

Antelope Valley College
Associated Student Organization
Executive Council Minutes
3041 West Ave. K, Lancaster, CA 93536
SSV 184, 9:00AM
May 23, 2014

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on May 23, 2014. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President Chris Dundee 722-6300 ext 6160.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 9:05am

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Nathan Skadsen

1.3 Roll Call:

President – Chris Dundee - Present

Vice President, Academic Affairs – Giovanna Sanchez - Present

Vice President, Student Services – Keziah Arnold - Present

Vice President, Public Relations – Rieana Paul - Present

Vice President, Club Affairs - Irene Montalban - Present

Treasurer – Vacant

Secretary – Megan Turrill – Proxy – Maranatha Javines - Present

Senator:

Counseling and Matriculation and Enrollment Services– Faith Hobby - Absent

Health Sciences – Patrick Truong – Present

Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Jose Sanchez - Present

Social and Behavioral Sciences and Business, Computer Studies and Economic Development – Nathan Skadsen - Present

Language Arts and Instructional Resources; Extended Services – Natalie Ronquillo - Absent

Student Development and Services - Shyann Blanco – Absent

Technical Education – Raul Curiel – Proxy – Russell Bierle - Present

Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education – Kimberly Garcia - Absent

Membership is 14, Quorum is 8, 10 were present, Quorum is established.

Student Trustee – Christopher Dundee - Present

Advisor - Dr. Jill Zimmerman - Present

Accounting Assistant - Nancy Blundell - Absent

Students – Jonathan Hernandez, Mery Alaberkyan, Shawn R. Smith, Maranatha Javines, Alan Mazariegos, and William Pfaff.

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved to adopt the agenda for May 20, 2014 by Rieana Paul, seconded by Keziah Arnold. Motion passed 9/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –

Moved to approve the Minutes for May 16, 2014 by Jose Sanchez, seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passed 9/0/0.

Moved to approve the Minutes for May 20, 2014 by Giovanna Sanchez, seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passed 9/0/0.

1.6 Approval of Financial Report

Tabled by President Dundee

II. PUBLIC FORUM

SOAR students and members of the SOAR High School's MIT InvenTeam, Jonathan Hernandez and Mery Alaberkyan, presented the officers of ASO with a plaque and picture. They both stated the team's sincere thanks for an ASO grant that allowed their team to compete at a national level at the MIT.

III. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Committee Reports

Senator Nathan Skadsen discussed that at the last IT meeting, it was announced that all buildings on campus now have, or will so have, Wifi access points installed. He announced that it was hoped commencement could be live streamed because of new access points installed at the stadium. He also noted that the IT committee will be looking at a restructuring due to some reorganization changes affecting the library, and that Rick Shaw is looking for input and feedback on what each constituency group thinks is appropriate representation. Nathan stated that he feels confidence after the warm reception he has consistently received from all the committee members, that ASO will retain at least one voting member on the committee.

President Dundee gave a report in which he discussed the last CCC committee he attended, at which the topic of the split of SPBC was discussed. He stated that once again representatives were told to go out and ask their constituencies what they believe is appropriate representation on all three committees, SP, BC, and SPBC joint committee. Right now, due to how large each committee seems to be getting, President Dundee will be requesting 2 voting members on each committee, and 2 voting members along with 2 non voting members on the joint SPBC committee.

3.2 ASO Budget

President Chris Dundee announced that the ASO budget was almost finalized, but that he suggested making a change to make sure our ASO scholarship is funded for the year, as our endowment only generates \$500 per year, of the \$3,000 necessary to fund the scholarship each year.

After some discussion on where such funds could be budgeted from on the latest draft budget line items, Dr. Zimmerman reminded the ASO board that, because ASO now has a Vice President of Special Programs, and they wish to continue funding programs like Hearts and Hands Pantry among others, they could utilize the ASO reserve account.

Vice President of Student Services Keziah Arnold suggested pulling \$1,000 from the Hearts and Hands line item and moving it to the ASO Events line item.

Senator Nathan Skadsen voiced his approval for utilizing the reserve to help fund the purchase of non-infrastructure items for the Student Lounge, to help purchase small items like microwaves and bulletin boards for the Health Sciences building, and continue to support other special programs and things like the ASO scholarship. Senator Skadsen recommended ASO add in its budget \$40,000 from the ASO reserve account to fund the aforementioned projects, services, etc.

Dr. Zimmerman stated that she agreed that ASO should only be funding items for the Student Lounge that are small ticket items, such as electronics and entertainment items. She believes that infrastructure items such as HVAC replacement and the replacement of the floor and other interior items, at a price tag of around \$90,000, should be the responsibility of the College not the Associated Students. No opposition was voiced to this statement.

President Christopher Dundee asked for a quick update on the Student Health Center and when that would be funded and built. Dr. Zimmerman stated that she will have more information on that subject very soon.

Vice President of Student Services Keziah Arnold requested a quick estimate of ASO's reserve balance. Dr. Zimmerman stated that, from the top of her head, we currently have \$200,000 in our reserve as well as around \$160,000 in another reserve account which includes monies forfeited from expired ICC clubs.

Russell Bierle asked the group to begin thinking about perhaps adding to our scholarship's endowment, as currently our \$10,000 endowment is only making \$500 each year, enough to only cover 1/6th of what we need to fund our annual \$3,000 scholarship.

President Christopher Dundee stated that, using a rough estimate without any other information, he believes it would take a total endowment of \$60,000 to generate an annual perpetuity of \$3,000.

Senator Nathan Skadsen stated that he believed giving such a large amount of money, as Russell stated earlier, is something we should seriously consider but will require a lengthy discussion by the next ASO taking office in June.

Senator Nathan Skadsen asked about the status of the ASO computers that ASO approved the purchase of almost 8 months ago and has still not received, at a cost of \$7,500.

Dr. Zimmerman replied that they are currently navigating the system, or maze, that is PeopleSoft, and that they could still be on order, or in the warehouse, or being prepped for installation by Institutional Technology.

Senator Shyann Blanco asked Dr. Zimmerman about the odds of getting the school to fund the Student Lounge, especially with the projected refurbishment to cost around \$90,000.

Dr. Zimmerman replied that every year she makes sure it is highly placed on our prioritization list at Facilities, and that many support the idea of such a refurbishment. She also stated that at the last town hall meeting on Friday May, 16, 2014, President Knudson announced that the Board of Trustees is investigating a new bond measure and has found there to be substantial public support for such a measure. Conceivably the measure would be used to help fund badly needed maintenance costs and that, if passed, could be used to fund such a refurbishment.

Moved to approve the final draft ASO budget, with \$40,000 from the ASO reserve for special programs, and with the move of \$1,000 from the Hearts and Hands expense line to the ASO Events line by Nathan Skadsen, seconded by Russell Bierle.

President Dundee called for a Roll Call vote.

President – Chris Dundee – Chairman/No Vote
Vice President, Academic Affairs – Giovanna Sanchez - Aye
Vice President, Student Services – Keziah Arnold - Aye
Vice President, Public Relations – Rieana Paul - Aye
Vice President, Club Affairs - Irene Montalban - Aye
Treasurer – Vacant
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Senator:

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Health Sciences – Patrick Truong – Aye
Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Jose Sanchez - Aye
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Motion Passed 9/0/0

IV. REPORTS

Advisor Report –

Dr. Jill Zimmerman stated her congratulations to all those graduating, transferring, as well as to those who received scholarships and awards last night. She congratulated Russell Bierle on his winning the Dr. C. Mistry Academic Excellence Award. She also congratulated Patrick Truong and Christopher Dundee on their winning two of the six ASO scholarships. She also congratulated the Skills Club and Shawn Smith for their excellent BBQ/Fundraisers and is looking forward to seeing even more of what they will do in the future. She finished by announcing that at last Friday's town hall meeting, President Edward Knudson announced Dr. Louis Lucero, Director of the OSD office, as the first winner of a new award given to special administrators and employees who truly contribute to students at the college. She also wished everyone well on their finals.

Executive Board Reports –

President Dundee thanked all the officers for their service and is looking forward to working with next year's ASO as the new Student Trustee.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Giovanna Sanchez personally thanked everyone who helped with the Leadership Luncheon that was hosted on Friday May 16, 2014.

Senator's Reports –

Senator Shyann Blanco stated that she attended the last DETC committee meeting as a proxy for President-Elect Megan Turrill, and that on the issue of the only vote of the day, the other members of the committee told her she could not vote. Dr. Zimmerman inquired as to what happened. Shyann stated that she did not know if it was because she was a proxy, or for other reasons. Dr. Zimmerman stated that ASO along with herself will look into the matter as normally proxies are always allowed to vote in meetings of that nature.

Senator Nathan Skadsen stated that Megan Turrill attended the first VPAA open forum featuring Dr. Tom O'Neil, while he attended the second and third open forums featuring Dr. Bonnie Suderman and Mr. Omar Torres respectively. Nathan stated that after asking a total of nine questions in total over two days, from their position on substantial student government involvement to their role as the face of the college, he believed Dr. Bonnie Suderman to be the best candidate for the job due to her positive statements about special collaboration with students on specific projects.

Student Trustee Report – New Student Trustee Christopher Dundee stated that at the last meeting, the board was close to signing several new local contracts. Former Student Trustee Russell Bierle added to that, by announcing that a lot adjacent to AVC had been put into surplus and will now be sold to the benefit of the College.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

President Christopher Dundee announced that the next and final ASO meeting of academic year 2013-2014 will be Friday, May 30, 2014 at 8:30am. The meeting will be held at Birdie's Restaurant and Driving Range, located at 41520 10th Street West Palmdale, CA 93551.

Dr. Jill Zimmerman reminded everyone that AVC's commencement ceremony will be held Friday at 7pm, and requested everyone arrive by 6pm to prepare. Dr. Zimmerman then handed out graduation cords to all those ASO officers who are graduating this year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53am by Rieana Paul, seconded by Nathan Skadsen. Motion carried 9/0/0.