

Associated Students of Solano College  
Retreat  
MINUTES

February 19, 2013, 9:14 am – 2:29 pm

*Solano Community College  
Facility/Staff Lounge Room 1401  
4000 Suisun Valley Road  
Fairfield, California*

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Brown and Vice President [VP] Bram are both unable to attend the retreat. Secretary Martinez called the retreat to order at 9:14 am. Secretary Martinez nominated Legislative Advocate [LA] Buford to be the temporary chairman for this retreat. LA Buford accepted the nomination.

II. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

Executive Board Members present:

Kayla Salazar, Angela Buford, Davis Mark Martinez, Waleed Arif, Joena Mesa

Senators present:

Latifah Alexander, Jeniece Cordova, Cedric Brooks

Associates present:

*No Associates seated at this time.*

Quorum achieved with 3 of 4 seated Senators present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to add to Agenda “Seating and Oath” after “Official Roll Call” by Senator Cordova, second by Senator Alexander. **Motion carries (3,0,0).** Seating and Oath took place. Gabriel Johnson got officially seated as Business Services Senator. After Seating and Oath, motion to approve the agenda for February 19, 2013 as amended by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Alexander.

**Motion carries (4,0,0).**

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 12, 2013

Motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2013 as posted by Senator Cordova, second by Senator Alexander. **Motion Lost (0,4,0).** Secretary Martinez will correct the minutes

for February 12, 2013 and resend the draft to the executive board and Senate for review via email by the next meeting.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Lorenzo Philips thanked ASSC for doing a great job in managing the bulletin boards. Geff Freire addressed transportation issues involving with Fairfield and Suisun Transit [FAST], Solano Transit (Vallejo) and Vacaville City Coach. Motion to extend Freire's time by 3 minutes by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Brooks. **Motion carries (4,0,0)**. Freire continued with discussion and also suggested doing a Student Riders' Committee this semester addressing this issue. Toni Kerriane addressed more general (but not specific) projects to the Senate.

VI. INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

A. Joel Powell

*No report from Instructor Powell.*

VII. ADVISOR'S REPORT

A. Mostafa Ghous

Advisor Ghous reminded the Spring Semester Elections will begin next week with the filing for cadency period. Ghous addressed issues in the ASSC workroom including neglect of use with the popcorn machines during Club Promo Day.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Parliamentary Procedure and Brown Act Presentation – Joel Powell

Instructor Powell presented the Parliamentary Procedure and Brown Act Presentations to the members of ASSC. Powell mentioned Lonezo Cuesta was supposed to come to the retreat and do the Parliamentary Procedure Presentation but wasn't able to attend. Motion to recess for 5 minutes by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Cordova. **Motion carries (4,0,0). Recessed at 10:10 am. Retreat resumed at 10:15 am with quorum (4 of 5 seated Senators present)**. President Brown checked in to the retreat at 10:15 am. LA Buford relinquished her chairmanship back to President Brown. Instructor Powell continued with the Parliamentary Procedure portion of the presentation. PRO Mesa and Student Trustee [ST] Salazar both left at 10:39 am to pick up lunch for the retreat. PRO Mesa and ST Salazar returned at 11:07 am with lunch for the retreat. Motion to have a

working lunch by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Cordova. (*Secretary note: Working lunch means continuing this item while eating lunch in the background*) **Motion carries (4,0,0)**. Instructor Powell continued with the Brown Act portion of the presentation with members eating lunch in the background. After completing the presentation, motion to recess for 15 minutes by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Cordova. **Motion carries (4,0,0)**. **Recessed at 12:01 pm.**

B. March-In-March – Angela Buford

Senator Baig checked in to the retreat as recess ended. **Retreat resumed at 12:16 pm with quorum (5 of 5 seated Senators present)**. Legislative Advocate Buford reminded the March-In-March Event will take place on March 4, 2013. Buford presented the details of this event via a Facebook post. Motion to extend this item by 4 minutes by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Brooks. **Motion carries (5,0,0)**.

C. Foundation Scholarship Thank You Letter – Miranda “Mandy” Bram

*VP Bram wasn't able to attend the retreat; postponed to the next meeting.*

D. Book Voucher Request – Mostafa Ghous

Advisor Ghous reported Jenne Iva requested a book voucher. Motion to extend this item for 5 minutes by Senator Cordova, second by Senator Johnson. **Motion carries (5,0,0)**. Advisor Ghous addressed Iva is ineligible for receiving a book voucher from ASSC. Therefore, no action is required for this request.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. ASSC Luncheon – Joena Mesa

Motion to have the ASSC Luncheon on March 12, 2013 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Brooks. During debate on this motion, Secretary Martinez left the retreat to use the restroom at 12:49 pm. After debate, **motion for having the luncheon on March 12, 2013 unanimously carries (5,0,0)**. Secretary Martinez returned to the retreat at 12:56 pm. Motion to set a budget of \$500 for the luncheon by Senator Brooks, second by Senator Cordova. **Motion unanimously carries (5,0,0)**.

B. ASGA Conference – Jeniece Cordova

Senator Cordova made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the changes of the budget for the ASGA Conference. Motion to extend the presentation by 5 minutes by Senator Brooks, second by Senator Johnson. **Motion carries (5,0,0).** Motion to amend the previously adopted motion to attend the ASGA Conference in NY and postpone the trip until the fall semester in LA by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Brooks. Long debate took place on this motion. Motion to call the question by Senator Brooks, second by Senator Johnson. **Motion unanimously carries (5,0,0).** Main Motion to amend the previously adopted motion and postpone the trip has been called. **Main motion unanimously carries (5,0,0).** Motion to send 2 or 3 people to the ASGA conference in NY by Senator Brooks. **No other senator seconded the motion; therefore motion dies.** At the conclusion of this item, LA Buford left the retreat at 1:30 pm.

X. UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Election Calendar Update – Miranda “Mandy” Bram/Joel Powell

No specific updates for this item; information is the same from Advisor Ghou’s report.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRO Mesa reported the Activities Committee had their last meeting at Panera Bread on February 14, 2013. Activities Committee will have their next meeting at the ASSC Workroom on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 4:20 pm. President Brown reported VP Bram will chair her first Inter-Club Council meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 12:30 pm.

XII. DIVISION REPORTS

Business Services Senator Johnson attended the FABPAC meeting on February 7, 2013. Motion to extend this report by 2 minutes by Senator Cordova, second by Senator Brooks. **Motion carries (5,0,0).** Senator Johnson reported the FABPAC implemented a new system for managing students’ school dues. Science and Math Senator Alexander reported she will have a meeting with interim dean Genele Rhoads on February 20, 2013 and the next Math Division meeting will take place on February 28, 2013. Health and PE Senator Brooks addressed various growing and housing problems. Motion to extend this item by 2 minutes by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Baig. **Motion carries (5,0,0).** Senator Brooks reported he will be doing a

proposal to the house attorney and will talk to ST Salazar after the retreat regarding this proposal. Diversity Affairs Senator Baig doesn't have anything specific to report at this time. Student Services Senator Cordova reported the next division meeting will take place on Thursday February 21, 2013.

#### XIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President Brown reported the ASSC Bulletin Board assignments to the Senate and the importance of maintaining their respective boards. ST Salazar reported about the Accreditation Report on the Solano website. Motion to extend Salazar's report by 3 minutes by Senator Cordova, second by Senator Johnson. **Motion carries (5,0,0).** ST Salazar continued with her report about the Accreditation Report on the Solano website. Motion to extend Salazar's report for a second time by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Brooks. **Motion carries (5,0,0).** Secretary Martinez and Treasurer Arif both doesn't have any specific to report at this time. PRO Mesa did Bulletin Board assignments for her report. Motion to extend Mesa's report by 7 minutes by Senator Johnson, second by Senator Brooks. **Motion carries (5,0,0).**

#### XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

*No specific announcements at this time.*

#### XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

ST Salazar reminded the Out of the Darkness event will take place on March 9, 2013 and addressed about the Accreditation Letter of Warning on the Solano website. ST Salazar thanked everyone who helped out on Club Promo Day and also Senator Cordova for sending out the emails to everyone in the public who signed up for email alerts at the ASSC booth. Public member Kerraine addressed about the ASSC's image in response to the Tempest.

#### XVI. UPCOMING AGENDA

ST Salazar suggested doing the icebreaker again at the start of information items depending on the load of other items for each upcoming agenda for the remainder of the Spring Semester.

#### XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Senator Cordova, second by Senator Brooks. **Motion carries (5,0,0).**  
Meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.