

Antelope Valley College
Associated Student Organization
Executive Council Minutes

3041 West Ave. K, Lancaster, CA 93536

SSV 184, 9:00AM

April 11, 2014

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on April 11, 2014. For more information, please contact Associated Student Organization President Chris Dundee 722-6300 ext 6160.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

1.1 Call to order: 9:03am

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Patrick Truong

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– Faith Hobby -- Present

Health Sciences – Patrick Truong – Present

Mathematics, Science and Engineering – Jose Sanchez - Absent

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 – Absent

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

Membership is 15, Quorum is 9, 8 were present, Quorum is not established.

Student Trustee – Russell Bierle -- Absent

Advisor - Dr. Jill Zimmerman -- Present

Accounting Assistant - Nancy Blundell -- Present

Students - Daniel Mendez, Jennifer Corona, Shawn R. Smith, Marantha Javines

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved to approve the agenda for April 11, 2014 by Rieana Paul, Seconded by Keziah Arnold.

Motion passes 7/0/0.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes -

Moved to approve the minutes for March 28, 2014 by Rieana Paul, Seconded by Megan Turrill. Motion passes 7/0/0.

Moved to revisit roll call to include Manuel Martinez and Shyann Blanco by Rieana Paul, Seconded by Keziah Arnold. Motion passes 7/0/0.

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Student Trustee – Russell Bierle -- Absent

Advisor - Dr. Jill Zimmerman -- Present

Accounting Assistant - Nancy Blundell -- Present

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Moved to approve the minutes for March 31, 2014 with the spelling of Kimberly Dolatowski's surname corrected by Megan Turrill, Seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passes 9/0/0.

1.6 Approval of Financial Report

Moved to approve the Financial Report from July 1-April 10, 2014 by Rieana Paul, Seconded by Nathan Skadsen. Read out to members by Treasurer Manuel Martinez. Members discussed whether or not the SOAR grant of the previous week had been removed from the grant's proposal line, which it was discovered had not yet been. They also pointed out money had been transferred from other budget lines into the grant proposal line over the past week. Motion passes 9/0/0.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

Senator Nathan Skadsen asked whether or not anything new had occurred with the ASO computers. Accounting Assistant Nancy Blundell stated that the purchase was still in the process of going through the Business department. Dr. Zimmerman stated that although ASO had purchased the computers, it had purchased them from a line item which had no money in it. Thus, the hindering problem now was an accounting one.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Giovanna Sanchez reminded ASO officers present that all ASO officers who were not present at 3 meetings were subject to impeachment and that she expected that officers that had currently missed several meetings would thus, be admonished for their actions. President Dundee replied that yes, ASO had decided to hold officers to this standard and he stated that this item of impeachment would be placed in the following week's agenda.

III. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Committee Reports

Senator Faith Hobby reported on the Enrollment Management Committee which she had attended in the previous week. A subject of interest had been the drop for non-payment recently implemented. She stated that the plan was to use myAVC to notify students of drop dates. As of now, there is no immediate notification that tells students how much they owe. During the first drop, 1,300 students were dropped, during the second drop, 700 students were dropped. Many ideas on how to market the "drop for non-payment" plan were thrown out during the meeting. Senator Hobby passed around the newest list of priority registration groups and the order they are placed in. She stated that the 4 components of matriculation will not be required for all of these groups as it is in some cases unnecessary. She also stated that those Honor's students with over 100 units will no longer receive priority registration.

Dr. Zimmerman emphasized that ASO members get their financial aid done, their payment plans turned in or remember to pay their fees at the time of registration.

Senator Faith Hobby also reported on the hiring committee which she would be attending later in the day. The the next meeting date would be April 21st from 12:30-2:30pm and the following meeting date, May 12th from 12:30-2pm.

Senator Nathan Skadsen stated that first of all, the hiring committee he was currently sitting on was working with his schedule. Secondly, he spoke about the active shooter drill which had taken place and disappointment with the RAVE system which was supposed to send out email and text alerts to all students who had signed up and had supposedly only sent out about 90% of the texts it was supposed to. Senator Skadsen will be meeting with IT Director Rick Shaw to discuss this issue and its implications.

President Dundee asked members what they thought about the fact that the previous active shooter drill had been advertised to the public. Many expressed negative feelings about the drill being publicly announced, stating that this would give a real shooter the perfect time to come in and actually do harm on the school when it was not prepared. Senator Skadsen and others voiced the complaint that faculty were not taking the drills seriously. Dr. Zimmerman replied by stating that if faculty were not taking it seriously they would be punished severely. Already, one faculty member was not rehired for this, and one student was put in jail for not participating. Dr. Zimmerman suggested that Senator Patrick Truong speak with Terry Cleveland on the Safety Committee about the drill and any after-action report.

Student Trustee Russell Bierle stated that he felt as if the purpose of the drill was to inform as many people as possible and to properly evaluate the preparedness of the campus.

Secretary Megan Turrill reported on the Distanced Education and Tech committee that she had attended earlier in the week. She first stated that in the meeting Librarian Dr. Scott Lee had mentioned that the library would be losing representation on the Academic Senate because it is not under an academic department.

Senator Shyann Blanco responded to this by stating that although this was true because of changes to the Constitution, the library would have an appointed position on the Senate and thus, not lose its representation.

Secretary Turrill also stated that DETC was largely questioning how it could increase the amount of online education available to students. Members of the committee and others referred to students as “smartphone dumb”. They are able to navigate a touch screen interface but were not able to use basic computer skills to get through their regular classes, let alone distanced education classes. ITS Technical Director Greg Krynen has worked on several videos showing students the basics of computers. The question was raised where these videos should be placed for students to most readily access them. Members suggested placing a shorter version of them in the required student orientation. They also suggested putting the videos on Black Board. Secretary Turrill asked members if they had any suggestions for how to make simple computer education more available to students. ASO members all agreed that it should be available in as many places as possible, including orientation and Black Board. Dr. Zimmerman also suggested that it be offered as a mini certified course, and backed by ASO.

Senator Skadsen stated that Blackboard administrator Mike Wilms had approached both he and Secretary Turrill in separate meetings and invited ASO to come and take a tour of the ITS data center.

Moved to revisit roll call to include Jose Sanchez, Natalie Ronquillo, Irene Montalban, and Russell Bierle by Shyann Blanco, Seconded by Rieana Paul. Motion passes 9/0/0.

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3.2 ASO Events

Vice President of Academic Affairs Giovanna Sanchez spoke about the Leadership Luncheon. She stated that although she had mentioned the event several times to the Inter Club Council, no emails had of yet been sent to her with their guest list or awards to be given. The event will be held May 16th from 12-2pm at the AV Country Club because it can hold the highest number of people with a 180-200 people maximum. Dr. Zimmerman stated that she would need to meet with Senator Sanchez following the meeting to finalize some details.

3.3 ASO Grant Proposals

Skills USA representative Shawn Smith presented his club's proposal once again, this time with some proposed cuts to cost. Rather than asking for \$2000 for a 1-night and trip to view the USA California State Leadership and Skills Conference, the club cut the number of students traveling down to 7 and decreased the grant proposal cost to \$1,040.00. The costs covered food for 8 people at the state rate of \$50 per day and 3 hotel rooms. Representative Smith stated that the US Skills Club would also be holding a workshop after the convention to educate those interested in what they had learned while there.

Point of Personal Privilege taken by Irene Montalban and Nathan Skadsen at 9:59am.

Moved to approve \$1,040.00 out of the grant proposal budget line to go towards the Skills USA Club trip up to the Skills USA California State Leadership and Skills Conference in San Diego, California April 26-27th by Shyann Blanco, Seconded by Megan Turrill. Motion passes 12/1/0.

III. REPORTS

Advisor Report - Dr. Zimmerman highly encouraged ASO to consider moving its meetings to 9:30am, since it seems to be difficult for members to get to the meetings on time and a lot of time is wasted on revisiting roll call.. President Dundee will put discussing the meeting time on the next meeting's agenda. Dr. Zimmerman stated that what used to be the Marauder News is now the Student Development & Services Division Spotlight. She also reminded ASO that they would need to form a budget committee soon.

Executive Board Reports - Secretary Megan Turrill stated that she was pleased with the things ASO had accomplished. She encouraged ASO to highly consider taking the tour of ITS with Mike Willis, believing that it was important that students understand what was going on behind the scenes. She also encouraged members to attend the "Women in STEM" event occurring that evening at 6pm. Secretary Turrill finally expressed her disappointment in the way that elections had been announced. She pointed out that only the day before had students been made aware of student government elections and were thus, only given 2-3 days to decide whether to run for office. This gave students almost no chance to experience or find out more about ASO before having to decide to run. It would also inconvenience those who could not make it onto campus in that time. She stated that she hoped ASO would reconsider the way it ran elections in the next year's election.

President Chris Dundee notified members that his class would be celebrating World Hunger Awareness Day and because of this, he had suggested to the class that they have a can food drive and donate to the Hearts and Hands Pantry.

Senator's Reports - Senator Shyann Blanco announced to members that the Cosmic Bowling event which had taken place March 28th had made \$125 extra by selling tickets at the door.

Student Trustee Report - Russell Bierle informed members that the AVC Board would be going over the bond at Monday's meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The deadline to announce one's intent to run for an ASO position or Student Trustee is Monday, April 14th at 4pm.

The next ASO meeting will be Friday, April 18th at 9:00am.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 by Giovanna Sanchez, Seconded by Faith Hobby. Motion passes 13/0/0.