

**Antelope Valley College**  
**Associated Student Organization**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536**  
**SSV 180, 1:00 P.M.**  
**January 17, 2014**

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on January 17, 2014. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President Christopher Dundee 661-722-6300 ext 6160.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 1:04pm

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Senator Raul Curiel

1.3 Roll Call:

President- Christopher Dundee- Absent

Vice president, Academic Affairs - Giovanna Sanchez - Present

Vice President, Student Services - Keziah Arnold - Absent

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 - Samuel Adams - Absent

Mathematics, Science and Engineering - Jose Sanchez - Absent

Health Sciences - Patrick Truong - Absent

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 - Vacant

Technical Education - Raul Curiel - Present

Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education - Vacant

Membership is 13, Quorum is 8, 6 were present, Quorum is not established.

Student Trustee - Russell Bierle - Absent

Advisor - Ann Steinberg - Present

Accounting Assistant - Nancy Blundell - Present

Students - Shyann Blanco, Steven Chapman, JaMichael Breakenridge, Gabriel Graves

#### 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved to approve the agenda by Rieana Paul, seconded by Nathan Skadsen, Motion passed 5/0/0.

#### 1.5 Approval of the Minutes - 1/10/13

Moved to approve the minute for 1/3/13 with the correction of the date in the opening paragraph and the correction of the quorum to 8 rather than 7 by Raul Curiel, Seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passed 5/0/0.

#### 1.7 Financial Report

Financial report read out to ASO members by Giovanna Sanchez. Moved to approve the Financial Report from July 1, 2013 to January 17, 2014 by Nathan Skadsen, Seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passed 5/0/0.

## II. PUBLIC FORUM

Guests Steven, JaMichael, and Gabriel introduced themselves to ASO officers.

## III. ACTION ITEMS

### 3.1 ASO Goals

Goal #1 - Senator Nathan Skadsen took this time to explain the semester goals to guests present. Senator Nathan Skadsen also stated that the committee for Goal #1 had met the past Wednesday at 11:30am and had come up with many ideas for the orientation/training packet. The ASO training packet will include somewhere around 30 pages of information. On the following Wednesday at 1:30pm in SSV 180, the committee will meet again and certain members of the committee will be subscribed specific duties. Anybody is welcome to join the committee meetings. Secretary Megan Turrill elaborated on these ideas in order to explain them to members who were not previously present or new guest. She stated that the packets would most likely include a brief history of ASO, a Robert's Rules and Brown Act brief, a description of ICC and the Hearts and Hands Pantry among other items. These packets will be used to train future elected and appointed officers of ASO.

Goal #2 - Senator Nathan mentioned that the Goal #2 committee had met right before the

present meeting. Many subjects to discuss at Town Halls such as, the smoking policy, the Student Health Fee, the recent reorganization, and the skateboarding policy. The event “March in March” was also discussed. It will take place on March 3, 2014. Secretary Megan Turrill stated that in order to get more students to participate in this event, members of ASO would try to actively target political science and honor’s program students. She will be putting together a list of dates and times these classes occur. Senator Skadsen stated that the committee had discussed implementing office hours in the future. Secretary Turrill passed around an availability sheet she had created which could allow the gathering of every officer’s schedule and could then be used in order to decide which dates and times were best for upcoming meetings or for office hours. She stated that she still has to present this idea to President Dundee but that she thought it might be able to increase communications between officers and between officers and students. Advisor Ann Steinberg liked this idea but offered to let Secretary Turrill look at a different example of an availability sheet that might be even more efficient.

Goal #3 - Secretary Megan Turrill stated that she had emailed Hearts and Hands Pantry Chairman Beatriz Gonzalez and updated her on the “Doughnuts and Advocacy” event. Secretary Turrill also invited Chairman Gonzalez to come to any of the goal committees during the day or to the current ASO meeting in order to discuss any of the upcoming events but was not sure if Chairman Gonzalez would be attending.

### 3.2 Committee Reports

Nathan Skadsen stated that he had been to his first Student Budget and Planning committee and that he had felt warmly accepted by members of the SBPC and surprised that he already had his own name plate. He was pleased by some of the kind comments of members welcoming him to the committee. However, during the event he had been irked by a couple of the comments made by SPBC members. Dr. Meta Goel, co-chair of the committee, in a discussion of strategic planning, referred to interior design classes as “fluff”. A while later, Mr. Ed Knudson discussed how Ventura College has an Associate’s degree in homeopathic medicine. Dr. Knudson and other members dismissed this degree with a laugh. Senator Skadsen stated that he found both of these comments to be widely disrespectful and also quite arrogant of the fact that both of these programs have the ability to train students for real jobs in large industries, especially in Southern California. Senator Skadsen hopes that those members that so readily dismissed these courses as amusing will reevaluate the goal of these courses, which is to establish community jobs. Senator Skadsen also let ASO members know that 7 more faculty positions were voted on including a full time economics professor, a radiologic technician, fire technician, computer networking professor, and an earth sciences professor will be hired for the fall semester. Paperwork for the STEM grant funded hiring of a full time lab technician to serve physical science courses, including geology, astronomy, and physics Monday through Friday was also presented. Senator Skadsen was

pleased that the hiring of this lab technician will also now make it possible to have a Chemistry 101 class at the Palmdale campus using the Palmdale Aerospace Academy as the lab site. Senator Skadsen was impressed by Dr. Uhazy's securing of this grant and looks forward to approving the hiring in a future meeting.

### 3.3 ASO Events

Accounting Assistant Nancy Blundell asked for volunteers for the basketball games on Wednesday, January 22nd and Saturday, January 25th.

Senator Nathan Skadsen stated that the facilities request for Monday, February 3rd had been filled for the event deemed "Doughnuts and Advocacy". The time of the event would be from 8-11am, the same time that the Hearts and Hands Pantry would be passing out hot chocolate and selling candy bags. Tuesday was also an option for doughnut pass outs but had not yet been decided on because both he and Secretary Megan Turrill would be in class during these times. It was decided between members that Tuesday could also be done and the time for this event would be from 10-12pm near the Health Sciences building. Secretary Megan Turrill stated that she had been through the supplies and was working on getting more decorating supplies together. There will be 250 donuts per day. She will be setting up a day or two to prepare posters and decorations for the event and will let members know once she has them scheduled. Vice President Giovanna Sanchez asked if surveys will be available at the table. Senator Nathan Skadsen stated that there may be surveys but the content within them still has to be decided on.

Senator Nathan Skadsen reminded ASO members that Club Rush would be occurring in the second week of February and volunteers would be needed for ASO's table at the event.

Senator Nathan Skadsen also stated that the high school orientation at AVC would be occurring on January 22, 24, 28, and 30th. He and Michelle Hernandez were working on the folders for each student and including a brochure for each high school student about ASO. He passed around the brochure so members could view it. At the orientation, ASO would be able to have a member speak for 5-7 minutes. He stated that President Dundee, himself, and maybe Senator Samuel Adams would be speaking. He added that another member may be needed to speak. Vice President Rieana Paul stated that she would be able to speak at the orientation during the afternoon.

VP Rieana Paul also explained what ICC is to the guests present.

Vice President Giovanna Sanchez asked whether or not it would be possible to do a mini-workshop at the orientation. Senator Skadsen stated that the event was less than a week away and Michelle Hernandez had already opened up her schedule as much as possible. Shyann Blanco suggested that ASO present during lunch hour. Senator Skadsen stated that he would look into this possibility.

Vice President Rieana Paul also stated that she had talked to PJ, coordinator of the annual Leadership Luncheon and it would most likely be taking place on May 9th, along with the Honor's Convocation. These events will take place at the Hellenics Center. President Dundee is trying to secure Mr. Ed Knudsen to speak at the Leadership Luncheon. Professor John Vento will be taking care of the Honor's Convocation.

#### 3.4 Grant Proposals

Senator Nathan Skadsen took this time to explain what ASO grants are to the guests present.

#### IV. REPORTS

Advisor's Report - No action taken.

Executive Board Reports - Vice President Giovanna Sanchez thanked all those who had come to the meeting.

Senator's Reports - Nathan Skadsen thanked guests present for coming to the meeting.

Student Trustee Report - Absent

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Head of Goal #1 Committee Nathan Skadsen announced that the next committee meeting would be Wednesday at 1:30pm in SSV 180.

Vice President Sanchez announced that the next ASO meeting would be Friday, January 24, 2014 at 1pm.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:43pm by Raul Curiel, seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passed 5/0/0.