



Associated Students of Solano College

Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2024

12:30-2:00 PM PST

1400 Building – ASSC Conference Room 1421

Zoom Meeting ID: 538 978 8211



I. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 12:34 PM

II. **OFFICIAL ROLL CALL**

Executive Board

1. President Diana Solis
2. Vice President Malika Mirador
3. Secretary Noah Wong
4. Legislative Advocate Karissa Brown
5. Student Trustee Sriya Srinivasan
6. Treasurer Christian Pardo
7. Public Relations Officer AJ Matthews

ATTENDANCE

- present
- present
- present
- present
- present
- present
- present

Senate

1. Applied Tech & Business Senator Mounir Benjelloun - present
2. Liberal Arts Senator Giovanni Torres - present (12:35)
3. Health & Kinesiology Melanie Punzalan - absent
4. Math & Science Senator Ernesto V. Pena - absent
5. Social & Behavioral Science Monica Mitchell - present
6. Governing Board Senator Kiren Wilson - absent
7. Student Services Senator Andre Trujillo - present
8. Humanities Senator Lana Tayag - present
9. Academic Curriculum Senator Anh-Dao Pham - present
10. Diversity Affairs Senator Jedidah Goliat - present (12:40)
11. Vocational Curriculum Senator Baron "Cedric" Pasion - present
12. Business Services Senator Josiah Tolbert - present

III. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- A. April 16th, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Lana, Seconded by Gio. Motion passed
 - b. Motion to suspend orders of the day. Moved by Mo, Seconded by Dre. Motion passed

IV. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. April 2nd, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve last week's minutes. Moved by Gio, Seconded by Lana. Motion passed

V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the ASSC Senate on

items not already on the agenda. Please be aware that there is a 3-minute time limit for each item and that NO action may be taken on any of these items. These items may however come back to the Senate for action at their discretion.

- *No members of the public present*

VI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

A. Denise Martinez

- a. Discussed the RFP returned from two vendors: Canteen and Greater Good Vending.
 - i. The senate must review the report and provide a scoring sheet for the associated departments.
 - ii. The two methods of moving forward are either to score the reports individually and bring it back to the Senate, or to score the reports as a group.
 - iii. The Senate agreed to listen to and review the presentation as a group.
 - iv. Cedric, Dre, and Jedi said they wanted to be part of the initial review and presentation of the report.
 - v. The group will figure out the logistics after the meeting.
- b. Reported on an incident at the Pride event yesterday.
 - i. A student wrote hate speech on the banner at the upcoming event.
 - ii. It was highlighted that action will be taken on this matter, and that more security and preparation will be taken during upcoming events.
 - iii. Additionally, the Senate was asked to report any incidents or instances of hate speech to Denise.
 - iv. It was clarified that this will be handled on an administrative level.
 - v. Discussed the details surrounding the event with statements from attending senators.
- c. Discussed upcoming events including the Met Gala
 - i. Requested that Senators come to attend these events and try to be involved
 - ii. The 'Step into College' program happening tomorrow in the transfer center was cited as an example of an upcoming event that representatives of ASSC can attend.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Clubs and Campus Funding Discussion

- a. The confusion with the Art Department's request has been resolved
 - i. It was found that the request was not for the Art Department but for students to attend this conference.
 - ii. So, for the future they need to find where the funding is supposed to come from and that the amount allocated for these requests is for the ASSC to determine.
- b. Senator Cedric learned that Blue Gene was mentioned at the Academic Senate meeting
 - i. The group apparently has received a 13-million-dollar grant that went

to the Academic side in the Biotech Department.

- ii. The group also attended a country-wide competition for algae, and many top colleges were not able to get in.
 - iii. In a year, they will be continuing into the next rounds of competition
 - c. Discussed giving \$1,000 for the Art Department and \$685 for the Blue Gene
 - i. Senators put forward the idea of reducing the amount for the Blue Gene Algae Club to \$500.
 - d. It was decided to give the Art Department \$1,000 and and the Blue Gene Algae Club \$500.
- B. ASSC Elections
- a. Hosted the Mandatory Candidates Assembly earlier today
 - b. There was a candidate who could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency
 - c. The committee met before the meeting to decide to allow the current candidates to continue running in the election.
- C. NCORE
- a. The group is dividing up tasks through the ASSC discord and will be going forward preparing presentations for the event.
 - b. They are looking to collect the sign-in sheets for data that can be referenced in the presentation, along with pictures for these events.
 - c. They will be working on covering events such as the Fright Night event, the Library Study Cram event; furthermore, the group is hoping to do a mock presentation to run through the presentations.
 - d. The Senate can access what the group has been up to through the Canvas link posted in the ASSC discord.
- D. MET GALA
- a. Discussed having Student Choice Awards
 - b. Reviewed the Faculty Awards that were voted on.
 - c. Decided that the faculty will be voting on the same categories for Faculty winners
 - d. Karissa has tried to contact a number of professors to get them involved with the event.
 - e. Discussed having an art display open during the event; additionally, the option would be open to auction the art pieces at the event.
 - i. Hosting an auction would require senators to reach out to the art department and to be the liaison for the artists involved. Karissa said she would take this on
 - f. Discussed the topic of seating, potentially having 120 attendees allowed at the event.
 - g. Diana stated that she could handle the logistics of the the casino, concession, and tickets system.
 - h. Discussed the details of the costume contest.
 - i. Covered the music playlist that will be used for the event
 - j. Spoke about publicizing the MET GALA event as a Mother's Day event.
 - k. Went over the ticketing system for the event. The idea was proposed that

students with a valid student ID can attend get a ticket for free; however, any additional tickets would cost \$5 or \$10.

- l. Discussed bartending and creation of mock-tails.
 - m. The current action plan is to have an activities committee meeting, finalize the logistics of the casino/payment system, and iron out the final details for event involvement and responsibilities.
 - n. Currently, we need to find the pricing and distribution of tickets in Student Development.
- E. Olympics Day Event
- a. The Olympics day committee has found an alternative source of funding, and Senators are welcome to be a part of the planning/participation for the event.
 - b. We will be waiting to hear from Melanie who said that she wanted to be a part of the planning process.
 - c. The event is still planned for April 30th; however, the time is still being finalized. Tentatively, planning for 11 to 2.
 - d. The event will include food trucks, a break-dancing competition, etc.
- F. 1400 Furniture Purchase
- a. Motion to table this item for the next meeting. Motioned by Lana, Seconded by Dre. Motion passed.
- G. STEM Club Transfer to MESA
- a. Motion to table this item for the next meeting. Motioned by Cedric, Seconded by Lana. Motion passed.
 - b. Reportedly, the submitted form for this STEM Club reimbursement is incorrect
- H. Resolution for Documented Dreamers
- a. Motion to table this item for the next meeting. Motioned by Cedric, Seconded by Jedi. Motion passed.
 - b. This is a letter of support directed to immigrant children who were brought to the country at a young age.
 - c. The form AB-540, is meant to protect undocumented students. This topic would be supported by the Senate via having the ASSC sign a resolution stating that we support this.
 - d. Any senators can reach out to Diana if they want to help with the drafting of this resolution.
- I. Changing the Language Policy
- J. Student Feedback
- i. Topic: The health Center has not been open during posted hours.
 - ii. Previous items the Senate has been discussing before were
 - iii. Topic: Please update clubs on the Solano website
 - iv. Topic: Add more halal/vegan options for food in the cafeteria and bookstore
 - 1. AJ stated that she would be interested in pursuing this
 - 2. Discussing the 300-building renovation for gender neutral bathrooms was mentioned.
 - v. Additionally, students want to have the hours of the library and bookstore open sooner
 - vi. Topic: Develop an area where students can purchase painkillers

1. Karissa stated that she would be interested in pursuing this
2. It was noted that the library does sell Advil
- vii. Topic: Adding more menstrual products (pads, condoms, etc.) to the bathroom dispensers
 1. Karissa and AJ stated that she would be interested in pursuing this
- viii. Topic: Updating the transportation Services
 1. Mo stated that he would be interested in pursuing this

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Clubs and Campus Funding Discussion
 - a. Motion to approve the giving of the Art Department \$1000 and Blue Gene Algae Club \$500. Moved by Jedi, Seconded by Lana. Motion passed by consensus
- B. ASSC Elections
 - a. Motion to approve the amendments to the election code. Moved by Dre, Seconded by Lana. Jedi abstains. The motion carries.
- C. NCORE
 - a. N/A
- D. MET GALA
 - a. N/A
- E. Olympics Day Event
 - a. N/A
- F. 1400 Furniture Purchase
 - a. N/A
- G. Swearing in of new senators and executive officers
 - a. N/A
- H. Approval of Club Expenditures
 - a. N/A

IX. GUEST SPEAKER

- A. Vice President of Student Services, Lisa Neeley
 - a. N/A
 - b. Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes. Moved by
- B. Melissa
 - a. Introduced herself as an English faculty member
 - b. Discussed the Fall Welcome Day program
 - i. A program that is hosted before classes started so incoming students can learn about academic programs, support services, existing clubs, and the Solano campus as a whole
 - ii. The proposed date is Wednesday, August 7th.
 - iii. Reviewed the outline of the program from 10 in the morning to 2 in the afternoon. Includes a introductory assembly, various optional workshops, multiple different fairs throughout the campus, .
 - iv. The first flyer was sent out today, and much of the planning is starting now

- v. Wants to discuss ASSC involvement in the upcoming event. Previously students helped as tour guides, volunteers, employees, club booths, and as panelists.
- vi. Came to discuss while they were still in the early planning stages to involve the ASSC and get ideas and suggestions from the Senate.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Inter-Club Council
 - a. N/A
- B. Activities
 - a. The committee has met to discuss the details and plans for the upcoming MET GALA event.
- C. Elections
 - a. The election is continuing as planned, the mandatory candidate's assembly was held earlier in the day and the Online voting will be happening next week.

XI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (3:00 Minutes)

- 1. President: Diana Solis
 - a. Went to the Academic Senate to discuss making the Vacaville campus more student friendly
- 2. Vice-President: Malika Mirador
 - a. N/A
- 3. Secretary: Noah Wong
 - a. Nothing to Report
- 4. Legislative Advocate: Karissa Brown
 - a. Discussed meeting details regarding the instating of a new Regional Officer. Had an 88-page report for the Santa Clara conference (LGBTQA+, transportation, equality, etc.); moreover, this information will be covered in a next week's meeting. The next conference will be in Spring 2025.
- 5. Student Trustee: Sriya Srinivasan
 - a. N/A
- 6. Treasurer: Christian Pardo
 - a. Nothing to Report
- 7. Public Relations Officer: AJ Matthews
 - a. Discussed what went on at the Santa Clara conference. Advocated for us reaching out with other neighboring community colleges.

XII. DIVISION REPORT (3:00 Minutes)

- 1. Applied Tech & Business Senator Mounir Benjelloun - N/A
- 2. Liberal Arts Senator Giovanni Torres - N/A
- 3. Health & Kinesiology Melanie Punzalan - N/A
- 4. Math & Science Senator Ernesto Valencia Pena - N/A
- 5. Social & Behavioral Science Monica Mitchell - N/A
- 6. Governing Board Senator Kiren Wilson - N/A
- 7. Student Services Senator Andre Trujillo - N/A
- 8. Humanities Senator Lana Tayag - N/A

9. Academic Curriculum Senator Anh Dao Pham - N/A
10. Diversity Affairs Senator Jedidah Goliat - SESC (Student Equity and Success Committee) is having issues with the Brown act and are having issues meeting quorum. To remedy this, they will be meeting in the Nest on the Mondays of April 22nd and May 6th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm
11. Vocational Curriculum Senator Baron "Cedric" Pasion - Discussed the Academic Senate and how they reviewed the Biotech department at Solano and their goals for 2024, 2025 (including transportation, improving the ASTC, etc.). Discussed that no one wants to be a tutor at the Vacaville campus because it hhas no benefits; furthermore, they are looking to brainstorm
12. Business Services Senator Josiah Tolbert - N/A

XIII. REVIEW

- Discussed Welcome Back Day
- The advisor's report covered the PRIDE Day event
- Finished club and campus funding
- Nothing for Olympic Day event
- Approved of club funding requests.
- Had committee reports.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN DISCUSSION

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- Treasurer of the Drama Club, asked when the funding will be entering their account. The funding will start the transfer at the end of the week; therefore, it will enter their account in 2-3 weeks.

XV. UPCOMING AGENDA & MEETING

- A. April 23rd, 2024

XVI. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- Skipped due to time constraints

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Moved by Cedric, Seconded by Lana. Motion passed.