

# Associated Student Government

## Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

2:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway  
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

### Members Present:

**Harrison Kim**, President

**Jesus Martinez Desantiago**, Executive Vice President

**Sanjana Sudhir**, Student Trustee

**Sara Wali**, Vice President of Activities

**Kristian Mengistu**, Vice President of Inter Club Council

**Cameron Imperial-Pham**, Executive Vice President of Communications

**Amna Fadel**, Vice President of Advocacy

**Moussa Haj Ghaban**, Vice President of Equity

### Members Absent:

### Others Present:

**Kelly Dapp**, ASG Advisor

**Robin Herndon**, ASG Technician

**Lynn Suh**, ASG Advisor

**Joanna Kelly**, CCC Advisor

**Jasmine Ruys**, Vice President of Student Services

**Melinda Ursetta**, ASG Technician

## 1. General Business:

### 1.1 Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum

ASG President, **Harrison Kim**, calls the Senate Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 2:30 p.m. with quorum established and 8 ASG Officers present.

### 1.2 Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:

**Kristian Mengistu**, Vice President of Inter Club Council, leads us in the flag salute

**Kristian Mengistu**, Vice President of Inter Club Council passes the trophy cup to **Jesus**

**Martinez Desantiago**, Executive Vice President, as he has been working hard with the One-to-One Meetings.

**1.3 Announcements: none**

**1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of October 16, 2024**

**Motion:** Sara Wali, Vice President of Activities

**Second:** Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

**Record of Board Vote...** 8-0-0 with chair voting

**1.5 Open Forum: none**

**2. Consent Calendar:**

**2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2024**

**2.2 Approval of NEW Club – Pre Law Club**

**2.3 Approval of NEW Club - A2MEND**

**Motion:** Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

**Second:** Sara Wali, Vice President of Activities

**Record of Board Vote...** 8-0-0 with chair voting aye

**3. Regular Board Meeting Items:**

**3.1 Action: Student Housing Taskforce**

**Motion:** Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

**Second:** Sara Wali, Vice President of Activities

**Background:** The Santa Clarita Community College Board of Trustees, at the recommendation of the administration, approved a resolution to return the \$61,858,000 affordable student housing funds back to the state of California at the October 9, 2024 meeting. During the meeting, the Student Trustee spoke on behalf of students and the need for affordable student housing. The entire board and the college administration agree, there is a need to address affordable student housing. During the meeting, the board president, Dr. Alonso, requested that the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Jasmine Ruys, work with students to address the need.

Dr. Ruys would like to work with the ASG to reestablish the Homelessness Taskforce, which met regularly under the leadership of the Associate Vice President of Student Services, Mr. Michael Joslin. This item is to establish a commitment between Student Services and ASG to form this committee with students, staff, faculty, and community members to help address the needs of our students.

Dr. Jasmine Ruys is here to discuss the recent changes to Student Housing.

ASG is in support of student housing and Jasmine thanks Sanjana for speaking during the meeting discussing housing.

Money given by the state has changed in terms of the building requirements and the need to put two buildings on a lean.

With low-income housing could not charge enough to remain in balance and not be in a deficit.

Would like to use some of the funds from the interest to address some of the issues with student housing.

Reestablish the taskforce group to address these issues, which is what was being done in the past by Michael Joslin.

The college has been a part of the committee on unhoused in Santa Clarita as well as working with Cal Arts in the new dorms they are building.

Additionally, would like to get on contract to a lot a specific amount of housing for students in different places within Santa Clarita.

Basic Needs Center provides quick housing services and works with the local hotels.

Another group the BaNC works with for student housing is Bridge to Home.

She would like to expand these services to address unhoused students.

History of the homelessness Task Force- ran by Patty Robinson and Michael Joslin to see what can be done about unhoused students.

A housing feasibility study was done to showcase the actual needs of students with housing.

Feasible within the community was also investigated through this study.

Michael Joslin, Patty Robinson, and Sarah Cox are currently on the housing committee.

Jasmine would love to have as many ASG members be a part of the committee as possible.

A co-chair with Jasmine is also requested for the task force.

This will be a collective effort, and she has extended the invitation to the faculty for collaboration on the task force.

Sarah from the BaNC would also like to be a part of the committee.

The taskforce will be initiated at the end of the month and there is no deadline.

Co-chair is referring to someone that can help lead the meetings and help someone's voice be heard.

Jasmine is meeting tomorrow to learn how to transfer the money back.

Consensus is taken to gage interest and will be extended to directors and clubs.

Affordable housing should be looked at and perhaps update the task force name to address a larger group of students.

A copy of the housing feasibility study is available upon request.

**Recommendations: The ASG work with student services to form a committee addressing the need of affordable student housing for our students.**

**Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye**

### **3.2 Action: Approval – 1st reading of 2025 Election Code**

**Motion: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President**

**Second: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity**

**Background:** ASG Officers have been provided a copy of the 1st reading of the 2025 ASG Election Code. The old version is highlighted followed by the edits to be made in bold.

Much of the changes to the Election Code are updates to the dates.

Highlights indicate that changes to the Election Code are recommended.

20% is highlighted to discuss whether 20% is enough for an appointment.

Suggests including a 50% approval for someone running that is unopposed.

Removed a section that discussed CCC positions as they are obsolete.

Mandatory candidates meeting dates have not yet been confirmed.

Social Media accounts will follow once received.

Campaigning starts on May 5<sup>th</sup> which is when Elections are happening.

For this year, they will try to campaign at the same time as the elections are taking place.

Added an additional statement to include that ASG will not endorse candidates.

Guidelines that are more detailed will soon be available.

A candidate forum may take place and has taken place in the past.

The forum must be created as fair as possible for all candidates and enough notice would also need to take place.

Did not change anything under misconduct at this point.

Misconduct portion may need to be added to include slander or taking down campaign materials.

If endorsement puts down another candidate, would not approve this type of flyer.

Will add expectations and include no slander and consequences if not adhered to.

Polling dates are updated, and some dates have not yet been confirmed.

After the Elections committee meets, an item to approve the second reading of the Elections code will be submitted.

**Recommendations:** *Move to approve 1st reading of the 2025 Election Code*

**Record of Board Vote...** *8-0-0 with chair voting aye*

### **3.3 Action: Approval of Funds for Valencia Campus Fireproof Safe**

**Motion:** *Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity*

**Second:** *Sara Wali, Vice President of Activities*

**Background:** On October 8, 2024, Melinda Ursetta opened the safe and the handle bent and is about to break off. The safe will open but it is difficult and is damaged more each time it is opened. Therefore, a new safe needs to be purchased to lock up movie tickets, cash and other items that are needed to be in safe keeping. The safe needs to have a key and combination locking mechanism. There are currently 2 of these safes available through Office Depot. The website says there are 2 available of each safe so whichever is available after approval will be purchased.

[Option 1](#)

[Option 2](#)

**Cost:**

Sentry Safe - \$900

The current safe in Campus Life has a broken handle and a new one is needed.

Cost includes taxes and delivery fee.

The different metal used is the difference between the two types of options.

Both options are in stock and less expensive will be purchased from Office Depot.

**Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$900 from Supplies account 001.9303**

**Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye**

**3.4 Action: Movie Night**

**Motion: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President**

**Second: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity**

**Background:** need more funds to cover the cost for Movie Night (10/25), for food/drinks since current funds aren't enough.

COST:

Movie snacks/drinks \$150

This is a buffer; in the event the initial budget is not enough.

Leftover supplies from Valencia campus may be used during the event.

Sodas leftover at Valencia may also be used.

Lynn will drop off the supplies after teaching tomorrow.

Popcorn will be purchased, rather than popped for the Movie Night.

CCC Popcorn machine does not work well.

**Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$150 from account CCC Social & Cultural (001.9805)**

**Record of Board Vote...8-0-0 with chair voting aye**

**3.5 Action: Press the Shutter Button**

**Motion: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President**

**Second: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity**

**Background:** This is an event about photo exchange. The content of the activity is to collect photos of the beautiful scenery of the students, print them out, and save them. They can write about taking pictures of themselves or giving good wishes to others. Students who submit photos can exchange them for photos left by another person. Polaroid paper will be required for this activity. The event will take place on November 4 from 14:00 to 15:30(2:00-3:30). The location is Flagpole, Valencia campus.

COST:

Polaroid film- \$119

Not to exceed- \$200

Sally is holding this event where students took a picture, and Sally would print them out and will include a caption

She will then bring the pictures to the event and have students exchange for different pictures.

**Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$200 from VC Social and Cultural (001.9813)**

**Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye**

### **3.6 Information: Student Trustee Report**

**Motion: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President**

**Second: Cameron Imperial-Pham, Executive Vice President of Communications**

**Background:** The Student Trustee, Sanjana Sudhir, has attended a Board of Trustees meeting in the past week. As stated in the bylaws of the Student Trustee, this is a formal report on the action items discussed in the previous meeting.

Main topic- student housing where the money for student housing was returned.

Pathway to law school program also had a presentation during the meeting.

All members of the board were impressed with the Town Hall.

Excited to meet with you all next week.

## **4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)**

### **4.1 Officers Reports**

#### **4.1.1 Director Reports-**

4.1.2 Vice President of Activities—**Sara Wali**- CCC lead-up event was slow and the Valencia Lead-up event went well today. Set-up will be at 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm tomorrow for Homecoming Pre-Event. For half-time, musical chairs will be done and recruitment will need to take place, which the Athletes are suggested to invite. Also, Activity Board meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

4.1.3 Vice President of Inter Club Council- **Kristian Mengistu**- Held the ICC meeting on Monday.

4.1.4 Executive Vice President of Communications –**Cameron Imperial-Pham**-  
Spotlight Requests are coming in with enough time now.

4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- **Moussa A. Haj Ghaban**-CCCSAA was fun and great bonding trip.

4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Amna Fadel**-no

4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Sanjana Sudhir** -Thank you for taking us to CCCSAA and everyone had fun.

- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President – **Jesus Martinez Desantiago**- Google form for the One-to-One meetings and submit committee reports. Be responsible with your emails and respond in timely manner. He would like to collect information for the committees from the One-to-One meetings.
- 4.1.9 President- **Harrison Kim** – Appreciation and was good opportunity to network over the past weekend. Let him know if interested in the housing taskforce. Sent some information on the upcoming presentation at next week's joint board meeting. He would like to hear from all the ASG members during the meeting. The Presentation will be sent to Kelly by Friday. For questions, let him know and agenda items due at midnight. Next week is the Board of Trustees joint meeting. Location in the Science Center, and arrive about 2:45 pm and will be in room 308. The meeting will be held in room 343. Last year was redundant and will have everyone introduce themselves and stay up until presenting. All members will stay until the presentation is done. Polos and name tags should be work next week. A run through of presentation will take place on Wednesday at 1:30 pm at CCC science center.
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – Vote for your favorite door for Homecoming.
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- Great to get to know everyone including the directors over the weekend. Excited to have you join the housing taskforce. Excited to see the alternatives to the housing.
- 4.1.12 Advisor- **Lynn Suh**-Polos are still left so please make sure to let your directors know to pick up their shirts. CCCSAA was fire (fun) and thank you for accommodating and being present on time. If you attended CCCSAA, reports are now due. Lynn will not be present during the joint board meeting next week.
- 4.1.13 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- For next week's meeting, should first do a run-through of the presentation. After next week's meeting, the meeting room will be held in Canyons Hall, room 211 for the next two meetings on October 30 and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4.2 District Committees**

- 4.2.1 **Academic Senate**- Introduction meeting and discussed how voices of students are important within committees.
- 4.2.2 Academic Calendar
- 4.2.3 Accreditation Taskforce
- 4.2.4 Advocacy Team
- 4.2.5 Campus Safety Advisory
- 4.2.6 College Planning Team (CPT)
- 4.2.7 College Policy Council (CPC)
- 4.2.8 **Curriculum**- Credit course has 4 new courses that were added. Noncredit had 7 new courses added. Met with the Chair, Lisa Hooper and she gave background and the purpose of the committee.
- 4.2.9 **Enrollment Management**- Discussed the 8-week courses and breakout rooms, where concerns about adding more classes were made. Conclusion is that 8-week classes are taken out of preference but not out of necessity.

**Talked about a lot of GE classes and 8-week courses.**

4.2.10 Facilities Planning

4.2.11 Independent Citizens Oversight

4.2.12 Institutional Effectiveness and Inclusive Excellence (IE)2

**4.2.13 President's Advisory Council – Budget (PAC-B) Financial Aid presentation on the different ways students can qualify for services. They also showed an increase and decrease in different areas.**

**Met with Jason Hinkle and planned out future meetings and included Jesus in the meetings. Overview of what the committee does. Financial Aid presentation on average less people qualify and qualify for less money. Worked on 25-26 fiscal budget. Preparing to finalize the budget for the next year.**

4.2.14 Technology

**4.2.15 Other College Committees**

**Parking- replacing EV chargers in the Parking Structure. Parking passes are anticipated to go up in cost as the vendor changed and the fees will be passed on to students. Parking lot 9 will be changed from student to staff spaces.**

## **5. Open Forum:**

Santa Monica College had a shooting, and the campus was closed the next day.

## **6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- October 30, 2024, in Canyons Hall 211**

## **7. Adjournment (3:38p.m.)**

**Motion: Kristian Mengistu, Vice President of Inter Club Council**

**Second: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President**

**Record of Board Vote: ....8 -0-0 with chair voting Aye**