



Associated Students of Solano College

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2021

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 982 9765 5991

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by President Olvera at 3:01 pm.

II. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

A. Executive Board:

1. **President Olvera**- Present
2. **Vice President Acuyong**- Present
3. **Secretary Juan**- Present
4. Legislative Advocate- Vacant
5. **Student Trustee Chan**- Present
6. **Treasurer Abdullah**- Present
7. **Public Relations Officer Smail**- Present

B. Senators:

1. **Governing Board Senator Allen**- Present, arrived at 3:12 p.m.
2. Vocational Curriculum Senator- Vacant
3. **Business Services Senator Bermudez**- Present
4. **Diversity Affairs Senator Rodriguez**- Present
5. **Academic Curriculum Senator Simonova**- Present
6. **Student Services Senator Soliman**- Absent
7. Liberal Arts Senator- Vacant
8. **Health and Kinesiology Senator Sharififard**- Present
9. **Applied Tech and Business Senator Flores**- Absent
10. **Math and Science Senator Westbrook**- Present
11. **Social and Behavioral Science Senator Maciel** - Present

III. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. February 9th, 2021

1. Amendment(s):

- a) Removal of Approval of an Alternate Delegate for SSCC in item VIII
- b) Item VIII E: Determining the General Assembly attendee moved to item VII as item VIIB.
- c) Addition of Discussion of ASSC advertisement in information items as

item VIIC.

2. Senator Maciel moved to approve the agenda for February 9th, 2021 with all the necessary amendments. The motion was seconded by Senator Rodriguez. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by consensus.

IV. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 2nd, 2021

1. Senator Sharififard moved to approve the minutes for February 2nd, 2021 with all the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Senator Westbrook. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by consensus.

V. PUBLIC FORUM (10:00 Minutes)

A. Vice-Chair Region II joined the meeting

- a. Reminder: Senator Maciel is currently reviewing resolutions and will be voting on behalf of the ASSC. The General Assembly will be March 26-28, 2021.
- b. On February 19th, 2021 there is a SSCCC Webinar to prepare for the General Assembly and to presented the resolutions to the SBAs.

VI. ADVISOR'S REPORT/ GUEST SPEAKER(S) (10:00 Minutes)

A. Alexandria Castaneda

1. Active participation for all ASSC members
2. Emergency Assistance Program is now available indefinitely.
3. Applied Tech and Business Senator position is now open
4. Student Equity Ambassador Application is due February 19th, 2021.
 - a) Keep an eye out for messages from HR regarding the hiring packet
5. Spring retreat will be on February 26th, 2021 at 3:00 pm.
6. A FLEX CAL day event is happening on March 17-18th, 2021. The submission to present is February 12, 2021.
7. Equity Action: Acting upon our adopted DEI resolution
 - a) Assessing equity in the classroom, addressing student concerns through a campus climate survey.
 - b) Student services encourage ASSC to implement a campus climate survey during the spring 2021 semester. ASSC members want to review the questions before it will be sent out to students.

VII. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS (5:00 Minutes per item)

A. Old Business

1. Discussion of the Student Equity workgroup
 - a) Discussed the purpose, goals, and plan for the Student Equity Forum
 - b) Forum needs training for ASSC members on how to host the FORums effectively, at least one faculty member or SCC employee that will proctor the forum, at least two ASSC members to serve on the forum, clear instructions for the students on how to report their concerns, and forum advertisement.
 - c) Meetings will be biweekly on Mondays from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
 - d) The forum will be compiling student concerns and work on resolving them through continued partnership with ASSC.
 - (1) ASSC members will rotate the Forum days
 - (2) Create the Workgroup calendar to manage the ASSC members availability to host the Forums
 - e) Everyone in the ASSC that is interested in the workgroup is welcome.
 - (1) Members that are currently interested: President Olvera, Vice

President Acuyong, Student Trustee Chan, Senator Westbrook, Senator Maciel, Secretary Juan, Sanya Bhalla, Treasurer Abdulla, and Senator Sharififard.

- f) There will be workgroup meetings to discuss the work that is done during the Forums.

- (1) Tentative timeline: First training will be on March 1st, 2021 and the first forum is on March 15th, 2021

- B. Determining the General Assembly attendee
 - 1. Advisor Alex and Senator Maciel are confirmed to attend the General Assembly.
 - 2. E-mail President Olvera and/or Advisor Alex if interested in attending the General Assembly.
- C. Discussion of ASSC advertisement
 - 1. Senator Westbrook presented a survey (SCC Communication Improvement survey) about how accessible SCC is to the student body, such as contacting or reaching out to different departments and social media.
 - 2. ASSC social media needs to be advertised more to the student body, such as adding a Discord link to Instagram or advertise it through Canvas.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (5:00 Minutes per item)

- A. Old Business
- B. Swear-in Sanya Bhalla as Vocational Curriculum Senator
 - 1. Senator Maciel moved to approve the swearing-in of Sanya Bhalla as Vocational Curriculum Senator. Senator Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by consensus.
 - 2. Senator Allen, Senator Bermudez, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Simonova, Senator Sharififard, Senator Westbrook, and Senator Maciel all voted in favor. No nays and no abstains.
 - 3. Sanya Bhalla is sworn in by Advisor Castaneda as the Vocational Curriculum Senator.
- C. Swear-in Sergio Maciel as Legislative Advocate
 - 1. Senator Westbrook moved to approve the swearing-in of Sergio Maciel as Legislative Advocate. Senator Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by consensus.
 - 2. Senator Allen, Senator Bermudez, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Simonova, Senator Sharififard, and Senator Westbrook all voted in favor. No nays. Senator Maciel abstained from voting.
 - 3. Sergio Maciel is sworn in by Advisor Castaneda as the Legislative Advocate.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5:00 Minutes)

- A. Inter-Club Council
 - 1. The Funding Request form has been presented to ICC at the last meeting held on Thursday, February 4.
 - 2. VP Acuyong will be receiving completed applications Friday, March 12th, 2021, at noon.
 - 3. All clubs are active as they have their meetings and more members joining.
 - 4. There are 2 new clubs that are officially a part of the ICC: Rotaract Club and Entrepreneur Club.
 - a) The Rotaract Club serves the community and they are non-profit. They are having a food pick on Tuesday, February 13th, 2021 at 9:00 am.
 - b) The Entrepreneur Club has meetings every Friday 1 p.m.-2 p.m. At their

meetings, they invite 2 small businesses to share their stories as entrepreneurs.

B. Student Concerns

1. The committee met on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
2. The committee members talked about the objectives, the goals, and the plan for the Student Equity Forum.
3. The Student Ambassador Program modifications will be discussed next meeting.

C. Finance

1. Lindy Morgan, a former ASSC member, inquired about an extremely late reimbursement.
2. Discussed the finances for attending the General Assembly
3. The committee is moving on to more short-term goals including No More Starving Artists' Food Drive and Club Funding Requests.
4. ASSC will be receiving \$20 000 given by CARES Act.
5. The committee is examining Budget expenditures and moving funds around to utilize them better and help students.

D. Activities

1. The first event of BHM was held yesterday and events will continue to be held. The attendance and participation for the event were good. More information about BHM events can be found on the SCC BHM flyer on canvas and on our social media page.
2. The petition for a degree (a requirement for graduation) is due on February 19th, 2021. The committee is increasing awareness of this requirement for students by sharing announcements on Canvas and ASSC social media platforms. Once a student has their petition accepted, they are automatically registered for graduation.
 - a) After the meeting, Advisor Castaneda shared the idea of conducting polls on ASSC social media platforms asking students if they have applied for their petitions.

X. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (3:00 Minutes)

A. Legislative Advocate Maciel

1. February 19th will be the monthly SSSCC delegate meeting, where Legislative Advocate Maciel will represent SCC at SSSCC for the first time.
2. The General Assembly is on March 26-28th, 2021. This is an opportunity for student leaders to increase their network with other student leaders and provides learning experiences regarding current initiatives, leadership, and student representation. The cost to register is \$50 and will require the ASSC to confirm the registration of interested parties. SSSCC Delegate Maciel will attend the General Assembly for free, as he is an SSSCC Delegate.

XI. DIVISION REPORT (3:00 Minutes)

A. Diversity Affairs Senator Rodriguez

1. Attended the Student Equity and Success Council meeting this past Friday, January 29th, 2021 where they watched Amanda Gorman's poem "The Hill We Climb" and were placed in break rooms in which we further discussed how the poem related to the concerns of students at Solano and what role does faculty have in helping students succeed.
2. Professor Isabel Anderson requested to develop a way in which faculty can share their successes that have helped their students. She wants to help create

“department shares” in which each department works together to come up with ideas that will help students succeed, by sharing what has worked for them.

3. Office 365 is free for any student as long as you provide the student email. Go to “free office 365” on google and give the information required to download the package for free.

B. Academic Curriculum Senator Simonova

1. Attended Academic Calendar Committee meeting on January 28, 2021, at 3 – 4 p.m. Compressed calendar discussion: shortening the academic semester from 18 to 16 weeks without the loss of instructional time in the classroom.
 - a) Recap of the meeting: Plan to develop a survey for each of these group: students/faculty/staff, include examples of what class periods might look like, check peer colleges already using the compressed calendar, see if Chancellor’s office has a survey we can use/adapt, must have support from Governing Board
 - (1) More information [here](#)
2. Will be attending the next Academic Calendar Committee meeting: Feb 10, 2021, at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m and the Curriculum Committee orientation meeting on Feb 10, 2021, at 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

C. Math and Science Senator Westbrook

1. Math and Science Department met on January 4th, 2021.
2. Industrial Biotechnology Intensive Summer is coming back for the summer.
 - a) The biggest issue is graduation which is 20% of the funding. Plan to remove barriers to graduation including issues with C-ID units and stacked certificates that lead to degrees.
3. Teachers must accommodate students who are in danger of being drop due to extenuating circumstances, more work for teachers, but they will be compensated.
4. COVID money can be used to improve HVAC and HEPA. Robert Diamond will be giving a report about the money once he gets information about it.
5. Inquiry about COVID protocol if the college decides to bring labs back including hall monitor enforcer, masks, and cleaning procedure.
6. Attended Distance Education Committee last February 5th, 2021.
 - a) Senator Westbrooke was invited by Dr. Lanae Jimez.
 - b) The committee is chaired by Erica Beam.
7. Student groups in Canvas are now approved.
8. Senator Westbrook would like assistance from ASSC to use Ad hoc meeting semi-formalities to serve as a base for interaction and language usage for student organization shells.

XII. REVIEW

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN DISCUSSION

XIV. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Vote on asking the college to conduct and support a campus climate survey in action items.

XV. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

- A. February 16th, 2021 at 3pm- 5pm

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Senator Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 pm. The motion was seconded by Senator Sharififard. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by consensus.