The Associated Students of Las Positas College
Senate Meeting
March 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2015
1:00 pm – Adjournment

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XIII. Adjournment
I. Mr. Ansari called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Officers:
Rafi Ansari
Paulina Reynoso
Olga Salgado
Ashley Landicho
Eric Pineda

Senators:
Alejandra Garcia
Alexander Ivanov
Alexandre Nguyen (EXCUSED ABSENT)
Antonio Aguilar (UNEXCUSED ABSENT)
Brandon Byrne
Ciera Soliz
Claire Huestis
Fatima Elgarguri
Jasmine Guraya (UNEXCUSED LATE)
Jose Gutierrez
Mateo Garcia
Luis Perez
Nancy Kang
Omar Elgarguri

III. Adoption of the Agenda
• Ms. Reynoso moved to approve the agenda for March 20th, 2015 with the following changes:
  o Add New Business: D. Org Sync Veto
• Ms. Soliz seconded.
• Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
• Mr. Elgarguri moved to approve the minutes from March 13th, 2015.
• Ms. Huestis seconded.
• Motion passed unanimously.
V. Advisor Notes
Mr. Miner was not present at this time. Ms. Moore filled in for him. He said he wants to remind the NCSL people that by next Wednesday to contact Ms. Salgado to set up a meeting date Monday or Tuesday. It will be a mandatory meeting. Lauren Hughes has resigned as a senator. Mr. Ansari then read her letter of resignation.

VI. Guest Speakers
- NONE

VII. Public Forum
- Tyler introduced himself.

VIII. Subcommittee Meetings
- Mr. Pineda moved to suspend the orders of the day at 1:15 p.m.
- Mr. Ivanov seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Elgarguri moved to reinstate the orders of the day at 1:34 p.m.
- Mr. Garcia seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Subcommittee Reports

A. Programs and Services
Mr. Gutierrez and his committee are just waiting on an approval for books we ordered but we may not be able to get them because we can’t use access codes.

B. Events
- Ms. Soliz and the Events subcommittee are thinking about doing a major event. Ideas included Battle of the Bands and Talent Display and possibly getting a guest speaker. They want to try to use the amphitheater. The consensus vote was for another talent show.
- Ms. Elgarguri suggested having time to prepare for a talent show.

C. Public Relations
Mr. Nguyen was not present at this time. Mr. Perez and Mr. Nguyen are working on surveying students and using the conference room as a meditation room. They are also working on a senate yearbook.

D. Legislation
Ms. Salgado is in the process of editing the general election packet. She is also working on composing the campus tour guide manual and will be done before the semester ends. We will either have a trip to Sacramento to meet the legislators or have them visit us at the meetings. The SSCC will be having a general assembly
in Ontario, CA from May 1st through 3rd to learn about educational issues and advocacy training. It’s open to whoever would like to go.

X. Old Business

A. CBRC

- Ms. Reynoso added all the changes CBRC wanted to enforce by next semester. The changes are in red. She wanted to address the changes so next week we can vote on it. This week is only information and to add something or change it. Next week will be the last time to talk about CBRC:
  - Preamble: Section I:
    - A. 2: Provides student representation, as part of the shared governance process, to the various academic areas, committees, and administrative departments.
  - Article I Section I:
    - A. Members of the Executive Board shall be elected to a 1-year term of office by the last week of April. The term will begin the first day after Spring Session ends and will end the last day of Spring Session the following academic year. Members will be elected by the currently enrolled student body.
    - F: The term of office shall expire one calendar year from the date of approval (confirmation).
    - H. The denial can be appealed to the student senate by 2/3 majority vote.
      - Ms. Reynoso said this only pertains to a senator if they get confirmed.
      - Mr. Ivanov said to not include the interview process; the idea is to have senate involved.
  - Article II Section II:
    - A. 1: Any Executive Officer shall be eligible for impeachment and/or removal from office by the ASLPC body if he/she fails to perform duties and responsibilities as outlined in the ASLPC Constitution and Bylaws.
    - A. 2: Officers being recommended for impeachment shall first receive a written warning from the ASLPC Executive Board. The reason for impeachment shall be stated to the Student Life Advisor. A written document must be submitted to the Director of Communications at the following Student Senate meeting stating the reasons for impeachment and must be on the agenda as an information item.
    - A. 2: b. Unexcused absences = 20 points, Excused absences =15 points, Tardies= 12 points, and Unwarranted = 60 points. Accumulate 60 points in a semester and be up for impeachment.
    - A. 5: An Officer shall be impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. An Officer or Officers may be impeached if the Senate passes an emergency item on the agenda for their impeachment.
    - (should a senator be able to put an officer up for impeachment??)
Ms. Soliz said that CBRC was thinking of ways to give senators a lot of power and possibly having a senator at large.

Mr. Elgarguri said that no individual senator should put up an officer for impeachment. The ORC’s purpose is just to review them for the process.

Mr. Pineda asked if we could impeach an officer more than once.

Ms. Reynoso said that you can again for a different reason.

Mr. Ivanov said that you can if half the senate thinks you’re inadequate for job. Senate as a whole has more power as a decision making body.

Mr. Elgarguri said that if you had a different committee to rate and review officers, it would be more efficient.

Ms. Elgarguri asked how he pictured this committee working.

Mr. Elgarguri said that we already have ORC with anonymous senators who should be keeping on top of how officers are doing.

Mr. Garcia said that senators should have a part. It goes with the philosophy to change something we don’t like.

Mr. Perez said there is too much focus on rehabilitating the officer. It took over a month to bring up impeachment for him.

Ms. Reynoso wanted to clarify that ORC that are supposed to be chosen in the beginning. She is more comfortable with a group of senators to be in charge of impeachment because it shows senators that are reviewing them and not people who just choose people who they don’t like.

Ms. Soliz said that senators tend to have a personal thing and that they choose officers for a reason. She said that a group of senators should do it and ORC should have more activity.

Mr. Ivanov said that no one knows who the people in ORC are. He trusts that their vote will be unbiased vs. the whole senate.

Mr. Elgarguri said that a select group is chosen anonymously. The only people who know are individual members and Scott Miner. If you have a problem, go to Scott Miner, who will bring it up to ORC.

Ms. Huestis trusts that Mr. Miner chose people in ORC who would remain unbiased and are not out to get anyone, and who would overlook their biases. Mr. Elgarguri said that it’s a good point to go with his system so it can be regulated.
Mr. Garcia said that ORC isn’t something that has been kept up. He said that we should have a system of checks and balances on if senate isn’t doing their job or if ORC isn’t doing their job.

The consensus was to strike through that and give ORC more responsibility.

- A. 6. After an Officer is impeached, the Student Senate shall have the power to remove said Officer through a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Perhaps we should make this 4/5’s?
  - Mr. Ivanov said that a 2/3’s vote is in the Brown Act.

- B. 1. c: The advisor and the Director of Communication must be notified 48 hours before an absence, a tardy, or an early departure before adjournment or scheduled event time in order to be excused.
  - This means you must inform Mr. Miner or Ms. Landicho before 1:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Friday meeting.
  - Ms. Elgarguri asked what happens if something comes up 24 hours before the meeting.

Mr. Ivanov moved to extend time by 10 minutes.
Mr. Elgarguri moved to amend the motion up to 20 minutes.
Ms. Soliz seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Ivanov moved to approve the amendment to the motion.
Mr. Perez seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

- Article II Section III.
  - A. A Student Senate member shall notify the ASLPC President of their resignation.
    - Ms. Soliz said that the Director of Communications should know as well.
    - Ms. Landicho said that she’s ok with it.

- Article IV Section I.
  - H. ASLPC election tables are to be available for vote casting starting at 9:00 a.m. and are to close no earlier than 7:00 p.m. Elections must be scheduled on two consecutive days during the month of April (February 25 and 26) last week of February. The winners of all positions will be announced at the following ASLPC meeting and reported to the college newspaper.
    - This will be put into effect next year.
    - Mr. Elgarguri said that students get confirmations for 4-year in March or April and suggested moving it earlier.

- Article VI Section III
  - C. 9: Responsible for surveying students. Is responsible for carrying out survey’s for the ASLPC when one is requested by a subcommittee chair or a member of the executive board.
E. 7: Senator at large. The Executive Council has no specific regulations so this is kind of unnecessary since they can be invited in. Also why is this in Public Relations? The idea was for a Senator At Large that rotates every month.

- Ms. Salgado said that if there are issues that senators would like officers to know about they can let them know at another time. We discuss sensitive topics at XO meetings and it’s important to have those meetings to discuss those topics.
- Ms. Elgarguri said that rather than have a senator come in every month to XO meetings, we should have a senator chosen by rest of the Senate to come into XO meetings. The whole idea is that everything discussed shouldn’t be completely closed off.
- Ms. Soliz said that senators already have a lot to do and adding one more thing complicates it. XO has lots of things they talk about and if each senator would go in each month, XO would have to update them from all the previous meetings.
- Mr. Ivanov said that this doesn’t have to be in By-Laws.
- Mr. Elgarguri said that we can have it in the By-Laws but we can have it be optional.
- Mr. Perez said that there would be no reason to have it in.
- Mr. Elgarguri asked if we want some measure of policy protection from every random senator.
- Ms. Reynoso said that the position is really unnecessary. We don’t need to have senators spy on us and the meetings are not that exciting and sometimes a waste of time. We can just take it out the position and if we decide we do want to have the position then we can add it in.
- Ms. Salgado said that we can come up with a formal process to turn in a report at XO meetings to communicate with issues to be aware of in senate. If there is to be a senator at large, maybe the ORC can have one.

- Article VII Section III
  - B. The meeting must be held and conducted according to the approved version of Robert’s Rules of Order and the Ralph M. Brown Act. Here is the tricky part. According to the Constitution the Parliamentarian presents a Rulers of Order at the beginning of the year and it is approved by the Senate, so this contradicts with the Constitution (this is also what most Parliamentarians do). We want to use Roberts Rules, but we can pass Amended versions of Roberts Rules of Order which would allow us to get around rules that don’t fit us very well. That would be easier than amending the Bylaws so I felt it would be a good idea.
• In the past there were amended versions of Robert’s Rules of Order. Some rules not made for our meetings.
• Ms. Salgado asked where do to find amended versions.
• Mr. Ivanov said you can find this section amended.
  o Article VIII Section VI: Interview Committee
    ▪ A. 1: To Interview prospective senators for admission. The Interview Committee will be responsible for reviewing prospective Senators for admission, conducting the interview as part of the admission process and approving new applicants.
    ▪ B. 1: The interview committee shall be chaired by the Vice President and two senators; chosen by the Vice President.
    ▪ B. 2: The committee will be responsible for conducting interviews for prospective senators.
    ▪ B. 3: The committee will then vote on approving the new prospective member and will be approved by a majority vote.
    ▪ B. 4: After approval, the prospective member will be approved by a 2/3 majority vote at the next meeting
    ▪ B. 5: The IC (interview committee) will meet every time a new applicant has been oriented.
• Ms. Soliz asked if we should do this after someone is oriented. It’s strange to orient everyone if they don’t even get in.
• Mr. Gutierrez said that it’s better to waste 30 minutes than to waste a week.
• Ms. Reynoso said that it’s fine to have the oriented part.
• Ms. Reynoso asked if we needed to add anything else.
• As soon as Diana Rodriguez signs off on it, then the Constitution and By-Laws will be approved.
• Mr. Garcia suggested adding a failure where people didn’t do their task when they were signing up for it.
• Mr. Perez said that a failure applies to anything, i.e. committee meetings, round table, and any senate-related activity.
• Ms. Reynoso said that we were editing from Ignacio’s by-laws, so it isn’t going to be exact.
• Ms. Landicho suggested adding something pertaining to absences for committee meetings, like at least 2 committee reports per semester, 1 for half the semester.
• Mr. Gutierrez said that senators should already be attending their committees.
• Ms. Landicho said that some committees rarely meet at all in the semester, i.e. Nike Funds.
• Mr. Perez said that unexcused and excused absences apply to committee meetings.

B. Dodge ball Debrief
• Mr. Pineda showed the video from Dodge ball.
He thanked everyone for participating including the judges. He thanked Mr. Garcia for the dodge balls and Mr. Nguyen for gathering pizza towards the end. The first part of game everybody came together. In the second part, it got really intense with the competition. It had a lot to do with the rules. One student judge helped out the entire time. There was a lot of miscommunication on the rules. One guy actually got hurt badly. They started clearing out the event at 9:00 p.m.

1\textsuperscript{st} place was Alliance of Science.
2\textsuperscript{nd} place was Peace and Social Justice.
3\textsuperscript{rd} place was QSA.

Mr. Garcia said that some teams were bitter that they lost. They thought rules were well-set towards people and that they were just looking for excuses.

Ms. Garcia suggested adding a rule next time about having no children. A healthy alternative next time would be a sandwich, and having cups instead of water bottles out next time.

C. Follow Ups

D. Org Sync Veto

Mr. Ansari vetoed the decision made by ASLPC last week on Org Sync.

A. The ASLPC President Section V: Veto Power

The staff wanted to both Las Positas and Chabot campuses to have Org Sync because they are sister schools and they wanted them to have the same system.

Next Friday, everybody who’s going to Florida won’t be here.

Real discussion should happen next week.

If we veto now, we will not be able to vote on it until next week.

Ms. Soliz asked if we have to rush it since a lot of them are going to be gone next week.

Mr. Ivanov added that he feels like we all know what we want right now.

XI. New Business

A. Group 5

Ms. Landicho and Ms. Kang presented their project on cheaper food in the cafeteria.

They met with Jeff Kingston and the Fresh & Natural staff.

They said we could cut down on some questions. Mr. Kingston said that it’s okay to repeat questions for validity.

We will pass to as many people in the school including faculty / staff, students, etc.

JC, the café manager, came up with possible cheaper alternatives to be implemented soon.

$2 Tacos
$3 Bean, rice and cheese burritos
Cheese quesadillas, eggrolls, hotdogs

We will be having discounted times at certain times of the week.
We will possibly sell half priced pastries after 6 p.m.
The other possibility was Friday mornings.

- JC has been having problems with AGS and other clubs. You cannot sell food in front of the cafeteria because it takes away from their business. You may do so in the quad.
  - The café closes at 7:30 p.m. She will decide whether or not she wants to close earlier on Mondays at 7:00 or have AGS start selling at 7:30.
- Ms. Garcia asked if there was a contract time with Fresh & Natural.
  - Ms. Landicho said they will stay with the school for a while since they fit will with the student environment.
  - Ms. Guraya said that they have 3 more years to go on their contract.

B. Group 6
- Ms. Soliz moved to postpone this item to next Friday.
- Mr. Byrne seconded.
- Group 6 will show the whole plan to make open gym happen next week.
- Group 6 will be gone to the NCSL conference next Friday.
- Mr. Ivanov moved to amend the date to April 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2015.
- Mr. Gutierrez seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Salgado moved to postpone this item to next Friday.
- Ms. Soliz seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

C. Environment Scan and Standards
- Ms. Salgado presented Rajinder Samra’s Environment Scan and Standards powerpoint.
- Trends in Demographics
  - There was a Peak in May, 2009, with a total of 10,053 students.
  - We want to increase those numbers and not go under 8000.
  - We had a huge peak in 2009 with females for student headcount.
  - Women had declined their enrollment here.
  - We should ask what classes were offered here that allowed those numbers to increase at that time and what classes were deactivated that made these classes decline.
  - Mr. Garcia said that he is in EOPS and a lot of computer science classes aren’t being offered here. There is a change that were offered a couple of years ago that were offered for degrees versus classes that are offered for jobs.
  - Ms. Salgado said that maybe women were secretaries. PE classes were cut back. It’s good to bring in spiritual groups or cultural groups that cater to growth and development for other students. Psychology counseling classes were cut. We’re catering more to a male department. With Chabot, they offer mental hygiene and nursing classes. Another factor is that our older generation of females is leaving us and we want to bring back the older generation. Maybe if we provide more of those personal development
classes they would come back. Evening classes have trouble keeping them enrolled.

- Las Positas is getting a majority of students from Livermore. Tracy is overtaking Pleasanton. The reason there may be a decline for enrollment for students from Pleasanton is that community colleges are having a negative connotation. Even high school teachers might be telling students not to go to community colleges. Community colleges need to be offered as a great alternative.
- Ms. Salgado moved to extend time by 10 minutes.
- Ms. Garcia seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Garcia said that Las Positas has focus that is a lot on science and offers more science classes here; we should take surveys or promote that.
- Ms. Salgado said that another way to market is to have open house for the community to show what our facilities look like and what academic services are offered in there.
- Older people enrollment has decreased.
- The number of Caucasians attending has decreased, whereas Latino/Asian/other ethnicities have increased since 2005.
- The campus needs to accommodate where people come from.
- Part-time students have decreased.
- Transfers have increased since 2005, with or without an AA/AS degree.
- Number of low income students increased significantly over the years.
- She said she can email the notes up to units and we can interpret it for ourselves.

D. Senate Conference

- Ms. Salgado moved to approve an up-to-amount of $5000 for the senate conference.
- Ms. Soliz seconded.
- We have enough money saved in the Student Representative account, but let us know if you feel this money should not be used for a get-together.
- Ms. Garcia said that the point of this conference is to experience, to learn, and to teach new things to each other to improve ourselves as a student body.
- Ms. Ivanov moved to extend time by 10 minutes.
- Ms. Elgarguri seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Salgado said that workshops are meant to promote our efforts here, get to know each other more, and be a good as a send-off for people who are leaving.
- Ms. Elgarguri heard that at the last retreat people fooled around.
- Ms. Garcia said that we wanted to make these alternatives to make this conference. Mr. Ivanov brought up 2 places in Sacramento where we would have an appointment set up with our legislators, come back, and share what has occurred.
- Mr. Gutierrez said that we have already elaborated on what it will be and we should just vote on it now.
- Mr. Garcia said that should vote on it after everybody’s here or after spring break.
- Ms. Elgarguri said that it won’t directly benefit students.
Mr. Ivanov said that we don’t want to just party.
Ms. Soliz said that we can’t do it over spring break since it’s too early.
Ms. Salgado said that the previous retreat was not what she pictured and hoped for workshops to resonate with the senate. She sees merit in having retreats. If we don’t have any concrete plans, maybe it’s not the best thing right now. She realized that we’re not bonding with each other right now, and it’s a good way to get to know each other right now.
Motion passed with 2 opposed and 2 abstentions. (ROLL CALL VOTE SEE ATTACHED.)

XII. Announcements
- Eric Swallwell will be coming to Chabot from 11 am to 1 pm on Monday, April 20th.
  - Ms. Salgado, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Elgarguri, Ms. Landicho, and Mr. Ivanov volunteered.
- April 17th is the 40th anniversary of LPC. We are going to the function since they need us to provide info from student senate. It will be at 1:00 pm.
  - The consensus was 8 people can make it earlier.
- Ms. Soliz’s project is to be presented at Stanford. It’s in March about the social effects of Adult Autism.
- So far Ms. Garcia, Ms. Elgarguri, Mr. Elgarguri, and Ms. Salgado volunteered for the scholarship committee.
- We are currently out of printer paper.
- On Monday, Dublin High School is having a college fair and Las Positas has a table. Mr. Ansari and Ms. Salgado will leave at 11 am and be back at 1 pm if you would like to help out.
- Mr. Garcia said that regarding the prayer room, he talked to Catherine Suarez who teaches Spanish here. 2 years ago she wrote a letter requesting a requirement for students and Dyan Miller signed it as well. Stanford has a prayer room / quiet room. If we’re serious about moving this forward, people most interested should reach out to Stanford and how they went about that including contacting Catherine Suarez who is interested.
- Ms. Salgado said for those voting on Org Sync, look at Org Sync. She then asked who has not had campus tour training.
- Mr. Byrne chose his co-chair for sports task force: Eric Pineda.

XIII. Adjournment
- Ms. Elgarguri moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m.
- Mr. Garcia seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.
APPROVED

Roll Call Vote:
New Business: D. Senate Conference
Motion: To approve an up-to-amount of $5,000 for the senate conference.

Officers:
Paulina Reynoso .......................... Aye
Olga Salgado .............................. Aye
Ashley Landicho .......................... Nay
Eric Pineda ............................... Aye

Senators:
Alejandra Garcia .......................... Aye
Alexander Ivanov ......................... Aye
Brandon Byrne ............................ Aye
Ciera Soliz ................................ Aye
Claire Huestis ............................. Aye
Fatima Elgarguri ......................... Abstain
Jasmine Guraya ......................... Abstain
Jose Gutierrez ........................... Nay
Luis Perez ................................. Aye
Mateo Garcia ............................ Aye
Nancy Kang ............................... Aye