

Antelope Valley College
Associated Student Organization
Special Meeting Minutes

3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA 93536

SSV 180, 12:00 P.M.

January 3, 2014

The Executive Council of the Antelope Valley College met on January 3, 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: 12:04 pm

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by David Durost

President Dundee gave Coach Newton Chelette time to speak to ASO. Coach Chelette described an upcoming event, Coaches vs. Cancer. This event takes place in order to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Donors pledge a certain amount of money for every free shot made in one minute by Coach Chelette. Others, such as President Knudsen, himself have expressed interest in shooting at the event. In 2013, ASO provided the door fee for this event and was named on the event flier as a sponsor. Chelette asked if ASO would again consider donating the door fee in the following semester. The event would take place on Wednesday, February 12th. ASO President Chris Dundee and other members expressed positive interest in supporting the event and thanked him for his visit.

1.3 Roll Call:

President- Christopher Dundee- Present

Vice president, Academic Affairs - Giovanna Sanchez - Proxy David Durost - 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 - Present

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 - Absent
Student Development and Services - Vacant
Technical Education - Raul Curiel - Absent
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 - Present

Advisor - Dr. Jill Zimmerman - Present

Accounting Assistant - Nancy Blundell - Present

Students - Chair of Hearts and Hands Pantry Beatrice Gonzalez

Hearts and Hands Pantry Volunteer Noelle Battle

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

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

1.5 Approval of the Minutes - 11/22/13 & 12/06/2013 & 12/13/2013

Minutes tabled by President Dundee.

1.6 Approval of Financial Report

Senator of Health Sciences Patrick Truong arrived and a motion to revisit roll call was made by Rieana Paul and seconded by Nathan Skadsen. Motion passed 5/0/0.

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Moved to approve the Financial Report by Nathan Skadsen, seconded by Megan Turrill,
Motion passed 6/0/0.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

No action taken.

III. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 ASO Appointments

Vice President of Public Relations Rieana Paul had to relinquish her duties as the SBPC committee representative because of a class scheduling conflict. President Dundee asked if anyone would be interested in taking over her position. Megan Turrill expressed interest but she could not yet commit to the position due to a possible scheduling conflict. She stated that she would get back to President Dundee when she knew whether or not her schedule would be open.

3.2 ASO Goals

President Dundee asked members to discuss and go over the Intersession/Spring 2014 official goals. The three official goals and the names of those who expressed interest in involvement are as follows:

1) Creation of an Orientation/Training Packet

Nathan Skadsen stated that he had done some research over break and had some ideas for this packet. Jose Sanchez also expressed interest in putting together the packets. They will collaborate over the following weeks.

2) Get More Students to Attend ASO Meetings

Rieana Paul and President Dundee will be working together to brainstorm ideas for this goal.

Because this goal involves ASO meetings, the time of these meetings would need to be set.

Moved to discuss Spring semester meeting time Rieana Paul, seconded by Nathan Skadsen, Motion passed 6/0/0.

Members discussed a time for meeting during Spring that would be best for everybody. All officers present seemed to be open on Friday mornings during Spring.

David Durost expressed vexation over this new time. He stated that he would not be able to make it to these Spring semester morning meetings due to a class scheduling conflict. President Dundee explained that the meetings had to be at 9am because the SSV building will be closing at 11:30am on Fridays. It is also difficult to secure another building for the use of ASO meetings. Durost stated that he believed ASO to be selfish for making this scheduling decision with the knowledge that he could not make it to these meetings. Also, he believed that more ASO officers should have been present before the decision was made. President Dundee stated that ASO was not being selfish but merely doing what was best for the majority of its members.

Moved to designate Fridays at 9am as the new Spring semester meeting time by Jose Sanchez, seconded by Megan Turrill, Motion passed 6/0/0.

3) Improve the interaction between ASO, Hearts and Hands, and ICC/campus clubs for Intersession and Spring 2014

Rieana Paul, Megan Turrill, and Jose Sanchez expressed interest in working on this goal and will collaborate over the following weeks.

3.3 ASO Events

-Hearts and Hands Pantry

Chairman of the Pantry Beatrice Gonzalez spoke to the members of ASO about two upcoming events of which funds will be needed in order to initiate. These events are 1) a candy bag sale on campus of which \$60 will be needed from ASO Hearts and Hands line item in order to purchase the candy and 2) a free hot chocolate hand out event February 3rd from 9-11am and 11-1pm if possible and February 4th from 10-12pm of which \$40 will be needed from ASO Hearts and Hands line item in order to purchase hot chocolate packets. This event will be taking place at the Library Plaza.

Volunteers for these two events will also be needed.

Moved to spend \$100 to Hearts and Hands Pantry for the purchasing of candy bags and hot chocolate packets made by Rieana Paul, seconded by Jose Sanchez, Motion passed 6/0/0.

- Welcome Week

Vice President of Public Relations Rieana Paul mentioned holding “Welcome Week”, an event that has taken place during the first week of Spring and Fall semesters in the past. She mentioned the event in hopes that the rest of ASO would express positive interest in hosting another “Welcome Week” the first week of Spring semester 2014. She stated that in the past, the event had included handouts and surveys. Both Dr. Zimmerman and Paul did not see the point in having a survey this “Welcome Week”. Dr. Zimmerman mentioned collaborating with the Hearts and Hands Pantry on February 3rd. ASO could pass out donuts at the same time that Hearts and Hands passed out hot chocolate. All present officers of ASO expressed interest in collaborating, as did Chairman Beatrice Gonzalez and volunteer Noelle Battle. Hearts and Hands theme for Intersession and Spring 2014 is “Restore Your Faith in Humanity”. Dr. Zimmerman desires that ASO officers ask themselves several questions. “How is ASO really serving the student body?” “Why would students want to come to ASO meetings every week?” “What is ASO’s function?” ASO officers considered these questions.

Secretary Megan Turrill had mentioned that all ASO officers wear nametags in order to increase student awareness of ASO on December 13th, 2013. In this meeting, she stated

that while speaking to Accounting Assistant Nancy Blundell, she discovered that most ASO members have an ASO I.D. card already available to them. These I.D. cards can be used as nametags if they are worn on a lanyard. Secretary Turrill stated that she believed these I.D. tags should be worn during the following Welcome Week and upcoming events in order to increase student awareness of ASO and its officers. Vice President of Public Relations Rieana Paul and Secretary Megan Turrill agreed to brainstorm on “Welcome Week” ideas and present them at the next ASO meeting.

-ASO Town Hall on Campus Smoking Policy

President Chris Dundee passed out an email that he had received from student Brigitte Barajas over break. In the email Barajas asked ASO to do something about AVC’s lenient smoking policy. She described an incident of dropping her child off at the Childcare Center on her first day and being bombarded by second hand smoke. This incident horrified her. She is concerned about the safety of the AVC student body, and especially the safety of young children on campus. She asked President Dundee whether ASO could do anything to make smoking on campus entirely illegal.

ASO officers discussed this concern and what could be done about it. President Dundee stated that the AVC Board of Trustees was already strongly considering backing a smoke-free AVC campus. Dr. Zimmerman mentioned that all UC campuses were currently made smoke-free. After much discussion, it was decided that an ASO Town Hall meeting to specifically go over the smoke-free policy and get student opinion should be held on Friday, February 7th at 9am, replacing the regular ASO meeting.

Moved to designate February 9th at 9am as the time for a Smoking Policy ASO Town Hall meeting made by Rieana Paul, seconded by Nathan Skadsen, Motion passed 6/0/0.

-Basketball Game

Accounting Assistant Nancy Blundell asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer for the basketball games on January 4th, 2014 between 4:30 and 8:30pm. She will also need volunteers for games on Wednesdays.

- Upcoming Events Reminder

Dr. Zimmerman stated that she would like to give notice to ASO officers in advance of several upcoming events in Spring 2014. She mentioned the following: The student election date will have to be set and organized, the Student Leadership Recognition Lunch will have to be organized and it will most likely be either May 9th or May 16th, the Faculty Inspirational Award event will have to be put together. The Student Leadership Recognition Lunch and Honor’s Convocation will most likely be on the same day.

President Dundee stated that he had already asked President Knudsen if he would consider speaking at the Student Leadership Recognition Lunch and President Knudsen had agreed. President Dundee also has confirmed with the Hellenics Center that they are currently open for events during May.

Dr. Zimmerman stated that she is not looking for any action to be taken on these events at the moment but that ASO should definitely start considering the work it has ahead of itself.

3.4 Committee Reports

No action taken.

3.5 ASO Scholarship

President Dundee stated that this scholarship was again on the agenda because of a problem that had come up when talking with Sandy Rogers, head of the AVC Foundation's scholarship program. ASO would not be able to pick who gets its scholarship unless all officers go through a scholarship screening training session beforehand. If ASO officers do not go through this day long training session, then the Foundation's already trained screeners will have to go through candidates and pick who gets ASO's scholarship.

ASO members present at this meeting decided that it would be much easier for the Foundation's screeners to decide who gets the scholarship than to have all ASO officers go through a long training session.

Moved to change the ASO scholarship so that the beneficiary would no longer be chosen by ASO officers but decided on by AVC Foundation screeners made by Megan Turrill, seconded by Patrick Truong, Motion passed 6/0/0.

President Dundee stated that qualifications for receiving the ASO scholarship would need to be set and that he would work on them along with the help of anyone interested. Nathan Skadsen and Megan Turrill expressed interest in helping him come up with the necessary qualifications.

IV. REPORTS

Advisor's Report - Dr. Zimmerman welcomed everybody back and wished all members a happy new year and she is looking forward to the following semester. She mentioned that Hearts and Hands will be giving away day bags during the Spring to hungry students. She

was pleased with President Dundee's continuing work on the ASO webpage. She was also highly impressed with all ASO officer's grades during Fall 2013. Dr. Zimmerman did express concern that no quorum was reached in this meeting and she stated that ASO may need to go over productivity and attendance in the following meeting.

Executive Board Reports - President Dundee also welcomed everybody back from break and is looking forward to what can be accomplished in the following Intersession and Spring 2014 semesters.

Senator's Reports - Senator of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Business, Computer Studies, and Economic Development Nathan Skadsen made it known that the ITS committee meetings over intersession were cancelled.

Student Trustee Report - Russell Bierle stated that the recent board meeting had been largely uninteresting but that certain line items were starting to come into question. Also, the board will need to start more closely adhering to the Brown Act or else certain consequences will be sure to follow. This failure to adhere closely to the Brown Act has been noted by a member of the Press and Bierle himself.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Next ASO meeting will be Friday, January 10th, 2013 at 1pm.

VII. RECESS

Moved to recess the meeting at 12:59 pm by Rieana Paul, seconded by Nathan Skadsen, Motion passed 6/0/0.

VIII. RECONVENE

President Dundee recalled the meeting to order at 1:11pm.

Moved to revisit ASO Events by Rieana Paul, seconded by Nathan Skadsen, Motion passed 6/0/0.

Moved to donate door sales for Coaches vs. Cancer event on February 12, 2014 made by Nathan Skadsen, Patrick Truong seconded, Motion passed 6/0/0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:12pm by Nathan Skadsen, seconded by Riena Paul, Motion passed 6/0/0.