

**Antelope Valley College
Associated Student Organization
Executive Council Minutes
3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536
Student Lounge, 8:00 am
March 27, 2009**

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on March 27, 2009. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President John Cabral 722-6300 ext 6160.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 8:10 am

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by President John Cabral

1.3 Roll Call:

Prior to Roll Call three members were declared not eligible: Shunnon Thomas, Timne Randolph, and Shannon Izquierdo.

President – John Cabral - Present

Vice President, Academic Affairs - Vacant

Vice President, Student Services – Vacant

Vice President, Club Affairs – Johnatan Olguin - Present

Vice President, Public Relations – Bennie Hawkins- Present

Treasurer – Elijah Blanton – Present

Secretary – Roxanne Schleben – Absent

Senator:

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

Counseling and Matriculation- Jonmmica Walter- Absent

Enrollment Services- Vacant

Health Sciences – Andrew Douglass - Present

Instructional Resources – Chris Smith- Absent

Language Arts – Sheronda Myers- Present

Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Raquel Meza- Absent

Social and Behavioral Sciences – Curtis Smith- Absent

Student Development and Services- Sean Izquierdo- Present

Technical Education – Mihaela Blidarescu- Absent

Visual and Performing Arts – Patricia Del Gaudio Becerra- Present

Membership is 15, Quorum is 9, 9 were present, Quorum is established.

Student Trustee – Elizabeth Soos – Present

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved to adopt the agenda by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass. Motion passed 9/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes- March 17, 2009

Moved to approve the minutes by Senator Andrew Douglass, seconded by Treasurer Elijah Blanton. Motion passed 9/0/0.

1.6 Approval of Checks and Receipts.

Moved to approve the checks and receipts by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass. Motion passed 9/0/0.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

Chris - stated he was the representative of the AVC Speech Club. The Speech Club is asking ASO to help fund attendance at a Speech Tournament to be held in Portland Oregon, April 3-12, 2009. They have funds from a fundraiser and their ICC account, but it is not enough to cover the expenses. They are asking ASO to allocate \$3,500 for 5 students and 1 advisor to attend. Each member of the club will give a speech at the tournament and compete against other speech clubs.

Bennie Hawkins- ASO needs to be on the front page of the college website. Students looking for ASO on the website cannot find it.

There was discussion of updating the college website.

Elizabeth Soos- stated she is the secretary of Alpha Iota. Alpha Iota is the local chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, which is the Californian community college honors society. Alpha Iota attends the Alpha Gamma Sigma Conventions held biannually during the fall and spring semesters. The Spring Convention is the bigger convention because the statewide chapters gather and each chapter nominates 3 people for scholarships. In the past, the chapters that took the most students to the convention got the most awards. Alpha Itota is planning to attend the Alpha Gamma Sigma Spring 2009 convention be held in Ontario, CA with 27 members and 2 advisors. The total cost of the trip will be \$6,280. Each member attending will be paying \$75 to attend. Alpha Iota has \$6,183 in their account. They are asking up to \$3,000 to help cover the expenses because the Alpha Gamma Sigma bylaws stipulate that a chapter must have at least \$500 in their account at any given time.

Jonmmica Walter – asked that someone revisit recall.

Move to revisit roll call by Senator Sean Izquierdo, seconded by Senator Sheronda Myers. Motion passed 8/1/0.

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Student Trustee – Elizabeth Soos – Present

III. REPORTS

Senator Reports

Senator Visual and Performing Arts – There was a division meeting on March 17, 2009, which Dr. Fisher attended. He said that the Visual and Performing Arts department is planning to merge possibility with the Physical Education department. There is a list of schools in which this has been done. The theater is almost complete so the parking lot will open soon. Many students are concerned because their classes are being canceled. They have to be here another semester because they do not have the classes they need to transfer.

Senator Language Arts – There was division meeting on March 10, 2009. The Language Arts department is hoping to merge with the Instructional Resources department because they will lose their interim dean.

Executive Board Reports

President - Congratulated everyone who attended the ASAC conference. ASO should give gifts to Buck McKeon and the other senators we visited in Washington D.C. to show gratitude. There is a Special Board of Trustee meeting today at 1:00 pm.

Vice President, Club Affairs – ICC and the Student Development Office will hold a Carnival next Thursday. Hopefully all ASO officers can attend.

Student Trustee Report

At the next regular board meeting (April 13, 6:30 pm) she will propose two resolutions supporting the propositions to keep community college and University of California fees at their current level. She will make the resolutions available before the board meeting and encourages ASO members to speak in public forum in favor of them.

Advisor's Report

Dr. Zimmerman- There is a handout with the guidelines for the report on the ASAC conference for those who attended. She wants the papers emailed.

The application process for future ASO candidates will require a candidate to certify that they meet the minimum criteria stipulated in the constitution, particularly that they do not have disciplinary action against them or a disciplinary case pending.

She told the ASO officers attending the leadership conference in Boston, MA to read the minutes from the meeting on March 17, 2009. The officers who signed up to attend signed an agreement concerning behavior. No alcohol means no alcohol.

In the future, people whose travel will be funded on student rep fees will be required to write a statement explaining why they want to attend and what they will do one with the information they learned once they return to campus.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 ASO and Committee Appointments

President John Cabral appointed Senator Curtis Smith to the SPBC committee.

Moved to ratify the appointment, by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Secretary Roxanne Schleben, Motion passed 13/0/0.

There was discussion of the Enrollment Management committee and its meeting times.

4.2 ASO Funding

President John Cabral- There is theater group of AVC students that holds annual performances at the elementary schools in the area. They have 17 members and 11 performance dates. This year their visits started on March 13, 2009. They are requesting \$1,200 to fund the meal for the actors.

Move to allocate up to \$1,000 to the Children's Theater from the Homecoming account for the reminding performances (from April 3 on) by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglas. Motion passed 13/0/0.

There was discussion of the fees associated with the AVC Speech Club attendance of the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament and the amount of funds ASO should allocate to the Speech Club for tournament attendance. The cost of the trip was estimated at \$7,000; the AVC Speech club raised \$4,000 to attend the tournament and asked ASO to provide \$3,500.

Point of Personal Privilege, VPPR Bennie Hawkins, 8:58 am.

Point of Personal Privilege, Senator Andrew Douglass and Treasurer Elijah Blanton, 9:02 am

Motion to revisit roll call by Senator Sean Izquiedo, seconded by Senator Jonmmica Walter. Motion passed 6/0/5.

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There was discussion of how to allocate funds to the Speech Club for tournament attendance and to Alpha Iota for conference attendance.

Move to allocate \$3,000 from the Grant Proposal account to the AVC Speech Club by Senator Curtis Smith, seconded by Senator Mihaela Blidarescu. Motion passed 11/0/0.

President John Cabral- stated he would like to remind the AVC Speech Club that they will represent the college at the tournament and should be on their best behavior. ASO did not appropriate \$3,000 for them to 'f--k around.'

Move to allocate \$2,000 from the Recycling account and \$1,000 from the Grant Proposal account to Alpha Iota by Senator Jonmmica Walter, seconded by Senator Mihaela Blidarescu. 11/0/0.

4.3 Election Code

Dr. Zimmerman- stated she submitted a copy of the Election Code to the ASO officers at the meeting. The scheduled date of the Fourth Annual Leadership Breakfast (May 15, 2009) will not allow sufficient time for the results of the ASO elections to be announced. The new ASO President and Student Trustee have traditionally been announced at the Leadership Breakfast, but this year if the elections is held March 13- 14 and close at midnight May 14 2007 the results will not be know by the 15th. The solution would be to change the election dates. The other suggested change was to increase the word limit for the statement by ASO candidates from 50 words to 100 words.

There was discussion of whether the departmental positions of ASO senators should be changed to reflect the situation of the interim deans. It was decided that the 2009- 2010 ASO should be allowed to address the issue.

There was discussion of the election code.

Move to modify the election code clause IV (a) to hold the ASO election on May 12 - 13, 2009, V (c) have May 8, 2009 be the last date for flyers to be made, and clause VI (d) to hold the announcement session on 1:00 pm May 14, 2009 by Senator Mihaela Blidarescu, seconded by Senator Curtis Smith. Motion passed 11/0/0.

4.4 ASO and ICC Activities

VPCA Johnatan Olguin- stated ASO should host an event before the end of the semester. He is working on a weekend event to be held at the Cafeteria and is talking with Casablanca to cosponsor the event with hookah lounges outside. The other option would be to have the event at the Mango Tango.

President John Cabral- Chris Smith had a well- thought out event for the Palmdale Campus. That is a higher priority than a dance at the Cafeteria. **Senator Chris Smith-** stated he would like to have an event for success the last day of school at the Palmdale Campus to encourage students to remain in school. He had motivational speakers planned: a lieutenant cornel and a runner back for the Fourty-Niners. Famous Daves would serve food and people would be required to listen to the speakers in order to get the food.

There was discussion of the event for success at the Palmdale Campus

Point of Personal Privilege, Mihaela Blidarescu, 9:44 am.

President John Cabral- stated ASO should host a movie night.

There was discussion of ASO hosting a movie night independent of the Student Development Office.

4.5 ASO Conferences

Elizabeth Soos- stated that UCLA will host a conference on student government for students transferring to University of California campuses. It is a transitional conference for prospective transfer students involved in student government who want to continue involvement in student government after they transfer.

There was discussion of the conference, but it was decided that it was too late to register.

Dr. Zimmerman- stated Jonmmica showed her a letter from the conference in Boston concerning the consumption of alcohol. Those are their rules, not ours. AVC students cannot drink. **Senator Jonmmica Walter-** We cannot drink. It states that 'alcohol consumption by those of legal drinking age should not interfere with any scheduled program, nor should it

negatively impact the delegates.’ Those rules do not apply to us because, as AVC students, we cannot have alcoholic beverages.

Point of Personal Privilege, Elizabeth Soos, Student Trustee, 9:50 am.

Senator Curtis Smith- stated that he cannot attend the Region VI meeting on April 17, 2009.

There was discussion of who would attend the Region VI meeting and who would be the temporary delegate representing AVC. It was decided that VPCA Johnatan Olguin, Senator Sheronda Myers, Senator Raquel Meza, and Senator Jonmmica Walter would attend the next Region VI meeting. Dr. Zimmerman reminded them that they needed to fill out paperwork.

Move to appoint Johnatan Olguin as the temporary delegate to Region VI by Senator Curtis Smith, seconded by Secretary Roxanne Schleben. Motion passed 9/0/0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS /UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENT

President John Cabral- reminded the ASO officers that their papers on the ASAC conference were due on March 31, 2009. There will be an ASO meeting next Friday at the same time and place.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 am by Senator Curtis Smith, seconded by Senator Sean Izquierdo. Motion passed 9/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am