

Associated Students of
Berkeley City College
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

February 12th, 2014
Berkeley City College
South Campus
Suite 203
2070 Allston Way
Berkeley,
California

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:12PM

II. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL (1:00 min)

Senators present Chief Justice present Executives present
 ICC representative present
 Quorum Achieved

thays da costa is not present
Doris is no longer communications officer
Destiny Reid is not present
Nate Heller is not present
Miles Campbell is not present
Athan Creecey is not present
Lanfu Zhang is not present
Danny McCarty is excused

III. ADOPTING PREVIOUS MINUTES (1:00 min)

A. Feb 5 2014
8 in favor
0 against
0 abstain
Motion passes

IV. ADOPTING CURRENT AGENDA (3:00 min)

A. Feb. 12 2014
Tim: I make a motion to move item 10 reports before items 4 and 5 and to extend report time to four minutes. Hassan seconds.
Hassan: I make a motion to move action items to after advisors report as well as move committee reports to above executive reports. Also move discussion items I,L, and P to top of discussion items.
Malik: Can we strike discussion item L?
Tim: I also make a motion to strike discussion item N.
Hassan: I'd also like to make a motion to move unfinished business to after discussion items. Malik seconds.
8 in favor
0 against
0 abstain
Motion passes

V. PUBLIC FORUM

(3:00 min)

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the ASBCC on items not already on the agenda. Please be aware that there is a 3-minute time limit for each item and that NO action may be taken on any of these items. These items may however come back to the Senate for action at the discretion of the Senate.

Elwing Williams (Project Coordinator with Berkeley Alliance Bridge Mentoring Program): There is an achievement gap in middle school youth with African American and Latino youth. We ask for an hour where mentors sit down with them and talk to them to inspire them to explore their options in order to further their education.

Nate Heller and Athan Creecey arrives 12:23 PM

VI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mostafa Ghous

This annex room will be the new student lounge.

Make sure we have the minutes and agenda posted online each week and on time.

Gates Data Analysis-Gates Foundation has chosen BCC to gather data and as a process the school will be able to receive a lot of grants and funds. So we take this very seriously and that 12:30 on Wednesday at our next meeting when representatives come we give them our time and full attention.

Bulletin boards need attention.

We need to make sure ONLY ELECTED officials are represented in district meetings and this needs to be known.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(5:00 min each item)

A. Committee reports- Valentino Calderon**(3:00 min each report)**

- Bylaws committee

Mangling: Met last Saturday and we will meet again on Saturday.

- ICC Charter review committee

No ICC meeting this week so the draft presentation has been postponed.

- Constitution review committee

Presented during the meeting. Now, the next step is to present it to Mr. Freeman and see if he can look it over.

- Marketing committee

Since there have been changes in the committee, we will meet later to discuss restructuring. I recommend Taymoor to help.

- BCC voice

First issue came out yesterday. Since then, more students have wanted to get involved.

- Financial Code Committee

Will be available next weekend

- Election Committee

Working on setting things up for upcoming elections.

B. St. Patrick's Day Event- Athan Creecey

4 pack of Ping Pong Paddles from Amazon 15.00 x 4 + Tax = \$66.00

38 pack from Sports Authority

\$17.00 = 18.70 with tax

10 pizzas \$55.00

Kool Aid \$19.8

Plastic cups \$ 22.00

4 1 gallon pitchers 29.49

= 126.90

TOTAL: \$66.00+\$18.70+\$126.90=\$211.60

AS take the tables in the office to create a makeshift Ping-Pong table for our St. Patty's day event with music and pizza. For each student to get a slice of pizza a student has to fill out a survey.

Miles: I recommend we have a table for juice pong and water pong.

Hassan: I want to congratulate Athan on being the first senator to write Kool aid on an event proposal.
(laughter)

Valentino: I second Miles' suggestion it might even be easier and cost less.

Justin: Civic Engagement club did the same thing with water pong and raised a significant amount of money.
If the AS holds an event a month it would promote the campus.

Athan: We can definitely turn it into juice/ kool aid pong as long as the surveys are sent out to the student body then I'm happy with the direction the event goes.

Tim: I think diversifying the event would even attract more people.

Mostafa: The event should be held in the annex and I think a ping-pong table should be bought for the student lounge!

C. Space for AS Election Debate-Athan Creecey

Destin Reid arrives 1:20

Athan: We should select the election debate timelines now so that we can plan ahead. I recommend we host the election debates on April 2nd-3rd right before elections. I propose Justin or Hassan to host the debates. The next day could be senatorial debates.

D. Space for Movie Night series- Athan Creecey

I recommend we do a movie night series to get the student body involved. The tentative theme is "School Sucks" movie night series. It's a three night series and Hassan and Justin have offered to create a "mystery science" theater. The proposed dates are April 10, 17, and 24 and are all Thursday night around 5PM.

Tim: I realize by the time this is going to be rolled out I will be out of office but I offer my equipment and services to help out.

E. Keenan Norris guest speaker- Nate Heller

Yield time to Mostafa.

Mostafa: Keenan Norris will be a guest speaker and will come in to talk about a few books he has written. His fee costs \$500. The flyers have already been distributed and posted.

Valentino: We need invoice and flyers here.

Mostafa: Lets put it on discussion again for next week's meeting so I can bring the flyers. The event will be Feb 22nd at 6PM in the auditorium.

Sarah: Can we work with him regarding the fee because that's pretty steep.

Mostafa: Yes I can discuss with Cleevon Smith.

F. Bridge Mentoring Program- Pamela Harrison-Small- Nate Heller

Justin: This has already been discussed earlier.

G. Town Hall- Hassan Moore

Hassan: Did we choose a date already for the AS Town Hall?

Valentino: No I have not been informed yet.

Hassan: The first town hall, I suggest, would be a meet the candidate's type of thing to introduce them to the student body.

Thays: Mostafa suggests that we, the current AS, sit and have a panel so students can ask us questions about our position.

Mostafa: We should be having town hall somewhere in February. I recommend doing it during one of your Wednesday meetings.

Hassan: I recommend March 5th during college hour.

H. March in March-Justin Terry

If we were thinking of March 5th for town hall we can talk about March in March during panel. March in March is where students can talk to the legislator and rally against cutting funds towards education. I believe there is a dialogue with the Peralata Foundation to provide funding for students to go to this. I come to you as an SSCCC representative to get involved with this.

Nate: I suggest coming with more information about this.

Valentino: Since the event is coming up it seems like the Peralta Foundation is the only funding we can get.

Thays: Can Dr. Budd provide funding for this?

Valenitno: I am unaware of that but we can check.

Nate: In the past, presidents have in fact provided funding for transportation for students to be able to go to March in March.

I. Business Office Deadline Resolution- Miles Campbell

Hassan-I motion to table the item until after discussion item P

Miles seconds.

11 in favor

0 against

1 abstain.

Motion passes

Miles: Business Office Resolution

Whereas, the Business Office at Berkeley City College has no established codified procedure for issuing funds that the ASBCC asks of it;

Whereas, California educational code 76063 states that student governments are authorized to issue funds so long as a procedure is set up and adhered to that includes a member of campus administration;

Whereas, the issuing of the funds via the business office has not been consistent or timely to date;

Whereas, the ASBCC has set up and adhered to its own financial code and by-laws to date;

Resolved, that the business office is to comply with any request that is filed correctly and respond within 72 hours; and

Resolved, That any response the business office complies with California educational code 76063.

Nate: The one line that might be inflammatory is whereas the issues of the funds via the business office has not been consistent—I think that this is an accusation and we should have a clear plan of holding someone liable if they are in violation.

Mostafa: The business office is not to blame. As a matter of fact the process is much better and clear now with the campus life staff. The signature process for obtaining checks is by its' nature taking some time but that is no one's fault. This is the accountability process at work. Treasurer Elhindi agrees that the business office's process is sufficient at this time. Checks are reviewed, signed and processed within 24-48 business hours if there are no issues with the minutes.

Valentino: Liliana actually keeps a record of the time the funds are allocated so we can cross reference that.

Justin: As you guys know this week is heart of the college so I was looking for a check to be dispersed to fund the event but the process has been painstakingly slow.

Miles: The point of the resolution is not to start an argument but we just want to create a clear procedure.

J. BCC voice budget for March- Jewell Soriano

As you know, the first issue came out yesterday. Malik and I are trying to do more research in advertising and we are going to change our funding strategies by holding fundraisers. So in the meantime we are asking for the same amount of money for our next issue (**\$276.86**) What we did do is we went to sandwich spot to cater in return for an advertisement space in our next issue.

Hassan: Considering how linked the voice is to the AS could we extend matching grants?

Valentino: Weve had a discussion that matching grants would dissolve and would only be reserved for clubs so we can see in the future.

Nate Heller and Tim Wishnowsky leave at 1:37 PM

K. ASBCC Color Printer: buying a color printer for the AS and Club use – Doris Cuellar (Jewell Soriano)

What we want is to get a colored printer in the AS and it could be something future AS members could use.

Mostafa: This is a good idea however it costs a lot more money.

Justin: Its not that this would not be beneficial for AS however there should be a strict protocol in order to save money on ink.

Valentino: Colored printers are a good idea and it saves us time and bureaucracy. I pass my chair to Thays I have to go to class.

Valentino Calderon leaves at 1:40 PM

L. Financial code revisions- Malik Elhindi (item has been stricken)

M. Constitution draft update-Thays Da Costa

I thought it would be important to highlight term limits. 3 years maximum for any position in the AS (2 years in the same position)The reason being is we need to get more people involved. Secretary will no longer be a voting member and the president will have veto power. We've decided you can be removed from office if you miss four official meetings (special meetings excluded)

Jewell: Presidential vetoes wont be totally unquestionable.

Lanfu: If this is passed how will it go into effect and will there be any precautions to be taken?

Jewell: Athan was the one who told me about what happened in the last constitution and he recommended professionals look it over.

Miles: I think having the senatorial meeting will be a great collaborative effort amongst senators.

Mostafa: All AS meetings need to follow Roberts Rules of Orders and should be agendized and have minutes. The other thing is having someone who has experience with public policy would be a very good idea so as to avoid any holes.

Justin: The Brown Act states that if any standing committee meets and is established in the bylaws would need an agenda for future references. The chair reverts back to VP Thays Da Costa.

N. ASBCC speakers & microphone purchase- Tim Wishnowsky (item has been stricken)

O. South Campus Student Room: forming committee to get space set up for AS, ICC and student use- Jewell Soriano

Jewell: Point of clarification with what room we can use. Room 203? Or 204?

Mostafa: The room in the back that we originally looked it is already taken. One is used for storage and one is used for a community organization. Ill try to see if I can move the storage out. I want to get this organized so we can finally move in and set things up. I see a lot of space we can easily work with. If we could get this place open by the pin-pong tournament it would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce the annex room.

Justin: This is a great idea and the AS could always use more space.

P. \$20,000 Campus Life Staff Assistant to become a permanent allocation- Malik Elhindi

Malik: I'm going to give you guys my opinion, I feel that there's one thing we need to have a stance on. One of the things is campus life's responsibilities. If we are allocating funds towards something that's more administrative and not for us I don't think that's entirely fair.

Valentino: I agree and I think we should not impose this for future AS members and see if the district can provide this fund.

Nate: I agree, we should definitely explore the options.

Thays: I am not happy how we get strong suggestions about how our money should be allocated. 66% of our budget is not with us anymore and that is so crippling to how student government is operating. When we are held back from that it is very frustrating. I am strongly against this item.

Mostafa: If this is the sentiment of the AS I do think that the president should take this up with Dr. Budd in order to get clarification.

Miles: Im sure the assistant has helped out with making campus life efficient so I think this isn't entirely a bad idea.

Athan: This money would come from fun 84?

Malik: Yes

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (5:00 min each item)

- A. Re- allocate ASBCC cash account budget-Malik Elhindi (item was stricken)
- B. Motion to create a records committee- Gabby Padiernos

I move to create a records committee.

Justin: I second this motion and think it's a very good idea.

Athan: I'm in favor of this and I think that the secretary position is very time consuming. Once its created we should have another member of the board join. It should be dovetailed with the communication protocol we discussed earlier.

Tim: I'm in favor of this, and this committee should take into consideration how the records are displayed and how they are accessible.

12 in favor

0 against

0 abstain.

motion passes.

Valentino: I appoint Gabby as chair of the committee and Yeni as part of the committee as well as Nate Heller.

- C. Approve \$50 from the AS cash account sub section One-time Grant with a check written out to GSA President Shane McClure for GSA's event Custom Made Queer -- Justin Terry

Tim and Thavs second.

The presentation was given by GSA last week.

11 in favor

0 against

1 abstain

motion passes

- D. Motion to approve \$43.60 for BCC Book Exchange Posters from the AS cash account subsection reserve with a check made out to Sarah Miller -- Sarah Miller

Tim Wishnowsky seconds.

Lanfu: Did you put a OR code before you present the poster.

Nate: We should discuss this after the meeting and I can help you.

11 in favor

0 against

1 abstain

motion passes.

IX. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS (6:00 min/1:00 min. per report)

President: Valentino
Calderon
(not present)

Secretary: Gabby Padiernos
Records
committee

Vice President of Administration: Thays Da Costa
Cleaned the office, so everyone pls keep clean. Students have given us a lot of suggestions to help improve campus life.

Treasurer: Malik Elhindi
Good week.
Good meeting.

Communications Officer: Doris Cuellar
(no longer in office)

Vice President of Programs: Justin Terry
Our circle got smaller and just the other day our communications officer Doris Cuellar has officially resigned.

X. SENATOR BOARD REPORTS

(7:00 min/1:00 min per report)

Information and Organizational Systems: Nate Heller
Went to two tech meetings district wide, the only thing that people don't know already that's coming is the Google email system. It is still under construction and this semester is when it will be implemented.

Campus Sustainability: Tim Wishnowsky
Feb. 26 meditation and prayer room will be up and running.
(Tim's Letter of Resignation) (See attachment)
Thays Da Costa and Miles arrives 12:26 PM

Community Building Athan Creecey
Past week, I have been getting events together and they are on the agenda so I will discuss those further.

Student Transfer Destiny Reid
(not present)

Special Populations Mangling Cho
BCC Facebook page, please advertise to get more likes.
Primary Services Miles Campbell
Business cards should definitely be available by Friday. I will be able to get us high quality cards.

Academic Services Sarah Miller
Was supposed to go to Library curriculum meeting today but was at the same time as this meeting. Still working on BCC Book exchange and waiting for funds to get passed.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Black history month-Justin Terry
Yield my time to director Chaz Walker.

1. Wednesday, Feb 19, 2014 (12:15-1:00PM) concert by brotha Chaz Walker & ThePeaceful Vibes, Conscious hip hop reggae
a. Build Ancestor Shrine
b. Libation
c. Brotha Chaz Walker &The Peaceful Vibes Concert
d. Fee \$325 + \$39= \$364

2. Thursday, Feb 20, 2014 (12:15-1:00) Concert by Stones of Fire, Urban Gospel/Neo-spirituals. A mix of traditional and contemporary African American religious music.
a. Norman Gee. Poetry Presentation
b. Stones of fire concert
c. Fee \$325 + \$39= \$364

3. Tuesday Feb 2, 204 (12:15-1:00PM) Concert by Fari Shields, Urban Fold Music
a. Chaz Walker, Poetry Presentation
b. Fari Shields, concert
c. Fee \$325 + \$39= \$364

4. Wednesdaym Feb 26 (12:15-1:00PM) DJ Lars, Dance Yourself Clean
a. DJ Lars Inspirational Reggae, Soul, Funk Music
b. Tribute to Shirley Chisolm
c. Norman Gee, Speech by Frederick Douglas
d. Chaz Walker, Malcolm X, Message to the Grassroots
e. Fee \$325 + \$39= \$364

5. Thursday, February 27, 2014 (12:15-1:00PM) Honoring LGBT African Americans
a. Performance Art Presentation by Soynika Rahim (music, poetry, prayer)
b. Performance By Jupiter
c. Fee \$325 + \$39= \$364

- II. Provided photographs and insurance for all five events
- III. Provide sound equipment/public address system for all five events
- IV. Produce Program for each event
- V. Produce master calendar for events

A fee of \$ 1820 in total for the events.

Chaz Walker: The community is really excited about black history month. Ive got additional funds to match the proposed budget and so I will make changes to the budget.

Feb 19th and theme is “Honoring our ancestors, Healing our community, and evolving”
This is not just about African Americans honoring their ancestors but for everyone to honor them. When it comes to healing we need to learn to love ourselves, and lastly for the evolving piece we’ve got to grow. We want to create a model to celebrate every racial group.

Gospel piece- Gospel Piece has been integral in African American history.

Last day, we are going to close the event with honoring the LGBT community.

I will need some speakers and if possible, we need a piano. If not, I can make my own arrangements.

Mostafa: Make sure the atrium is available on those dates and advertise ahead of time to publicize.

Chaz Walker: Ms. Ayo has suggested that we can go to some of the classes and make a brief presentation to the students.

Miles: As far as marketing, we can ask teachers to use it as an extra credit assignment.

Athan: Since this is not an action item, how are we going to approve space before the event? Will we have to call a special meeting?

Valentino: Yes, we will have to.

Sarah: Can we get a spreadsheet with a clear breakdown of this.

Chaz: the total cost for you guys is \$1,820. We need to make sure the space is reserved and a real tight marketing plan.

Valentino: Would you be opposed to shortening your events?

Chaz Walker: I can, however it would be incredibly challenging. If deferring payments is an issue I can deal with it for now.

Hassan: Two parts, the first one if a request for space form was not completed will the request for space approved? Two, if we were to change anything and remove dates and technically the event would be changes and we would be voting on a totally different proposal.

Nate: Yeah, Im not in favor in changing the events. We should completely fast track every element of this since weve talked it about for a while.

Jewell: How long ago was this event proposed originally?

Chaz: Two weeks ago.

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Miles: Whatever happened to the prayer room?

Justin: The MSA is working with the current facilities rep. It is being run through facilities committee.

Hassan: Thank You Malik for your work and support for Govt & Civics Day. Lets get a lot of candidates and get a race here for the elections.

Thays: I don't want to discourage anyone seeing as that our original team has gotten smaller. Lets stick together.

Malik: I advocate AS shirts!

XII. UPCOMING AGENDA

Hassan: Discussion- GA Assembly and approve funds

Justin: Move Black History Month to action items. Under discussion/unfinished business: detailed March in March

Athan: Special meeting will still happen for the space for Black History Month?

Thays: Im not sure however we will look into it

Thays: Constitution will be an action item.

Miles: Food funding, resolution

Athan: St. Patricks Day event and AS election debate, movie night as action items

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

2:12 PM

Posted by: _____

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____