

College of the Canyons

Associated Student Government

Executive Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024; 2:30 pm
HSLH-137

Teleconference Location:
*17200 Sierra Highway
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622*

1. General Business

- 1.1 Call to Order/Welcome/Establish Quorum
- 1.2 Announcements/Correspondence
- 1.3 Approval of the Agenda for the Executive Board Meeting of February 14th, 2024
- 1.4 Open Forum

2. Consent Calendar

- 2.1 Approval of the ASG Executive Board Meeting Minutes from November 8th, 2023

3. Regular Board Meeting Items (Discussions are limited to 10 minutes)

- 3.1 1st reading of ASG Bylaw Changes in Article I to Article IV
- 3.2 Friendship Bench
- 3.3 Moving ASG Printing to the Library
- 3.4 Resolution For Accessibility to Transportation
- 3.5 Resolution For Extending Support and Basic Need Resource Center
- 3.6 Resolution For Establishing Comprehensive Legal Clinics

4. Reports (Limited to 5 minutes)

4.1 Officers Report

- 4.1.1 Director Reports.....(Any Directors)
- 4.1.2 Vice President of Inter Club Council.....Ellie Wingo
- 4.1.3 Officer of Marketing and Information.....Harrison Kim

4.1.4 Officer of Equity.....	Moussa Hajghaban
4.1.5 Executive Liaison Officer.....	Sanjana Sudhir
4.1.6 Student Trustee.....	Hestia Sartika
4.1.7 Executive Vice President.....	Caitlin Herron
4.1.8 President.....	Chris Bordbar
4.1.9 ASG Technician.....	Robin Herndon
4.1.10 ASG Canyon Country Campus Advisor.....	Joanna Kelly
4.1.11 ASG Activities and ICC Advisor.....	Lynn Suh
4.1.12 ASG Lead Advisor.....	Kelly Dapp

5. Closing Forum

6. Announcement of the next meeting: TBD

7. Adjournment

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Date: 02/14/2024

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Agenda Section: 2.0

Item Number: 2.1

Agenda Item Title: Approval of the ASG Executive Board Meeting minutes from November 8th, 2023

Background: The minutes from the ASG Executive Board Meeting held on November 8th, 2023, need approval. The Executive Board shall review the minutes and vote. You may view the minutes to approve on the website [here](#).

Recommendations: *Move to approve the minutes from the ASG Executive Board Meeting held on November 8th, 2023.*

Submitted by: Robin Herndon, ASG Technician

Approved By:

Moved By:

Seconded By:

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Date: 02/14/2024

Item Type: Action _x_ Information _x_ Discussion _x_

Agenda Section: 3.0

Item Number: 3.1

Agenda Item Title: 1st reading of ASG Bylaw Changes in Article I to Article IV

Background: The 2024 – 2025 ASG Senate structure has been approved by the student body. It is now time to approve changes in the ASG Bylaws to reflect the new structure.

COST: N/A

Recommendations: *Provide feedback on suggested changes in preparation of the 1st reading of ASG Bylaw changes in Article I to Article IV in a regular senate meeting.*

Submitted by: Lynn Suh and Joanna Kelly, ASG Advisor

Approved By:

Moved By:

Seconded By:

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Date: 02/14/2024

Item Type: Action ___ Information ___ Discussion x

Agenda Section: 3.0

Item Number: 3.2

Agenda Item Title: Friendship Bench

Background: Approval is needed for the purchase of a friendship bench for the Canyon Country Campus by the ASG Senate. "Canyons Cares," a subcommittee of the Classified Senate, conceived the idea of having a bench on campus solely for the purpose of students engaging with one another and connecting to our student organizations through a QR code. This initiative is intended to address the loneliness epidemic prevalent in nearly 1 in 4 adults. While the total cost of the bench is \$1,018.32, the Classified Senate will be assisting in funding the remaining portion of the cost. As members of the ASG executive board, please provide feedback on this initiative before it is brought up to the ASG Senate for approval of \$500 for this purchase.

Cost: N/A

Recommendations: *Discuss the Friendship Bench Initiative*

Submitted by: Joanna Kelly, ASG Advisor

Approved By:

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Date: 02/14/24

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Agenda Section: 3.0

Item Number: 3.3

Agenda Item Title: Moving ASG Printing to the Library

Background: The relocation of the ASG printer to the library, which remains open until 8 PM—contrasting with the ASG computer lab's closing at 4:30 PM—is not just a strategic decision to extend printing accessibility for our evening students but also a financially savvy move. This shift allows us to leverage the library's existing faculty supervision, fulfilling the requirement that a faculty member must be present when employing a student worker. Consequently, this enables us to hire a student worker at a more cost-effective rate, offering a valuable employment opportunity to a student while efficiently managing ASG funds. Additionally, this move ensures all students, who contribute to the Student Services Fee, gain equitable access to essential printing services, directly addressing the current disparity faced by night students unable to print their work due to limited operating hours. This thoughtful adjustment in our operations not only demonstrates our commitment to academic success and student well-being but also reinforces our dedication to equity, inclusivity, and the practical support of our students' needs, making it an indispensable step towards fulfilling our comprehensive support promise.

COST: N/A

Recommendations: N/A

Submitted by: Hestia Sartika, ASG Student Trustee

Approved By:

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Date: 02/14/2024

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Agenda Section: 3.0

Item Number: 3.4

Agenda Item Title: Resolution For Accessibility to Transportation

Background: Reasons why accessibility for transportation is imperative:

Currently, campuses that already provide free parking passes or free public transportation passes will no longer be free because of the lack of funding by the district and state.

Lower the cost of parking fees and set an affordable standardized cost.

Provide stable funding for public transportation (which will be gone by 2024/2025 academic year), uber/lyft in basic need, so that if students need them, they are readily available.

This will be included in the FAFSA grant they are already receiving. It will no longer be separated, similar to Health Fees.

Students who already receive FAFSA grants no longer have to run around to look for organization such as EOPS or similar, to obtain parking pass subsidy.

RESOLUTION FOR ACESIBILITY TO TRANSPORTATION

IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Whereas, the accessibility of transportation remains a significant barrier to education, with many students facing challenges in securing reliable transportation to and from campus;

Whereas, the provision of district-funded bus passes is set to expire, threatening the ability of students dependent on public transportation to continue their education, particularly as some campuses transition from free to paid parking;

Whereas, there exists an inequitable distribution of fees within community colleges, where health, student services, and student representative fees are mandated, but transportation, a fundamental need, is not included;

Whereas, the integration of a mandatory transportation fee within student enrollment fees would ensure all students have equal access to parking, or public transportation, thus removing a critical barrier to attendance and participation;

Be it resolved, that we propose an amendment to the Education Code to include a transportation fee, not exceeding \$15 per semester, as part of the mandatory Student Enrollment Fees, mirroring the structure for Health and Student Services Fees;

Be it further resolved that this transportation fee will:

1. Guarantee all students automatic access to parking and bus passes, thereby simplifying the process and ensuring equity;
2. Provide the basic needs center with a stable funding source for alternative transportation supports such as gas cards or ride-sharing vouchers;
3. Establish a sustainable and independent transportation fund, alleviating reliance on uncertain district budgets;
4. Eliminate the need for students, especially those approved for FAFSA grants, to seek out separate transportation subsidies, making access to transportation more affordable and equitable;

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that the adoption of this transportation fee is a critical step towards removing financial and logistical obstacles to education, promoting greater access to community colleges for all students, and ensuring that transportation does not remain a barrier to academic success and engagement.

This resolution calls for the collective action of community colleges, urging them to recognize transportation as a basic student need and to implement a unified transportation fee to foster an inclusive, accessible, and equitable educational environment.

_____ End of Resolution _____

This should be only one reading so other districts and SSCCC can adopt and sponsor this resolution, since it must be turned in by February 14th.

Ceiling cost should be discussed and possibly left blank?

Recommendations: *Move to approve this resolution*

Submitted by: Hestia Sartika, ASG Student Trustee

Approved By:

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Date: 02/14/2024

Item Type: Action _x_ Information _x_ Discussion _x_

Agenda Section: 3.0

Item Number: 3.5

Agenda Item Title: Resolution For Extending Support and Basic Need Resource Center

Background: In our commitment to supporting every student's journey toward academic success and well-being, the proposal to extend the operating hours of Basic Needs Resource Centers at community colleges is a vital step forward. Recognizing that many of our students, including working adults, parents, and part-time learners, attend classes outside traditional hours, it is essential that we adapt our services to meet their needs. The current limited availability of resource centers fails to serve those who attend evening classes, creating an unfair disparity. These students, who equally contribute to the Student Support fees, are currently unable to access the crucial support services they have paid for and rightfully deserve, such as essential printing services, the extension of hours will ensure that all students have the support they need, when they need it. By advocating for additional funding to keep Basic Needs Resource Centers and printing offices open later, we not only champion the cause of equity and inclusivity but also acknowledge and respect the diverse circumstances of our student body. This change is more than just a matter of convenience; it's a statement that every student's success matters, regardless of their schedule.

RESOLUTION FOR EXTENDING SUPPORT AND BASIC NEED RESOURCE CENTER

IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Whereas, the implementation of basic needs resource centers in community colleges was a significant step forward in supporting the diverse needs of our student population, as outlined in AB 132 and California Education Code § 66023.5;

Whereas, a significant number of students, including working individuals, students with dependents, and part-time students, attend classes in the evening and are unable to access these critical resources due to the centers' limited operating hours;

Whereas, the equity and accessibility of educational support services are compromised when students who contribute equally to Student Support Fees cannot utilize services they are entitled to, especially during evening hours when such services are most needed;

Whereas, the principle of equal access necessitates that resource centers cater to all students, irrespective of their class schedules, ensuring that no student's academic or personal well-being is jeopardized due to lack of support services during non-traditional hours;

Be it resolved, that we amend AB 132 and California Education Code § 66023.5 to secure additional funding for community colleges that commit to extending the operating hours of their basic needs resource centers and printing service, making these essential services accessible to students attending evening classes;

Be it further resolved, that this resolution aims to:

1. Acknowledge and address the needs of working students, parents, part-time students, and those attending night classes by ensuring resource centers are open and fully operational during evening hours;
2. Uphold the commitment to equity by guaranteeing that all students, regardless of their schedule or socioeconomic status, have equal access to the resources funded by their Student Support Fees;
3. Ensure that students requiring essential services such as food, printing, and academic support do not face additional barriers to their education due to operational constraints;
4. Therefore, be it finally resolved, that the extension of basic needs resource center and printing office hours is not only a matter of fairness but also a critical component of supporting the holistic success of every student, fostering an inclusive, equitable, and supportive educational environment across all community colleges.

This resolution calls for the collective action of community college administrations, student senate, academic senate, college administration, the Board of Governors and state legislators to advocate for and implement the necessary amendments to AB 132, recognizing the fundamental role that accessible basic needs support services play in the academic and personal success of our diverse student body.

End of Resolution

This should be only one reading so other districts and SSCCC can adopt and sponsor this resolution, since it must be turned in by February 14th.

Recommendations: *Move to approve this resolution*

Submitted by: Hestia Sartika

Approved By:

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Agenda Section: 3.0

Item Number: 3.6

Agenda Item Title: Resolution For Establishing Comprehensive Legal Clinics

Background: In recognition of the increasing legal challenges facing students today, we propose the establishment of comprehensive legal clinics across community college campuses. This initiative is not just about providing legal advice; it's about breaking down barriers to education, fostering student success, and ensuring equitable access to justice. These clinics will offer a range of services from eviction defense, immigration assistance, employment law to generic legal counsel, directly addressing the complex legal needs of our diverse student population. By integrating legal support into the fabric of our educational system, we aim to alleviate the stress and uncertainty legal issues can bring, ultimately contributing to a more supportive learning environment. This resolution is a call to action for colleges to equip students not only with academic knowledge but with the resources to navigate their legal rights and responsibilities. The Legal Clinic Resolution, a step towards empowering students and enriching our community college system.

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL CLINICS

IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Whereas, the escalating costs and complexities of legal issues directly impact the lives and academic success of students in California Community Colleges;

Whereas, existing legal services in community colleges are limited in scope, predominantly focusing on immigration, thus not addressing the varied legal needs of a diverse student body;

Whereas, students across community colleges face diverse legal challenges beyond immigration, including but not limited to housing, employment, family law, and consumer rights, which significantly impact their academic and personal lives;

Whereas, the establishment of comprehensive legal clinics within community colleges has shown to significantly contribute to the holistic support and success of students, empowering them to overcome legal barriers and focus on their education;

Be it resolved, that funding for legal clinics within community colleges shall be allocated specifically to institutions that commit to expanding their legal services beyond solely immigration issues, to include a comprehensive range of legal support services;

Be it further resolved, that these legal clinics aim to:

1. Provide preventative legal support to students, potentially averting evictions and subsequent homelessness, thereby aligning with state efforts in reducing homelessness costs;
2. Offer legal assistance to protect students from unemployment and other civil legal challenges, ensuring their stability and educational continuity;
3. Create practical internship opportunities for Paralegal Studies students, facilitating timely completion of their programs and enhancing their professional readiness;
4. Extend essential legal counseling and support services to alleviate mental and physical health issues arising from legal stressors;

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that this initiative reflects our commitment to the holistic well-being and success of our students, aligning with the broader mission of California Community Colleges to provide comprehensive educational and support services.

This resolution shall be communicated to our local student senate, academic senate, college administration, the Board of Governors and state legislators, urging them to recognize the necessity and potential impact of comprehensive legal clinics on our campuses.

End of Resolution

This should be only one reading so other districts and SCCC can adopt and sponsor this resolution, since it must be turned in by February 14th.

Recommendations: Move to approve this resolution

Submitted by: Hestia Sartika, ASG Student Trustee

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