The Associated Students of Las Positas College

Senate Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 26, 2010

Las Positas College
3000 Campus Hill dr.
Livermore, Ca 94551

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of the Agenda

IV. Approval of the Minutes

V. Officer Reports

VI. Guest Speaker

VII. Public Forum

VIII. Old Business

A. EMERGENCY ITEM: DC Funds Approval
B. T-shirt Discussion

IX. New Business

A. Letters of intent
B. Spring General Assembly Funds Approval
C. SRC Membership Approval
D. Resolutions
E. Talent Show Blanco Plan and Funds Approval
F. Local Advocacy Blanco Plan and information
G. Leadership Symposium Reports

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment
I. Call to order

Mr. Quorayshi called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

President: Masi Quorayshi
Vice President: Dan Nenni
Director of Legislation: Justine Whitfield
Director of Finance: Patti Pizzi
Director of Communications: Denise Huey
Director of Events: Helen Nguyen
ICC Chair: Mario Jarmaillo (Excused Absent)

SENATORS:

Alex Blue
Amandeep Dhanoa (Excused Late)
AJ Colagross
Breanna Krumins
David Grabarek
Jacob Park
Janneice Hines (Unexcused Late)
Jose Dominguez Jr. (Excused Absent)
Kelly Tran
Lori Drummond
Mario Gonzales
Rajwant Singh
Scott Ault
Takeo Hiraki
Sophia Malerich

ASLPC Advisor: Cynthia Ross

III. Adoptions of the Agenda

Emergency items were added to the agenda; both items were under old business. The first emergency item being A. DC funds approval and second being B. T-shirt discussion.

- Mr. Nenni moved to approve the emergency items.
- Mr. Hiraki seconded.
- Motion passed with three abstains.
Under new business item A. Spring General Assembly Fund approval stricken through. Item G. Letters of intent moved into the first item up for discussion then making it item A. Letters of intent.

- Mr. Nenni moved to approve the agenda with said changes.
- Ms. Pizzi seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Under Roll Call the last name to senator Sophie was added, as well as changing the “e” to an “a” making her name Sophia Malerich.

- Ms. Whitfield moved to approve the minutes with said changes.
- Ms. Drummond seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

V. Officer Reports

A. President:
Mr. Quorayshi attended College council with Mr. Nenni. He also appointed to members of the student senate to represent the senate for the revision of the Student Governance Handbook, the two were Ms. Krumins and Mr. Ault. Furthermore, Mr. Quorayshi attended the board of trustees meeting.

B. Vice President:
Mr. Nenni too attended College Council. He then explained that an inclusion person is someone who would at the end of each meeting ask if we the senate made any decisions to exclude those of the student body and ask how we helped or hurt the students as well.

C. Director of Legislation:
Ms. Whitfield worked on some finalizing details regarding March 4th. Furthermore, she acknowledged Mr. Ault for his hard work with the blanco plan and facilities requests.

D. Director of Finance:
Ms. Pizzi attended the conference in Berkley with the others members of the senate who too went. She also went over the account balances and expressed that currently she is making disbursements.

E. Director of Communication:
Ms. Huey made the March calendars, she too attended the conference. Furthermore, she worked with Mr. Jarmaillo on some details regarding the discount program.

F. Director of Events:
Ms. Nguyen changed the date of the volunteer fair to March 25th in order to make it work for the organizations.

G. ICC Chair- N/A
H. Senator Reports

1. Mr. Grabarek spoke with a student who was expressing her concern with the budget and classes being cancelled, she works at the rock gym where classes are held.
2. Ms. Drummond has been doing great amounts of work and research for March in March.

I. Committee Reports

1. Mr. Ault went to CCN and explained that they had a lengthy discussion about referring to the portables as “trailer park.” He also attended SSCCC at Chabot where they hashed out information and details regarding March 4th.
2. Mr. Blue went to Distance Education Committee where they discussed summer classes. Also, he informed that online tutoring is being cancelled due to budget issues.
3. Ms. Whitfield went to Academic Senate where they discussed adapting a standardized proficiency scale of 1-4 and how the faculty do not believe it is under the purview of the Academic Senate to require such a scale, but instead they should recommend a scale seeing as how the usage of SLOs for institutional effectiveness is relatively new, and instructors have adapted the scales they have been following for their own program review. Also, the sustainability committee discussed its charge as an official committee, and Mr. Grabarek impressed the pants off of the committee members.

J. ASLPC Advisor:

Mrs. Ross asked for members to step up to the plate and sign up for more committees seeing as how there are still some committees with no student representation. She then went on to discuss a mentoring program for UC mentorship; she stated that if anyone was interested to let her know and she will get them the information and help them get it going.

K. Student Trustee:

Mr. Dwaraknath explained that at his next meeting, they will be discussing the 2010 calendar. Furthermore, he brought to our attention that we have never met with the Board of Trustees so they have no way to know who we are. He strongly encouraged that we go to the planning of the calendar and to try and work a way to meet with them.

VI. Guest Speakers—none

VII. Public Forum—none

VIII. Old Business
A. DC Funds Approval

Mrs. Ross explained that the business office would not allow for us to just shift funds to where we need to. Therefore, we need to specifically state what funds were for.

- Ms. Whitfield moved to approve an additional $66.40 for Air Fare.
- Ms. Huey seconded the motion
- Motion passed with one abstain
- Ms. Whitfield moved to approve $72.70 for transportation.
- Ms. Dhanoa seconded the motion.
- Motion passed with one abstains.

- Mr. Ault moved to approve $2704.02 for conference registration.
- Ms. Huey seconded
- Motion passed unanimously (Roll Call)

B. T-shirt Discussion

Ms. Krumins wanted to report back to the senate with the answers she was asked about shirts at a previous meeting. She stated that we will be using another company to order the shirts which will keep us well within budget.

XI. New Business

A. Letters of Intent

Ms. Whitfield wanted to show everyone what an excellent letter of intent looks like as far as structure and format. She also pointed out that these are professional business letters and that spelling and grammar are very important. Furthermore, she commented that the letter should only discuss what the trip is about and not to go off on a tangent. Finally, she announced that letters of intent for the Spring General Assembly are due by Thursday, March 4th, 2010.

- Ms. Whitfield moved to suspend the agenda for an announcement before her departure.
- Mr. Ault seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Whitfield talked about SSCCC conference which will be April 30th- May 2nd. She expressed that this is a big conference where they read many resolutions which the attendees are provided with information about during the conference. She then expressed that on the last day which is the day of voting on resolutions only herself, Mrs. Ross and Mr. Quorayshi will stay behind while the others leave.

- Mr. Nenni moved to reinstate the agenda
- Mr. Blue seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

B. SRC Membership Approval
Mrs. Ross explained that a year ago there was a criteria made for the scholarship review committee which stated that there must be two student senate members, the advisor, a faculty member and an administrator all serving on this committee. Serving this term on the committee are Ms. Tran, Ms. Krumins, Mr. Park, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Nash. The committee members will review all applications that are sent in and determine the recipients of the AS scholarships.

- Mr. Nenni moved to approve the members of the scholarship review committee.
- Ms. Huey seconded.

Mrs. Ross stated that review isn’t really apart of the name.

- Mr. Nenni moved to amend the motion by striking out review.
- Ms. Tran seconded.
- Amendment passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Hiraki announced that time was running out and we still had discussion on the item.

- Mr. Hiraki moved to extend time by three minutes
- Ms. Huey seconded
- Motion passed with six opposed and one abstention.

Ms. Whitfield made a clarification that the people on the committee were approved of by the executive officers. Seeing no other discussion Mr. Hiraki called the item to question.

- Motion passed unanimously

C. Resolutions

Mr. Quorayshi apologized for fire fox acting up and he said he will look into making it work again.

- Resolution 0904

Mr. R. Singh then began his presentation of his resolution which talked about the increasing prices at the café. He then went on to explain what all the affects of the high prices are, some included students not eating. Mr. Singh then came up with a solution that we could make a price lock, however, Ms. Whitfield and Mr. Nenni went on to explain that they would be highly unlikely since the economy is so bad. In the interest of time, the body suggested that Mr. Singh fix some errors in his resolution and being it back to the body at a different date.

- Resolution 0905

Mr. Quorayshi went into detail about how the Brown Act was violated at the Board of Trustees meeting. During the meeting members of Chabot Community College went there to speak about not renewing their advisors contract due to issues within their body. However, when the students went to speak, they were told to wait until the item appeared on the agenda. They did so, however, when the item came up they were not called upon nor were the acknowledged. Mr. Quorayshi suggested the resolution of asking the board to apologize to the students.
• Ms. Huey moved to endorse resolution 0905
• Ms. Tran seconded
• Motion passed with one abstain

Mr. Hiraki pointed out that time was running low and with another resolution needing to be discussed he moved to extend time.

• Mr. Hiraki moved to extend time by five minutes
• Mr. Nenni seconded
• Motion passes with one opposed

• Resolution 0906

Mr. Quorayshi explained to the senate that the carbon foot print at Las Positas is high. He then asked Ms. Hines if she would like to explain what a carbon foot print is, she explained that a carbon foot print is basically the amount of space someone takes up. Mr. Quorayshi explained to the body, the endorsing this resolution would mean that we agree that there should be a formal committee which would focus on the carbon foot print at Las Positas.

• Mr. Hiraki moved to endorse resolution 0906
• Mr. Colagross seconded
• Motion passes with one abstain

D. Talent Show Blanco Plan and Funds Approval

Ms. Krumins went over the blanco planned that she created for the talent show. The blanco plan explained the responsibilities, the budget and procedure for the night of. Mr. Krumins then went on to explain the funds for the talent show.

• Ms. Krumins moved to approve the blanco plan
• Mr. Blue seconded
• Motion passed unanimously

• Mr. Krumins moved to approve up to $400.00 dollars for the talent show
• Ms. Tran seconded
• Motion passes Unanimously

E. Local Advocacy blanco plan and information

Mr. Ault explained that this event is a kick off for March in March; it is supposed to bring awareness of political issues. He them went on to discuss the agenda for the event and mentioned a few speakers, including politician Robert Beadles.

• Mr. Ault moved to approve the blanco plan
• Ms. Dhanoa seconded
• Motion passes unanimously

F. Leadership Symposium Reports
1. Mr. Nenni gave some background information about the conference being about leadership. He explained that some flaws of this conference were the time issues. He reported that the workshops were cut short due to the main speakers who did not talk about leadership but rather disabilities.

2. Ms. Huey too stated that time was an issue, especially since moving from one building to the next took a long time in itself. She did however; enjoy some of the workshops she attended.

3. Ms. Drummond truly enjoyed the conference and felt very blessed to have been able to go. She said she gained great information and enjoyed herself.

4. Ms. Tran said that she was not too fond of the workshops, however, the last workshop she attended was great and she learned many new things.

5. Mr. Hiraki agreed with Mr. Nenni that there was an injustice of time which led to missing out on good information. However, he did enjoy at lunch time that some people that were there to talk to were of importance to him.

6. Ms. Pizzi stated that although the time was short for the workshops, she tried to take something back with her from all of them.

Mr. Hiraki announced that time was running out and suggested an extension of time.

- Mr. Blue moved to extend time by two minutes
- Mr. Nenni seconded
- Motion passes with one opposed

7. Mr. Ault too agreed on timing being an issue. He was pleased though to have been asked by the student advocate of Berkley to shadow him for future advancements.

X. Announcements

- Mr. Quorayshi apologized for not stepping up and taking responsibility and acknowledgment for his fault in the planning of the DC trip.
- Mr. Grabarek asked that everyone please make a presentation in their classes regarding the salmon colored papers for March-in-march.
- Mr. Blue encouraged all those who will be involved in student senate next year to run for a position.
- Mr. Hiraki reminded the task force that they had a meeting after the workshop.
- Ms. Huey made a reminder that senator reports are due by 1:00pm on Friday.
- Mr. Nenni announced the senator of the month is Mr. Singh

XI. Adjournment

- Ms. Huey moved to end the meeting at 3:12 P.M.
- Ms. Krumins seconded.
- Motion passes unanimously.