



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Finance Regular Meeting

Nov. 1, 2023, 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 11:03 AM

II. Roll Call

Voting:

Director Budget Management: David Duncan - P

President: Cecilia Jeong - P

Director of Sustainability: Joseph Sanchez - P

ICC Vice Chair: Zach Makari - P

Director of Auxiliary: David Dever - P

Counselor/Advisor: Benny Blaydes - P

Non-voting:

Dean of Education Enterprises: Mitch Heskel - P

Associate Dean: Thomas Bui - P

III. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker):

IV. Approval of Minutes – 9/20/23, 10/18/23, and 10/25/23

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

- Motion to add item 5.4 as an emergency action item to the agenda by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was added without objection.
- Motion to add item 5.5 as an emergency action item to the agenda by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was added without objection.

5.1 Approval for Media Showcase & Student Film Festival Refreshments and Beverages by Acting Club at SMC

(Club Publicity Officer Katherine Nilsen: Cost \$250.00. Requesting \$250.00. Activities) **Proposal 266**

- Motion to table item 5.1 until the end of the meeting due to absence of club representative by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.
- Motion to table item 5.1 until next Finance Committee meeting due to absence of club representative by Director of Auxiliary David Dever. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

5.2 Approval for PCA Adobe Teams Membership by Pathfinders Creative Agency Club

(Club Vice President Romell McKenzie: Cost \$339.96. Requesting \$339.96. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 278**

- Motion to table item 5.2 until next Finance Committee meeting due to ongoing discussions with IT department regarding alternative options by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

5.3 Approval for Cosmo Club Window Decorating Competition by Cosmetology Club

(Club Treasurer Flavia Gallagher: Cost \$125.00. Requesting \$125.00. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 280**

- Motion to table item 5.3 until the end of the meeting due to absence of club representative by Director of Auxiliary David Dever. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.
- Motion to table item 5.3 until next Finance Committee meeting due to absence of club representative by Director of Auxiliary David Dever. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.

5.4 Approval for Field Trip- Japanese American Museum + Little Tokyo Scavenger Hunt - Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Club

(APIDA Club President Kimberly Ta: Cost \$153.30. Requesting \$153.3. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 281**

- Motion to amend cost and requesting amounts to \$149.64 by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was amended without objection.
- Item 5.4 was approved as amended without objection.

5.5 Approval for Snacks For Cosmetology Club by Cosmetology Club

(Club Treasurer Flavia Gallagher: Cost \$116.00. Requesting \$116.00. ICC Allotment) **Proposal 285**

- Motion to table item 5.5 until next Finance Committee meeting due to absence of club representative by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded. Item was tabled without objection.



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VI. Major Action Items (equal or over \$1000): none

VII. Discussion Items:

7.1 Drafting sustainability questions for funding proposal application (cont'd.)

- Continuation of discussion from 10/18 Finance Committee meeting. Director of Budget Management David Duncan presented input provided by the sustainability office as well as sustainability guidelines developed by other campuses. He suggested that the committee focus primarily on food waste, especially those from large events.
- The committee also discussed revising the Associated Students organization's current approach to funding food for events. Committee members expressed concerns about a lack of transparency on who is receiving food from Associated Students-funded events. The committee workshopped ideas to improve data collection for student events. The chair agreed to agendize an extended discussion of this issue for a future Finance Committee meeting and invite representatives from administration to give input and information.
- The committee settled on proposing a tier system that imposes different zero waste requirements on events depending on the amount of money the event is spending on food. Members achieved a rough consensus to refer the proposed set of proposal revisions to the full A.S. board at a future board meeting.

VIII. Other Action Item: none.

IX. Director and Committee Reports (2 minutes per speaker):

- ICC Vice Chair Zach Makari provided a report on an unexpected expense incurred with Corsair Cafe during Club Row activities.
- President Cecilia Jeong provided a report on SMC mission statement imagining sessions and the appointment of a student to the District Planning Advisory Committee.
- Director of Budget Management David Duncan reported on the current status of the A.S. funding authorizations and reported on scheduling for future meetings.
- President Cecilia Jeong provided a report on Giving Thanksgiving and satellite campus outreach ad hoc committees.
- Director of Budget Management David Duncan provided an update on Cayton Center remodel ad hoc, which is creating a survey to gather feedback on Cayton Center remodel priorities.

X. Advisor Reports:

- Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes provided a report on club row, which was a success with huge student turnout. He also discussed a recent HBCU fair and noted that scholarship applications are still available.
- Associate Dean Thomas Bui reminded the committee that there are only three finance meetings left in the semester. He encouraged directors to communicate this to students who may seek funding.

XI. Adjournment @ 12:19 PM

- Motion to adjourn by Counselor/Advisor Benny Blaydes. Seconded.