

**Antelope Valley College**  
**Associated Student Organization**  
**Executive Council Minutes**  
**3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536**  
**Student Lounge, 8:00 am**  
**April 24, 2009**

**The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on April 24, 2009. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President Mr. John Cabral 722-6300 ext 6160.**

1. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 8:07 am

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by President John Cabral

1.3 Roll Call:

President – John Cabral – Present

Vice President, Academic Affairs – Curtis Smith- Absent

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- Absent

Counseling and Matriculation – Jonmmica Walter- Present

Enrollment Services – Vacant

Health Sciences – Andrew Douglass – Present

Instructional Resources – Chris Smith- Present

Language Arts – Sheronda Myers- Present

Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Raquel Meza- Present

Social and Behavioral Sciences – Vacant

Student Development and Services – Sean Izquierdo- Present

Technical Education – Michaela Blidarescu- Absent

Visual and Performing Arts – Patricia Del Gaudio- Present

Membership is 15, Quorum is 8, 11 were present, Quorum is established.

Student Trustee – Elizabeth Soos – Absent

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved to adopt the agenda by Secretary Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by Senator Andrew Douglass, Motion passed 10/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes- April 17, 2009

Moved to approve the minutes by Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by VPPR Bennie Hawkins, Motion passed 10/0/0.

1.6 Approval of Checks and Receipts.

Moved to approve the checks and receipts by Senator Treasurer Elijah Blanton, seconded by VPCA Johnatan Olguin, Motion passed 10/0/0.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Polgun- The Speech Club did very well at the conference it attended during spring break. Two of the students won bronze metals. The Speech Club is having a parent night on May 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm in LS2 135.

Ronnie McBerryman- stated she was a part of a committee of AVC students who were volunteers and not paid employees. They were concerned about the loss of classes for summer and future semesters. During their English 101 class, their professor, Donna Tontelo, gave them the task of picking a debate topic. They chose the topic of education. The debate touched on loss of teaching jobs, poor educational advances of our children, and the dumbing down of our community. Because of this, they felt the urge to act. Although this is a class project that requires them to research ways to fund their classes, the committee is passionate about the cause and will continue to fight for educational privileges until they reach their goal of 2.6 million dollars or until the Board of Trustees forces them to cease. Their goal is to raise the money to cover the debt inherited during the 2007- 08 school year. They are in the process of drafting a proposal to convince the Board of Trustees of the merits of their cause. If agreed, we also intend to provide a contract outlining where moneys will be spend. They are aware that AVC has never accepted outside funding but they are willing to take this burden to make the best out of a bad situation, by reaching out to community members and community- based businesses to reach their fundraising goals. They have made contact with community business owners, elected officials, and to media sources. They will attend City Council meetings to promote awareness of their goal to maintain the highest level of educational proficiency. The reason she is passionate about this is her daughter just started AVC and her son will start AVC next year. She is a former head start teaching assistant and a campus coordinator for Cactus Middle School. She is very concerned about our children's future, her future, and our community's future.

Hortencia- She is passionate about this because she decided to go back to school after she and her husband lost their business. One of her options was to move back to L.A. but she decided to enroll in college. She has been discussing her educational options and does not want to go back to L.A.

Joseph- He joined the committee because he had difficulty enrolling in classes for the Spring semester. The printed schedule of classes has been getting thinner. It is already difficult to enroll in classes. We need to do everything we can to have more classes so more students can enroll. If more students enroll, it will help out the community by strengthening the economy.

Ronnie McBerryman- We intend to start a club and work under ASO to raise funds. The project ends this semester, but there are many people in the committee who are passionate about the cause and will continue it.

There was discussion of starting such a club at AVC. Dr. Zimmerman explained that the College has a fundraising arm and we accept donation thought the Foundation and gave them Bridget Razo's name to contact.

Moved to revisit roll call by Senator Sean Izquierdo, seconded by Senator Jonmmica Walter, Motion passed 8/0/2.

President – John Cabral - Present  
Vice President, Academic Affairs – Curtis Smith- Present  
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 – Present

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### III. Presentation

Dr. Ed Buyer, the faculty accreditation coordinator at AVC, discussed the results of the accreditation survey administered on myavc.avc.edu. The results are available online.

There was discussion of the AVC accreditation committees.

### IV. REPORTS

Senators Reports:

**Visual and Performing Arts-** Stated she met with Jeff Cooper on Wednesday because there was concerns over the studio and the computer graphics lab printers in the APL building. The dean wants to know how ASO will respond when his position expires. The Theater Arts Building Ground braking is May 21 at 11a.m.

Executive Board Reports:

**Vice President of Academic Affairs-** The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee discussed course revisions. There are a few classes that will be removed from the college catalogue. There is a new major in English and there was discussion and the curriculum for it.

**President-** Attending the board meetings is important for ASO officers to be aware of college affairs.

Persons who decide to take a point of personal privilege should move to revisit roll call if there are persons not officially in attendance so that quorum will not be lost.

Advisor's Report

**Dr. Zimmerman-** There are not many candidates for ASO offices. There is no candidate for student trustee.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS

#### **4.1 ASO and Committee Appointments.**

There was discussion of the committee without a student representative.

#### **4.2 ASO Budget**

There was discussion of the ASO budget, its line items, and the revenue earned by the Snack Shack. President John Cabral will call for a Budget Committee meeting.

Point of Personal Privilege, VPPR Bennie Hawkins, Treasurer Elijah Blanton, and Senator Andrew Douglass, 9:01am

#### **4.3 Graduation Gift**

There was discussion of the graduation gift for the class of 2009. No one brought anything, but looking into pens. VPCA Johnatan Olguin discussed that Casablanca would give 30% off whole check for graduates on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. He will check with other ASO Community Discount Vendors about giving discounts as well.

#### **4.4 Leadership Breakfast**

There was discussion of the agenda, catering, and other details of the Leadership Breakfast. President John Cabral suggested to set up a committee.

Move to approve up to \$700 for the Leadership breakfast by Senator Curtis Smith, seconded by Senator Sean Izquierdo. Motion passed 9/0/0.

Point of Personal Privilege, Senator Sheronda Myers, 9:30am

#### **4.5 ASO Resolution on Prop 1B**

President John Cabral stated that the resolution has been submitted, but we need to get signatures from four other colleges. Please help on the first day of the General Assembly.

#### **4.6 ASO Conferences**

The Spring General Assembly is next weekend. The van will be leaving on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6am. President John Cabral stated that the meeting will be on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> based on ASO officers' availabilities.

#### **4.6 ASO and ICC Activity**

Senator Curtis Smith- The Palmdale Dean wants to get the students on the Palmdale campus involved. He suggests a barbeque with a motivational speaker for 75 students. Windell Tyler will speak and Famous Daves will cater. Date is May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-1:30pm. There was discussion about the event being on a Friday and suggested to change to Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Move to have a barbeque at the Palmdale Campus on May 21<sup>st</sup> 10-1:30pm by VPAA Curtis Smith, seconded by Senator Sean Izquierdo. Motion Passed 8/0/0.

Move to allocate up to \$850 for the event from the Palmdale Site by VPAA Curtis Smith, seconded by Senator Sean Izquierdo. Motion Passed 8/0/0.

VPCA Johnatan Olguin stated he would like to have an AVC Club night on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9pm-1am in the Cafeteria. The stage will be turned into a lounge. Casablanca will provide a belly dancer and appetizers. Several DJ's have agreed to play. The event will cost approximately \$600. The question is whether students should be charged for admittance: \$2 with ASO Sticker and \$4 without.

Suggested that we form a committee: Chris Smith, Curtis Smith, Patricia Del Gaudio, Roxanne Schleben, Johnatan Olguin, and Sean Iquierdo volunteered.

Move to allocate up to \$1,000 for AVC Club Night May 22, 2009 pending facilities approval, advisor approval, security approval, and all other necessary approvals, by VPCA Johnatan Olguin, seconded by VPAA Curtis Smith. Motion passed 8/0/0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS /UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENT

V. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting by Senator Jonmmica Walter, seconded by Senator Sean Izquierdo. Motion passed. 8/0/0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.