatan**- we need printer cartridges. **Timne**- we need to replace our whiteboard because someone wrote on it with permanent marker **Dr. Zimmerman**- erase the board with the Halloween messages and use it. **Bernadine**- ASO and ICC need a camera. Student Development and College Activities has a camera, but someone misplaced the cord that connects it to the computer. **Dr Zimmerman**- The cord is in my office. **Michelle**- the VPCA needs a portable file case to carry ICC forms **Bernadine**- it is difficult carrying the forms.

Senator Michele Elis moved to approve up to \$60 for a portable file case, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass

Discussion: **Dr Zimmerman**- The heaviest item carried by the VPCA is the tape recorder, which will be replaced. **Michelle**- no more than \$60 will go toward the portable file case. **Bernadine**- asked Michelle if she did research on the price of the file case **Michelle**- confirms that she did the research and states ASO needs to take into consideration that the tape recorder will not be bought immediately

Motion failed 4/4/4. Since it was a tie vote, the chair voted and the chaired voted no, final vote 4/5/4.

3.3 ASO Conferences

Discussion: **Timne**- asked who went to the conference **Johnatan**- stated the conference was really informative and he attended a public relations workshop. He encouraged everyone to attend the next one because it could serve as a bonding experience for ASO as a group. **Sean**: Attended a couple of workshops on lobbying, wants to lobby for AVC students. He heard that students want lower book prices at the bookstore and wants to lobby for that. **Timne**: That might not be possible because the bookstore only charges 3% more than the publisher. **Johnatan**: There was a discussion at the conference on means of providing book accessibility, such as book reserves. **Sean**: It is definitely something we should focus on. **Timne**: We should allocate no more than \$10,000 to our book reserve when we draft our spring budget. **Dr Zimmerman**: reminded all that advocacy takes money and ASO should consider that when they

allocate money. **Bernadine**: informed all that she spoke with Garry Rogagenstein of EOPS. He knows lobbyists in California.

3.4 ASO Activities

Discussion: **Bernadine**- The committee formed by John to address ASO goals will be called ASO Top Ten. **Mihaela**- the top six goals are:

1. Connect with the student
2. Sell ASO stickers and work on advertisement
3. Work on know how skills
4. Keep in touch with the needs of the students the needs of the campus
5. Improve visibility and awareness of ASO as a group and ASO's function
6. Address the Budget

Bernadine: the goals should be put on the next agenda to clarify them. She is very interested in Community Day. ASO should invite the businesses that provide discounts to ASO. **Jonathan**- It cost \$25 dollars for a business to hold a table and \$125 for a business to hold a table for the purpose of selling products. There is a fine line between a business assisting in the event and a business attending for its own motives. ASO has waived the fee before.

Mihaela Blidarescu and Sam Swartz took Points of Personal Privilege at 7:47am.

Timne- Some businesses have come on campus and have sold without paying the fee. **Dr. Zimmerman**- No one is allowed to have a business on campus. ASO has to be clear on its intention when inviting people on campus and inform me. Letters with the college's name should not be sent out without approval because it puts the college's institutional standards and tax exempt status at risk. **Johnatan**- That business had to know about the fees because all that information was in the letter sent to them. The fact that they returned the letter signed shows that they knew. **Timne**- We did not know that they were going to sell. **Dr. Zimmerman**- ASO needs to make sure that that business is not invited again. **Timne**- It would be wrong to invite for-profit businesses to Community Day because it is for nonprofit groups. **Dr. Zimmerman**- stated that this might not be accurate. **Bennie**- it was explained that way at the meeting. **Dr Zimmerman**- stated she will have Student Development redefine the purpose of community day. It is for the businesses that benefit ASO. Other business can attend only if they are invited by the Student Development and College Activities Office. **Timne**- had understood that the purpose of Community Day was for nonprofit groups.

Curtis- The float created by ASO was a great effort between those that participated. More ASO members should have participated. **Bernadine**- People were disappointed in the matter that ASO responded to loosing the contest. It is not appropriate for student representatives to act that way. **Curtis**- most of the people who responded that way were student body. **Johnatan**- took responsibility for that and apologized because he had difficulty hiding his feelings. **Curtis**- those at the contest were not just upset that they lost; they felt they were cheated. **Bennie**- reminded ASO members that they are leaders. When ASO members do something public and communicate they are student representatives, they need to act accordingly. **Dr. Zimmerman**- It may hurt, but ASO needs to rise to the occasion and not quit. **Curtis**- stated he is not against issuing an apology to the bookstore. **Timne**- apologized to ASO members because she did not commit as she had promised. Those that participated did the best they could as a three man team. It was something we should have done as a group. **Curtis**- There was a lack of communication. The ASO members who signed up were supposed to meet the Friday before. **Andrew**- The members who signed up knew the cart project would be done

in a short time frame. He was not surprised at the breakdown in communication because of the short time frame.

Bernadine- ASO is working with the Student Development and College Activities Office to have a Great American Smoke Out on November 13. The purpose of this event is for people to quit smoking for one day; its theme is called 'going cold turkey.' The planners want to provide cold turkey sandwiches. They are looking for a business to donate sandwiches for that event. **Johnatan-** stated he knows an employee of Quiznos.

Timne- the president of AVC Gamers informed Johnatan that members of the student club were being talked to by the Campus Police for kissing. He felt they were discriminated against because many of them have disabilities. **Dr. Zimmerman-** kissing is one thing but she had to stop a student who was giving someone almost a lap dance between members of that club. ASO needs to be cautious that their definition of kissing is what is thought of as kissing before we proceed with that complaint.

3.5 ASO's Position As it Relates to the Board of Trustees

Discussion: **Dr Zimmerman-** at the last Board of Trustees meeting, there was a discussion on the issues with Palmdale. The city of Palmdale and Steve Fox have decided that we have misused funds of Measure R. That is inaccurate because it was never AVC's intention to create a duplicate of our Lancaster campus in Palmdale. The cost of construction did not allow us to complete the project by mirroring the exact same campus as Lancaster to Palmdale. Steve Fox is a board member and he has stepped over his authority as a board member. The Accreditation Committee might talk to students during their follow- up report on November 19. Our concern is that our accreditation might be in jeopardy because of him. He asked to stop the theater building. We have wanted that program since the 1980's. **Time-** asked how Steve Fox will prevent AVC from using our Measure R money on the theater. **Dr. Zimmerman-** the state contributed more funds toward AVC projects than AVC. Another concern is that the Board of Trustees historical rotates positions and he will be up for the role of President in December. **Timne-** asked if ASO can start the recall process for Steve Fox and bring it up at next meeting. **Dr Zimmerman-** ASO could do that and it has until November to analyze what is best for students. **Michelle-** asked if she could invite Steve Fox to an ASO meeting to hear his side of the story. **Dr Zimmerman-** Yes that would be a good idea to hear his side of the story, if he wants to. **Michelle-** stated she would like to do this ASAP. She will find out his availability and email it to ASO. She proposed that ASO hold a special meeting on Monday 5:30 - 6:30pm. **Timne-** stated she will send out an email informing ASO members that a special meeting will be held. **Dr. Zimmerman-** reaffirms that Michelle will contact Steve Fox and ask him if he can attend an ASO meeting or give a statement. **Andrew-** urged everyone to be open to listening to him at the meeting. **Dr Zimmerman-** reminded everyone that the goal of ASO is not to remove Steve Fox but to make sure that the accreditation of AVC is not compromised.

Jessica Theology: Point of Personal Privilege 8:30 a.m.

IV. REPORTS

Senators reports

Senator of Student Development and Services Sean Izquierdo: Reported that he wants to lobby and asked if there is an issue he should lobby for. **VPSS Timne Randolph-** stated he should mention accreditation.

Senator of Health Sciences Andrew Douglass- announced that he got a card with the legal rights of ASO that should be distributed. Dr Zimmerman will make copies for everyone and put in their box.

Senator of Counseling and Matriculation Jonmmica Walter- reported that she went to the Basic Skills Committee, which discussed that a forum for a classroom code of conduct should be created.

Senator of Instructional Resources Michelle Ellis- stated ASO should look into going to Sacramento to communicate with California senators and representatives. She is looking forward to this and will give more information later.

Vice President of Club Affairs Bernadine Sewell- reported that there was an ICC meeting yesterday. Twenty clubs are officially registered.

Vice President of Student Services Timne Randolph- reported that she met with the Chair of the Enrollment Committee. The Dean of Enrollment Services is excited about ASO participation. Chad Wood is the Senator assigned to attend those meeting but he has not attended so there is an open position on that committee. Anyone interested should contact her. It is important to have a student on the committee because student input is needed. **VPCA Bernadine Sewell-** stated she could go. **VPPR Bennie Hawkins-** stated he could also go. **Senator Sean Izquierdo-** stated his sister, Shannon Izquierdo, could go to the meeting. **VPSS Timne Randolph-** Shannon Izquierdo cannot go because she is not an ASO representative. **Dr. Zimmerman-** Shannon Izquierdo could be appointed as a representative. Bernadine, Bennie, Sean, and Shannon will go to the meeting next Friday.

Advisors report

Dr Zimmerman- announced the ASO members who attended the conference must give her their reports on the conference by Monday, the 3rd of November on 7:00pm.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Keep an eye out for the ASO Special meeting.

VI. ADJOURMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. by VPSS Timne Randolph, seconded by Senator Johnatan Olguin. Motion passed 11/0/0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.