

**Antelope Valley College  
Associated Student Organization  
Executive Council Minutes  
3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536  
Wednesday, November 5, 2008  
Student Lounge, 7:00 AM**

**The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on November 5, 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 John Cabral

1.3 Roll Call:

**President – John Cabral - Present**

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

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

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

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

**Treasurer – Elijah Blanton - Present**

**Secretary – Roxanne Schleben - Present**

**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 - Present**

**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, 15 were present, Quorum is established.

**Student Trustee – Elizabeth Soos – Absent**

1.4 Approval of the Agenda:

Move to approve agenda by Senator Sean Izquierdo, seconded by VPSS Timne Randolph, Motion passed, 14/0/0.

1.5 Approval of checks and receipts:

Move to approve checks and receipts by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglas Motion passed, 14/0/0.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

**Bernadine**- Congratulated ASO for registering people on campus.

**Dr. Zimmerman**- stated she is proud of ASO because they were demonstrated activism.

**Andrew Douglass** - said he was notified that mannequins from the Health Sciences department were missing.

**Michelle Ellis**- stated the printer in the Palmdale Campus computer room was not working properly.

III. ACTION ITEMS

**Timne Randolph** - informed those present that she had started working on resolutions and reminded them that they need to decide on a position because she thinks that Steve Fox's involvement creates a conflict of interest. **Michelle Ellis** - asked how that could affect accreditation. **Timne Randolph** -according to standard 4-1-b, he is supposed to act in the best interest of the college. He is acting outside of his role. **Dr. Zimmerman**- those are actions that other schools have been cited for. Precedents have been set. **Timne Randolph** - stated she spoke to Patricia Sandoval who talked with Mr. Fox when he took office and suggested that he go to training to best serve the board. He has not done that. She would like one of the operative clauses in the resolution request that Steve Fox be not elected president of the board until training.

**Andrew Douglass** - stated he believed Steve Fox was acting in the best interest of the college because Fox stated that school measures for funds typically do not pass. The last one passed because the Palmdale city council endorsed it and got a lot of support from Palmdale. The next time there is a proposition, there will be a lot of opposition in Palmdale and there will be a problem in passing the measure. Fox wants to make sure that we still have support from Palmdale. **Dr Zimmerman**- In the state of California, most of our community college bond measures have passed in the past two years. We had the highest bond passing. The problem is the issue was first brought to Dr. Fisher in a 22 page paper letter and by 2:30 pm that afternoon there was press conference called by the Palmdale Mayor. I do not disagree that there is an issue. **Johnatan Olguin**- Instead of going public, he should have presented the situation in another way. That would have been in the best interest of the students. As ASO members, as students, as voters, we need to tell him that we do not feel represented. His actions are more of his own agenda.

**Elijah Blanton** - stated it is ignorant to say Fox is not representing us because he is so adamant about Palmdale. **Time Randolph** - It is because he went out in public. We need to look at local politics; he is coming out looking like the Palmdale hero to have leverage for the next election. He went about the issue that wrong way. **Dr. Zimmerman**- he has made it clear that he has strong political aspirations. He as run for the 36<sup>th</sup> district, he as been on the hospital boards.

**Bernadine Sewell** - Is it in the best interest of either campus? Or is he doing this for his own political gain. The issue is if he should have first discussed it with the board. **Dr. Zimmerman**- Earl ran on a platform funded by Fox, that he wants a south valley campus. The question if we should have a Palmdale campus is valid. The college is not writing letters back, they are looking into this. Once you threaten a lawsuit, all becomes part of litigation. Notice that most bonds are written in ways that allow you to do things. Higher education in California is stranger than any other state because it has a lot of codes. My fear is the people in city politics do not understand how this works. How do we make amends? He said 36% of our students are from Palmdale. Those are AVC students. We are not going to recreate a mirror image campus on Palmdale. That does not mean that we should not be less vigilant on Palmdale.

**Michelle Ellis**- We should first help the existing campus, and then hope it expands. **Bernadine Sewell** - you cannot add to the current campus, we are leasing. **Sean Izquierdo**- is it cheaper to lease. **Dr. Zimmerman**- it is cheaper to lease office space for today, but not in the long run.

**Bernadine Sewell**- asked if we could we put a resolution to put more classes in Palmdale. **Elizabeth Soos**- we can't even afford the classes we have here.

**Bernie Hawkins**- a lot of what Steve Fox says makes sense, but the concern is that he is detracting from the Board of Trustees. You do not air dirty laundry for all to see. **Michaela Blidarescu**- he is jeopardizing our accreditation. **Elijah Blanton**- I don't understand accreditation, how does his actions actually affect the accreditation.

**Dr. Zimmerman**- There are 4 standards that you must meet. The fourth standard is governance. The purpose of governance is that the groups that have governance do what they are supposed to do and not do. Is the Board of Trustees doing what it should be doing? There is a list of colleges that are jeopardized because of the actions of the Board of Trustees. **John Cabral** - Steve Fox said that he would step down if he was threatening our accreditation.

**Dr. Zimmerman-** announced the two main topics for resolutions and the ASO members who would be working under them.

**John Cabral** - the people who will be working on the resolution on Palmdale need to talk to Doug Jenson. **Dr. Zimmerman-** the students who went to the statewide senate have a book of resolutions that they could share. You cannot take this to the board until we vote on them. We will probably need a special meeting.

VPSS Timne Randolph moved for ASO to approve the drafts concept of the two resolutions discussed: 1) support for the Board position on Measure R and working toward a Palmdale campus and 2) Steve Fox role on the board with each resolution to include the concept of the best interest of the whole district not just Palmdale and the method vs. the message, Senator Michaela Blidarescu seconded, motion passed 14/0/0.

Resolution 1 draft writers are: Michaela Blidarescu, Michelle Ellis, Sean Izquierdo and Curtis Smith

Resolution 2 draft writers are: John Cabral and Time Randolph

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 by Senator Andrew Douglass, Seconded by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, motion passed 14/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.