
CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE | ASSOCIATED STUDENT UNION (ASUCCC)



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STUDENT SENATE | REGULAR MEETING MINUTES | AUGUST 30, 2023

Meeting Location: 2600 Mission Bell Dr. (SAB 107) San Pablo, CA. 94806

4:10 P.M. – 5:40 P.M.

Zoom Information

<https://4cd.zoom.us/j/9286267215>

Meeting ID: 928 626 7215

Agenda Materials

Board members will be attending via teleconference from the following locations

Note: While teleconference locations are listed below, if a member does not participate from a teleconference location that location may not be open to the public.

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I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order - 4:12pm

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

Voting Members

President Sudinma Thapa	Parliamentarian <i>vacant</i>
Executive Vice President <i>vacant</i>	Director of Public Relations <i>vacant</i>
Vice President of Club Affairs <i>vacant</i>	Director of Shared Governance <i>vacant</i>
Secretary <i>vacant</i>	Director of External Affairs Sheyla Rojas Gutierrez
Treasurer <i>vacant</i>	Activity Coordinator <i>vacant</i>
Senator(s) Alejandra Simen Erick Arias Lola Abdugapparov Sara Sugimoto	

Non-Voting Members

Advisor: Angela Loera

Petitioning Senator(s): Amoon Sharay, - A Taylor (Teiji) Keeton – A Michael Saavedra - A, Luis Chico, - A Frankie Concha, - A Irma Huizar, Ayman Khan, Andersson Esteban, - A Leon Saelee - A

Note-Taker:

Public: Jon Brito

II. APPROVAL | 5 Minutes

The ASUCCC Board will consider any amendments to the agenda and consider for approval the meeting held on **August 30, 2023.**

A. Agenda

B. Minutes (*August 23, 2023*)

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT | 10 Minutes

California Government Code Section 54954.3 Members of the public will be given an opportunity to comment. This section of the meeting cannot surpass 10 minutes. Individuals will each receive two minutes per comment.

- Ayman K. introduction for Veterans Club – talked with advisor to propose budget and assistance – next meeting agenda and presentations would be good to provide to do a budget breakdown

IV. INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONING SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES (Optional)

V. OLD BUSINESS | 20 Minutes

A. Student Success Committee Representative (Nikhil Masand) | 5 Minutes

- N. Masand next Thursday 2pm-4pm in Fireside Hall (Ayman and Erick interested in attending the next meeting in-person)
- Rod Santos sent out an RSVP to those interested / Those interested will be voting members
- Comment S. Thapa – all applicants are required to attend a committee. An example is Student Success or another committee, highly recommended
- Will submit a committee report and will return to the ASU meetings for more interest

B. Brief Overview of Robert's Rules of Order, Brown Act, and CCC ASU Bylaws | 20 Minutes

- S. Thapa goes over RR worksheet and key points to Brown Act
- AL mentions that ASU president and her will look at the next possible date to have a SSCCC rep come to a meeting and hold a training for the board.
- ASU Bylaws brief overview of duties and why the ASU represents the student body / Senators and petitioning senators responsibilities
- Highlight: all applicants go through a 3 week probation period / 3 consecutive meeting
- Attend one shared governance meeting or any other meeting that abides by the Brown Act

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- Interactive activity that promotes ASU (inviting students to the ASU board, handing out fliers, listening session, or creating a promotional video introducing yourself to the student body)
- Bring your idea next meeting to get board approval for your activity

C. Committee List Review | 10 Minutes

Going around and discussing committees you are interested in

- Sara S. – Safety Committee
- Khan – College Council, Planning, SS
- Erick A – SS, Budget
- Sheyla – Planning (only one that aligns with schedule)
- Frankie – Budget
- Undecided: A. Simen, A. Esteban, Irma H. (Email S. Thapa if you have not yet picked a committee)

D. Process & Nominations for Interim Elections | 15 Minutes

Vacancies on the board – special election is held. Should begin immediately but since we didn't know who might be joining yet, we moved it to today

- Election Code: ASUCCC board for vacant position by current members, can be nominated to multiple but only accept one
- Second round will go out to all student body
- Can self-nominate
- 24 hours to notify advisor or president
- Will be announced during meeting unless issue results / one week to deliberate on complaint
- Will span 2 meetings – 2/3 meetings
- Additional week will be allocated for the process

Floor opened for nominations / From or outside the board

- Ayman Khan self nominates for Executive Vice President
- Sara Sugimoto self nominates for Director of Public Relations
- Erick Arias self nominates for Treasurer
- Sudinma Thapa nominates Frankie Concha for Treasurer
- Sheyla Gutierrez Rojas nominates Irma Huizar for Secretary
- S. Thapa nominates Alexa Simen for Director of Shared Governance
- Andersson Esteban self nominates for Activity Coordinator
- Sudinma Thapa nominates Sheyla Gutierrez Rojas for Executive Vice President

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VI. NEW BUSINESS | 20 Minutes

A. Fitness Center Hours (Jon Brito) | 10 Minutes

- Jon Brito comes to ASU as a student about an incident at Fitness Center. Was kicked out of the center, no longer open for all students. Possible budgeting issue to staff the center – hopes ASU to have students use the gym in the afternoon (works full-time and utilize the facility as a student).
- Khan has been having conversation with Vet coordinator to find a staffing issue – looks to push the issue up if needed.
- S. Thapa will discuss with Beth Goehring AD about the fitness center to staff the hours currently. This is an open facility and sympathizes with experience as no one should be removed from an open area on campus.

J. Brito: Side note: He works with a company Richmond Build, for staging. Contact at email. Public event no private events.

Further discussion on Fitness Center:

- E. Arias says that you can only go in yourself as a student – can you bring an additional person that is not a student.
- S. Thapa will note this but unsure if outside persons can come into the facility, but we do have an upcoming Gym club that can possibly help with this issue.

B. Q & A: Potential Improvements for our Campus | 10 Minutes

Goals – List 3 goals for ASU

Improve or adjust these and how can we implement them

Goal #1 – Connecting to different leadership opportunities

Spread awareness about leadership opportunities – Ex. Diversity in individuals we send to SSCCC GA conference

- E. Arias – shares experience with HS programs
- A. Khan – ex. Spots for executive positions, giving them that chance to learn
- S. Thapa – remote students, Puente students (looking to transfer), does not have to be limited
- Simen – Have students and present to different departments – we go to them, or reserve a room to get students together
- A. Khan – In general most people are working or doing outside activities to support going to college, how to get there
- SGR – Gateway and MCHS, will be more inclined and can take advantage of the opportunities available to them on a college campus

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- S. Thapa – many students might not want to, but there are percentages that do. Can amend goal – we will vote on the goals after probationary period Tabling during Club Rush – announcements and engage to promote – S. Thapa will work with ICC

Goal #2 – S. Thapa noticed that there was no bond between, we have the occasional STAC meeting, but no actual students going and seeing what our other sister colleges are like. More district-wide

- A. Khan – Festivals, etc. and make it a regular occurrence
- A. Simen – add on – it could be collaboration

Goal #3 – Policy-making and advocacy work since it seemed to be lacking in the recent semesters

- A. Khan – What can we do?
- S. Thapa – ex. Fitness Center is something that is for the students, we as ASU can essentially step in, advisor can push it and advocate or Pres can push to president's cabinet or event district-wide, students can bring it up in your committees
- E. Arias – goals on top priority, we can change them and amend them or put them into action, we can add goals
 - Spending more team-building, bonding (15 min before/after/during)
 - S. Thapa – we can work on incorporating these

C. Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) Delegate

Assignment | 5 Minutes

- S. Thapa gives an overview to find a delegate
- Ayman Khan – interested
- S. Thapa we can have a delegate in ASU, but would like to open it up to ICC, prompts to write to be picked as a delegate - Opening up the delegate position for other students who are not in ASU or ICC
- E. Arias – How will it benefit us and bring back (someone who is outside of ASU) delegate someone to report back to ASU, etc.

Advisor gives an overview and clarification of delegate duties

S. Thapa puts this to a question: Should the SSCCC delegate be a designee that is a part of ASU and/or ICC?

SGR – Y

SS – Y

ASimen – Y

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EA – Y

Unanimous vote, motion passes

Delegate assignments to be sent out

VII. BOARD REPORTS | 10 Minutes

- A. President: Not much went on this week, but has a meeting with advisor for planning, have not yet attended committee meetings.
- B. Director of External Affairs: Meeting with advisor tomorrow about Student Sticker Discount
- C. Senator(s)
 - A. Simen: adjusting schedule, weather hot lately, canopies and portable fan mists for hotter events (idea)
 - E. Arias: schedule end of taking more credits than expected, school is priority, looking to balance with ASU
- D. Advisor: Not much, just to remember that Monday is a holiday and that for named positions will be setting up one/one meetings but will eventually meet with everyone.

VIII. BUDGET APPROVAL | 10 Minutes

- A. Copy Central Printing (ASU Women’s History Month SPR’23)
 - i. \$58.15
 - E. Arias motions to approve, A. Simen seconds. Unanimous, motion passes.
 - ii. \$20.12
 - S. Sugimoto motions to approve, E. Arias seconds. Unanimous, motion passes.
- B. Richmond Pizza House (Reimbursement to Student Life GL) – Adjustment from \$836 to \$961.85
 - S. Gutierrez Rojas motions to approve adjustment reimbursement, A. Simen seconds. Unanimous, motion passes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned – 5:30pm

Next Meeting.....September 6, 2023