

**Antelope Valley College**  
**Associated Student Organization**  
**Executive Council Minutes**

**3041 West Ave. K, Lancaster, CA 93536**

**SSV 151, 9:00AM**

**March 7, 2014**

**The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on March 7, 2014. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President Chris Dundee 722-6300 ext 6160.**

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 9:07am

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Giovanna Sanchez

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 - Absent

Treasurer – Manuel Martinez - Absent

Secretary – Megan Turrill - Present

Senator:

Counseling and Matriculation and Enrollment Services– Vacant

Health Sciences – Patrick Truong – Absent

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 - Present

Student Development and Services - Shyann Blanco – Absent

Technical Education – Raul Curiel – Absent

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

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

Student Trustee – Russell Bierle -Absent

Advisor - Director of Financial Aid Sherri Padilla - Present

Accounting Assistant - Nancy Blundell - Present

Students - Joy Scott, Scott Miller, SAC Representative Alexis Whitten

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved to adopt the agenda by Rieana Paul, seconded by Megan Turrill. Motion passed 7/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes - 2/28/14

Moved to approve the minutes for 2/28/14 by Jose Sanchez, seconded by Megan Turrill. Motion passed 7/0/0.

#### 1.6 Approval of Financial Report

Moved to approve the Financial Report for July 31, 2013 to March 7, 2014 by Giovanna Sanchez, seconded by Rieana Paul. Financial Report read out by President Dundee. Motion passed 7/0/0.

## II. PUBLIC FORUM

No action taken.

Moved to revisit roll call to include Student Trustee Russell Bierle, seconded by Keziah Arnold. Senator Nathan Skadsen mentioned that we may want to include Russell Bierle as a proxy for Senator Raul Curiel. Moved to amend the previous motion to include Russell Bierle as proxy for Senator Raul Curiel by Rieana Paul, seconded by Keziah Arnold. Motion passed 7/0/0.

#### 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 - Absent  
Treasurer – Manuel Martinez - Absent  
Secretary – Megan Turrill - Present

#### Senator:

Counseling and Matriculation and Enrollment Services– Vacant  
Health Sciences – Patrick Truong – Absent  
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 - Present  
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, 9 were present, Quorum is established.

Student Trustee – Russell Bierle - Present

Advisor - Director of Financial Aid Sherri Padilla - Present

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## III. ACTION ITEMS

### 3.1 Committee Reports

Faith Hobby gave a report on the past week's Enrollment Management meeting. The meeting was

largely about how the new enrollment procedures would work. Emails had been recently sent out to students concerning the early enrollment of both Summer and Fall semesters simultaneously. A concern of this new enrollment process was that students would not have the funds necessary to pay for both semester's classes at the same time. Hobby stated that this should not be a problem since first of all, BOG fee waivers cover 80% of students at AVC, and second of all, there are payment plans available. Priority registration will begin May 6th for the following two semesters. This early enrollment plan will take a load off of the Financial Aid office. It will also move up the drop dates for non-payment and open up room for students on waitlists. A hope of those implementing this new process, is that it will get students to finish up their financial aid in a more efficient manner.

Secretary Megan Turrill let members know that she had attended a subcommittee meeting for DETC on Goal #4 with Professor Flores-Kagan and Professor Jenison. The three met at the Palmdale campus. The goal is centered around repairing and renewing the current online student evaluation test for AVC's online program. This program (SORT) is old and not entirely comprehensive. The group is looking into ways to make the system more comprehensive. San Jacinto Community College and Mira Costa College have both offered to let AVC use their materials as long as they are given credit. The group will be surveying DETC on what it believes the new online student evaluation should be composed of. Secretary Turrill will look into surveying ASO as well.

Senator Nathan Skadsen reported on the previous week's Student Planning and Budget Committee meeting, stating that of the Facility subcommittee's priorities, the Student Lounge was one of them. An amount worth \$90,000 from Measure R funds is earmarked for use on a new Student Lounge.

Advisor Sherri Padilla introduced herself as the Director of Financial Aid to members present who were unsure of who she was.

### 3.2 ASO Events

Alexis Whitten, Representative from the Student Activities Council (SAC), announced that SAC will be holding a campus Carnival event on Tuesday, March 18th, from 1-4pm. SAC is asking for 8-9 volunteers to help at this event. Representative Whitten passed around a sign-up sheet to members present.

Senator Shyann Blanco announced that she had picked up the tickets for Cosmic Bowling and turned in the check on the previous day.

Vice President Giovanna Sanchez told members present that she had met with Dr. Zimmerman and they had discussed the Leadership Luncheon. To be decided, is location and whether to have lunch, dinner, or dessert at the event. This latter decision may affect how many people are allowed to attend such an event.

President Chris Dundee mentioned the General Assembly coming up from May 2-4th at LAX Marriott. He stated that if members registered for this event before April 9th, the cost to go would be \$235. The cost of a doubled up hotel room would be \$110. These costs will be covered by the Student Representation fee budget line. President Dundee asked members whether they would be interested in this event and he received positive feedback on attendance. Secretary Megan Turrill passed out a General Assembly sign-up sheet to all members present.

President Chris Dundee mentioned that ASO elections would need to start being planned in the

near future. Vice President Giovanna Sanchez asked whether elections could occur before May in order to allow newly elected members to shadow current members.

President Dundee also asked members what they thought about doing a poll during elections asking whether students thought that the school mascot needed to be changed. Secretary Megan Turrill and Student Trustee Russell Bierle thought that having this poll may increase student interest in voting. Faith Hobby asked whether changing the mascot would be expensive. Senator Shyann Blanco replied that changing the mascot would be very expensive since decorations, uniforms, and merchandise would all need to be changed. President Dundee stated that the reason change of the mascot was being considered was that not many students do not know what a Marauder is. Senator Shyann Blanco stated that it would be much less expensive to inform students of what a Marauder is than to change the mascot altogether.

Student Trustee Russell Bierle stated that ASO needed to start considering whether it was going to implement a new Student Activities Fee or not in the following semester. The cost of this Student Activities Fee would be \$1 per student, per semester. Senator Nathan Skadsen stated that if ASO was going to move towards changing the mascot, then this would be the appropriate time to put a Student Activities Fee on the ballot as well. President Dundee let members know that this fee would be an opt out fee. Faith Hobby stated that this fee is very low and that she believes that all students will be able to afford this fee and most likely an even higher fee, such as a \$5 fee. Student Trustee Bierle replied that a student's financial aid would cover this \$1 cost. Senator Shyann Blanco contended that it would not. Advisor Padilla stated that the fee would cover the Student Activities Fee but that the individual would have the choice of either paying it up front or having it paid through their financial aid. Advisor Padilla also stated though, that different fees can be set up in different ways and may be handled differently. Advisor Padilla will look into the effects and processes this kind of fee will have to go through and will get back to ASO on her findings.

President Dundee mentioned to ASO members that a portion of the Student Activities Fee could go to SAC so that they will be able to purchase the items they need without coming to ASO with grant proposals.

### 3.3 Grant Proposals

The grant proposal from Alpha Iota for \$5765 to go towards registration and trip costs of 23 members and 2 advisors to a convention in San Jose was again considered after being presented in the previous week's meeting. Giovanna Sanchez asked that the grant proposal be considered after the grant proposal of Scott Miller from CNSA, in order to ensure that both group's grant proposals were considered equally.

AVC's California Nursing Students Association (CNSA) Co-President Scott Miller presented his club's grant proposal of \$4580. This money would go towards the CNSA National Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee from April 9-13th. It would cover convention registration, meals, hotel accommodations, and flights for 4 out of the 5 members attending. Miller stated this convention will be very advantageous to the students attending, it will increase knowledge on the campus as a whole, and get AVC's name out on the national stage. Miller handed the itinerary of this event over to President Chris Dundee. All of the members attending are members of the club's board. The fifth member attending, whose costs will not be covered by the grant proposal, will instead have his costs completely covered because he is a member of the statewide CNSA 2013-2014 Executive Board. The other members attending this convention plan on running for positions on the Board as well.

After this proposal, ASO discussed how it was going to cover the costs of these two grant

proposals since only \$8,495.00 existed in the grant proposal budget line. It was quickly decided that entirely covering both proposals would not be practical as the costs of covering both proposals would leave the budget line -\$1,850. Student Trustee Russell Bierle mentioned the option of moving money from other budget lines into the grant proposal budget line in order to cover the costs. After much discussion and calculator usage, it was decided that ASO could cover 75% of each of the grant proposal's costs. This would leave \$736.25 in the grant proposal budget line.

Moved to grant \$4323.75 to Alpha Iota for convention costs out of the grant proposal budget line by Russell Bierle, seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion carried 8/0/0.

### III. REPORTS

Advisor Report - No action taken.

Executive Board Reports - Secretary Megan Turrill apologized for her absence at the last ASO meeting and thanked Senator Nathan Skadsen for taking down the Minutes. She stated that she would be gone at 3 more meetings during the Spring semester due to Professor John Vento's Honor's Option meetings. She was not sure of whether the next meeting missed was to be held on March 14th or March 28th. She stated that she will let members know of the dates of the three meetings.

Vice President Giovanna Sanchez stated that Treasurer Manuel Martinez asked her to apologize for his absence and would like members to know that he is missing due to a short-notice shift at work.

Senator's Reports - Senator Shyann Blanco announced to members that a CCS survey would soon be coming up on campus. She also stated that 13 new classes had been approved for Fall 2014, one of those classes being Psychology 201.

Student Trustee Report - Student Trustee Russell Bierle made members aware of a complaint that he had received from a student about the Palmdale campus. The complaint came from a disabled student who stated that the elevator in the building was not handicap accessible and thus, did not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Trustee Bierle stated that while this was yet another reason for the Palmdale campus to move locations, there was nothing that ASO or the school could do about the situation since the building is rented out. If the situation were to become legal, the building landlord and not the school would be liable for non-ADA compliance.

### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The next ASO meeting will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 9am.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50am by Shyann Blanco, seconded by Giovanna Sanchez. Motion carried 8/0/0.