



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Finance Regular Meeting of May 1, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

Cayton Center A.S. Conference Room (2nd Floor), 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, College 90405

The Public may join via: Zoom/Telephone: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/92686613618>

Associated Students Office Phone Number: (310) 434-4250

Minutes

I. Call to Order @ 11:06 AM

II. Roll Call

Voting:

Director of Budget Management: David Duncan P

President: Cecilia Jeong P

Director of Sustainability: Joseph Sanchez

=> Proxy: Vice President Justin Liu

ICC Vice Chair: Zach Makari P

Director of Auxiliary: David Dever

=> Proxy: Dean of Educ. Enterprises Mitch Heskell

Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes P

- Motion to allow ICC Vice Chair Zach Makari to participate remotely due to just cause by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Motion passed without objection.

Non-voting:

Dean of Education Enterprises: Mitch Heskell

Associate Dean: Thomas Bui

III. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker): none.

IV. Approval of Minutes – 04/24/24

- Minutes were approved without objection.

V. Minor Action Items (under \$1000):

5.1 Approval for Empower Her by WiSTEM (Women in STEM)

(Club President Skylar Vitanatchi: Cost \$350.00. Requesting \$350.00. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 401**

- Item 5.1 was approved without objection.

5.2 Approval for Food For General Meeting by ASEAN SMC CLUB

(Club ICC Delegate Ung Shukhy: Cost \$56.10. Requesting \$56.10. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 402**

- Motion to table item 5.2 due to absence of club representative by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

5.3 Approval for Student Nursing Graduation by Student Nurses Association

(Club President Luis Trujano: Cost \$1,922.00. Requesting \$961.00. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 404**

- Motion to amend requesting amount of item 5.3 to request \$996.00 from the Student Nurses Association's ICC Allotment and \$926.00 from Activities by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Motion was superseded by the following motion before it could be voted on.
- Motion to amend cost of item 5.3 to \$1,966.87 and requesting amount to \$983.87 from the Student Nurses Association's ICC Allotment and \$983.87 from Activities by Dean of Education Enterprises Mitch Heskell. Seconded. Item was amended with a unanimous vote.
- Item was approved as amended with a unanimous vote.

5.4 Approval for End of Semester Pizza Party by Chem Club

(Club President Joelle Hansen: Cost \$384.39. Requesting \$384.39. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 405**

- Item 5.4 was approved without objection.

5.5 Approval for Purchase of Prize Wheel by Associated Students

(A.S. Director of Publicity Lina Fuellemann: Costs \$42.68. Requesting \$42.68. Publicity) **Proposal 411**

- Item 5.5 was approved without objection.

VI. Major Action Items (equal or over \$1000)

6.1 Approval for Pride, Paint, Empower by Associated Students

(A.S. Director of Activities Cleo Hansasuta: Cost \$1,500.00. Requesting \$1,500.00. Activities) **Proposal 378**

- Motion to table item 6.1 until the finance committee meeting due to proposal not passing prior activities committee by Dean of Education Enterprises Mitch Heskell. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

6.2 ICC Merch by Associated Students / ICC

(ICC Chair Moniriddh Bunyay: Cost \$2,400.00. Requesting \$2,400.00. ICC) **Proposal 410**

- Item was approved with a unanimous vote.



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6.3 A.S Essential Basic Needs Kits & Underwear by Associated Students

(A.S. Dir. of Basic Needs Ee Lin Tsen: Cost \$2,500.34. Requesting \$2,500.34. Special Projects) **Proposal 403**

- Motion to amend item 6.3 to request funds from Basic Needs instead of Special Projects by Vice President Justin Liu. Seconded. Item was amended without objection.
- Item was approved as amended with a unanimous vote.

6.4 A.S. Student Journal by Associated Students

(A.S. President Cecilia Jeong: Cost \$14,000.00. Requesting \$14,000.00. Special Projects) **Proposal 400**

- Motion to amend item 6.4 to request funds from Prior Year Surplus instead of Special Projects by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was amended with a unanimous vote.
- Motion to add a contingency where, if approved by the Finance Committee, the submitter would be required to meet with Santa Monica College’s Reprographics department to see if the campus can create the requested items at a lower cost by Dean of Education Enterprises Mitch Heskell. Seconded. Item was amended without objection.
- Item was approved as amended with a unanimous vote.

6.5 Approval for Water Bottle Refill Stations for the Library by Associated Students

(A.S. Dir. of Sustainability Joseph Sanchez: Cost \$20,411.97. Requesting \$20,411.97. PYS) **Proposal 407**

- Motion to table item 6.5 to the next Finance Committee meeting due to request by submitter that he have additional time to review options and come back with a substantially lower request by Vice President Justin Liu. Seconded.
- Item was tabled without objection.

6.6 Approval for Solar Umbrellas by Associated Students

(A.S. Dir. of Sustainability Joseph Sanchez: Cost \$102,437.33. Requesting \$102,437.33. PYS) **Proposal 360**

- Motion to table item 6.6 by Dean of Education Enterprises Mitch Heskell. Seconded. Objection from Vice President Justin Liu.
- Motion failed with a split vote.

Director of Budget Management, David Duncan: No	President, Cecilia Jeong: No	ICC Vice Chair, Zach Makari:
Dean of Education Enterprises, Mitch Heskell: Yes	Counselor/Advisor, Benny Blaydes: Yes	No vote – Early Departure.

- The committee continued to discuss the item. Submitter had revised the proposal to request only 2-3 solar umbrellas instead of the 15 originally requested. Additionally, the submitter had requested that the committee make a decision in his absence. However, no quotes were provided by the submitter and the committee declined to review the item.
- Motion to table item 6.6 until the next Finance Committee meeting for the reasons outlined above by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded.
- Item was tabled without objection.

6.7 Approval for Multimedia Equipment Library by The Film Club at SMC

(Club Officer Betsie Garcia: Cost \$75,000.00. Requesting \$75,000.00. PYS)

- The committee briefly discussed the item.
- Motion to table item 6.7 until the next meeting due to time constraints by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded.
- Item was tabled without objection.

6.8 Approval for AS Representative/Commissioner Stipend 2023-2024 by Associated Students

(A.S. President Cecilia Jeong: Cost \$25,600.00. Requesting \$25,600.00. Directors) **Proposal 311**

- Motion to amend item 6.8 to set the cost to \$12,000.00 and the requesting to \$8,000.00 from Directors and \$4,000.00 from Student Representation Fee by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes, accounting for the submitter’s updated request for \$250 per commissioner/representative for the Spring 2024 semester only. Seconded. Item was amended with a unanimous vote.
- Motion to table item 6.8 until the next Finance Committee meeting to give additional time to review concerns and report back by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded.
- Item was tabled without objection.

6.9 Approval for A.S. Directors 2024-2025 Cost of Living Adjusted Stipends by Associated Students

(A.S. President Cecilia Jeong: Cost \$39,000.00. Requesting \$39,000.00. Directors) **Proposal 413**

- Motion to table item 6.9 until the next Finance Committee meeting to give the committee more time for consideration and analysis of the proposal by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded.
- Item was tabled without objection.



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VII. Informational Items:

7.1 Budget Update

- Skipped due to lack of time.

VIII. Other Action Item:

8.1 Budget Reforecast

- Skipped due to lack of time.

IX. Discussion Items:

9.1 Fiscal Policy Revisions (cont'd)

- Skipped due to lack of time.

X. Director and Committee Reports (2 minutes per speaker): none.

XI. Advisor Reports:

- Associate Dean Thomas Bui reminded the committee to promote upcoming student government special elections.
- Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes updated the committee on the ongoing issues with the FAFSA rollout.

XII. Adjournment @ 12:58 PM

- Motion to adjourn by Vice President Justin Liu. Seconded.