

Associated Students of  
Berkeley City College  
Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

March 5, 2014  
*Berkeley City College*  
*Associated Student Body*  
*Office, RM 051*  
2050 Center Street  
*Berkeley,*  
*California*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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12: 10 PM

**II. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL (1:00 min)**

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Senators present  Chief Justice present  Executives present

ICC representative present  Quorum Achieved

Thays da Costa is not present

Nate is not present

Miles is not present

Athan is not present

Yeny Lei is not present

**III. ADOPTING PREVIOUS MINUTES (1:00 min)**

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A. Feb. 26, 2014

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstain

**IV. ADOPTING CURRENT AGENDA (3:00 min)**

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A. March 5, 2014

Gabby Padiernos makes a motion to amend language for action item b to include May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Justin would like to change the order so that discussion item A is after public forum.

Senator Nate Heller arrives 12:14 PM

Justin Terry makes a motion to recess for five minutes to print the correct agenda

10 in favor

0 against

0 abstain

Senator Yeny Lei walks in at 12:18

VP of admin Thays Da Costa walks in at 12:19

Meeting returns at 12:20PM

Sarah Miller would like to make a motion to amend the year since it is stated 2104 not 2014

Malik Elhindi would like to strike discussion item C in unfinished business

Adopting current agenda as it reads

12 in favor

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0 against  
0 abstain

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V. PUBLIC FORUM (3:00 min)

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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.

Michael Hartman (VP of Milvia street journal club and treasurer for ICC): The ICC brought forward two passed resolutions and encourage Black History Month proposal.

Donna Ayo: Easy Deli has been very generous in helping us with sandwiches and snacks and I would like for this body to be able to give them a certificate of appreciation as a neighborhood vendor.

Miles Campbell attends the meeting at 12:25

Hassan Moore: Two requests, first would like to request an accurate list of all financial allocations and disbursements of the previous fiscal year. Also, I'd like to request a 10 min discussion item for the students of equity and transparency.

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VI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

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Mostafa Ghous (Absent, acting advisor Liliana Rojas is present)  
No report

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VII. ACTION ITEMS (5:00 min)

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A. A motion to appoint Kaydee Miller as ICC Representative – Justin Terry  
Miles Campbell seconds

Justin Terry: The ICC felt she would be the best person for the job.

14 in favor

0 against

0 abstain

Motion passes

B. A motion to approve space in the auditorium for the Social Science class talent show on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>- Gabby Padiernos

Justin Terry seconds.

14 in favor

0 against

0 abstain

Motion passes

C. A motion to approve \$186.99 from the AS checking account for the St. Patrick's Day Event from the ASBCC Checking account, subsection AS Funds, with the check made out to Athan Creecy- Athan Creecy

Thays Da Costa seconds.

12 in favor

0 against

2 abstain

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D. A motion to approve the food funding resolution- Miles Campbell  
 Valentino passes his chair to Thays da Costa, leaves 12:48PM  
 10 in favor  
 2 against  
 1 abstain  
 Motion passes

E. A motion to approve Latin American Club to use the Atrium on March 13th at College Hour and a request for \$329.99 from ASBCC cash account, subsection Club Funds, with the check made out to Jessica Zavala for a Carnaval event- Fernando Jimenez

Miles Campbell seconds.

| Description    | Name            | Amount (\$) |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Honorarium     | Abel Damascenso | 300.00      |
| Bead Necklaces | Party City      | 29.99       |
|                |                 |             |
| Total          |                 | 329.99      |

Justin Terry: The club president has been very transparent and thorough detail regarding the event  
 Jewell: I suggest forwarding the flyer to marketing committee so we can make print them and post them around campus.

12 in favor  
 0 against  
 2 abstain.

F. A motion to approve a check for \$262.50 for the BCC Voice Elections issue from the ASBCC checking account, subsection AS Funds, with the check made out to Jewell Soriano – Malik Elhindi

Sec. Gabby Padiernos seconds.

12 in favor  
 0 against  
 2 abstain

G. A motion to delegate Space Requests to the Office of Campus Life – Justin Terry

Thays da Costa seconds.

14 in favor  
 0 against  
 0 abstain  
 Motion passes

H. A motion to amend the ICC Calendar ( to remove all deadlines)– Justin Terry

Valentino Calderon seconds.

Justin: There is no point in having deadlines because we do not publicize them and we do not follow the deadline

11 in favor  
 0 against  
 3 abstain

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(5:00 min)

A. Dr. Budd 15 minute presentation and 5 min Q &A-Valentino Calderon  
 Introductions

Dr. Budd: I commend the council for all of the work you do to ensure campus life is successful (i.e. BCC

Voice, campus events) would also like to recognize advisor Mostafa Ghous. I am here to discuss an anonymous email, would like you all to know my office is always open should you have any concerns.

Senator Athan Creecy attends the meeting at 12:37 PM

Dr. Budd: I spoke with Mostafa to discuss ways to improve communications and looking at our budget. In terms of the budget I recommend Shirley Slaughter come to your meetings to help iron out any miscommunication.

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

- Bylaws committee

Nate: We separated in 5 articles and senators are coming together to discuss this. Treasurer, communications, and secretary met to discuss organizational and restructuring.

- ICC Charter review committee

Justin: We lost quorum before we could vote so next week this should be resolved.

- Marketing committee

Richard: Working on events coming up, planning on meeting this Friday.

- BCC voice

Jewell: Getting the rest of biographies from candidates so that should be coming up soon, prepping for March issue which will come out next week.

- Financial Code Committee

Malik: Talk to bylaws to discuss further information.

- Election Committee

Valentino:

- Records Committee

. Malik: There were issues on posting agenda/minutes online. They have been updated on wordpress but it is not showing on the website.

Cassaundra: I can work with Gabby to fix this.

**C. Authorization of space for the ASBCC Town Hall- Justin Terry**

Justin Terry: Tentative date is March 12<sup>th</sup> so I suggest March 19<sup>th</sup> since there would be conflicting events on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Nate: I do not have clear information on this Town Hall event and there should be more collaboration.

Justin Terry: The reason why we set it in March because we would like to promote elections.

Jewell: Wherever it ends up being I would prefer it would be the 19<sup>th</sup> as opposed to 12<sup>th</sup> since it would give us more time to prepare.

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

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| <i>President:</i> | Valentino Calderon<br>Will email reports; do not have notes physically available. | <i>Secretary:</i> | Gabby Padiernos<br>Met with Nate, Richard, and Malik to discuss restructuring. Will post agenda/minutes online for the rest of the summer. |
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| <i>Vice President of Administration:</i> | Thays Da Costa<br>Sent out reports this week it is due by Friday. | <i>Treasurer:</i> | Malik Elhindi<br>Keep up the good work! |
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*Communications Officer:* Richard Lee

Working on facilities and also the Plan Initiative to have plants on campus.

*Vice President of Programs:*

Justin Terry

Met with education committee and there is a lot of restructuring happening. Also attended SSCCC meeting to discuss March in March.

My fellow ASBCC members,

As I dictate this today, I am disappointed. Some of my fellow elected officials formed a political party last semester and we established a party platform. We made a promise to our constituents. I am ashamed to report that none of us have truly realized this promise. Our communications within Council have been subpar, which has hampered our ability to conduct business efficiently. We have held, to date, zero monthly Town Square open forums, an idea the GOAT Party championed as the cornerstone of its party platform. We have introduced very few, if any, sustainability platforms in a college that belongs to the same Region as the SSCCC Sustainability Committee Chair. Perhaps you can now understand my supreme disappointment.

I have come to think of many, if not all, of you as more than my colleagues, but my friends. A true friend can respectfully address his peers without regret. On that note, I say this: we have had all of the resources, and almost none of the cohesion or drive that create a great and functional Council. Hassan Moore, who is without question, one of our finest officers, resigned last week. The fact that someone who has played such a pivotal role to the council and is still able-bodied and legally eligible to serve should be a reason of shame to all of us as well. He and I spent much of the last semester attempting to put out fires and hold up administrative relations in every capacity that was asked of us.

I came into the Council ready to improve upon the work that had begun last year. I was unable to conduct duties vital to my position for two months because of interpersonal drama, something that has plagued the 2013-2014 term from the start. The writing is on the wall; we failed. We failed at what we set out to do, and now all we can do is pick up the pieces. Let us actually begin to mend the Council rather than sweep the pieces under the rug. The temptation is to coast into the end of the semester and transfer off onto our next destinations at universities. Why not actually make a difference before we leave? What little synergy we had is slipping through our fingers like the sand of times. Is that not cause for alarm? I see the appointments of Comm. Officer Lee and Senator Lei as the inclusion of two energetic personalities that can help us term out with dignity. Do they not deserve to serve on a Council that can hold its heads up high and look back on their term with fond memories? I think we all do.

Accountability isn't a system of punishment or cruelty, it's merely frank honesty. I hope that everyone on this Council can be honest with themselves about this term. We all had a hand in

why we did not meet our expectations. So why is failure still a dirty word? We learn from our failures and proceed by not continuing to make the same mistakes. Let's all hold each other accountable for our duties as officers. Like I mentioned at the last meeting during open discussion, we all took oaths to uphold our offices. When we take into account any events on campus, let us deliberate things justly and equitably. If things are not feasible or timely, it is not only correct, but our duty to say no, or to invite someone to come back with a more reasonable proposal. Be sure that everything you do on this Council is something that you are proud of from here on out, even the mistakes. Let's work on making that a reality from here on out.

With all due respect,  
Justin Terry

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X. SENATOR BOARD REPORTS (7:00 min/1:00 min per report)

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*Information and Organizational Systems:* Nate Heller  
This semester was unlike the beginning of last semester, group dynamics fell apart so the original goal of the goat party has not all been implemented. I can clearly see how many of the seeds of the several projects I've participated in is about to grow. Moving forward I am excited about: technology, facilities, creating new student positions, change of financial aid system, etc

*Community Building:* Athan Creecy  
Past week assisted the BCC voice to track down an advisor so that it would be more sustainable. Contacted Dr. Cora Leighton and then contacted an English Professor Laura Zink here. Other than that been working on the St. Patricks Day event. I will table starting next week.

*Student Transfer:* Destiny Reid  
Trying to set an event and contacting possible vendors.

*Special Populations:* Mangling Cho  
Tried to have bylaws meeting but it did not work out, currently reviewing accreditation document for my committee.

*Primary Services:* Miles Campbell  
Last Tuesday, was supposed to go to ambassador's meeting but had to go to work. Attempting to bridge connection between ambassadors and AS.

*Academic Services:* Sarah Miller  
The campus is in dire need of faster internet so am currently working on a petition.

*Campus Sustainability:* Yeny Lei  
I attended first roundtable meeting and made sure no events will happen May 16-19. I would like to talk to Thays about the Plant Initiative.

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XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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A. Funding the selection of delegation for the SSCCC General Assembly- Malik Elhindi/ Valentino Calderon

Malik: We need to choose who is going

Justin: The SSCCC GA is a once a semester conference and all CC's are invited to attend to discuss issues facing CC student.

Malik: What we need moving forward is to pay registration costs on time.

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| Registration     | 5 | \$235 | \$1175 |                                                                                                                      | California Community College Chancellor's Office |
| Registration (D) | 1 | \$140 | \$140  | <b>Total \$1315</b>                                                                                                  | California Community College Chancellor's Office |
| Hotel Rooms      | 2 | \$130 | \$520  | (Price for 2 quads for 2 nights)                                                                                     |                                                  |
| Travel           | 6 | ?     | ?      |                                                                                                                      |                                                  |
| Per Diem         | 6 | \$120 | \$720  |                                                                                                                      |                                                  |
| Total            |   |       | \$2555 | \$2600+ after tax                                                                                                    |                                                  |
|                  |   |       |        | That'll give us like \$900 to spend on either more people/rooms or transportation. Let's talk to Laney first though. |                                                  |

Valentino: In terms of transportation will speak to Laney and they are willing to fork over most of the money to fund transportation.

- B. Revised ICC Charter – Justin Terry  
No further discussion
- C. ~~Financial Code Reforms – Malik Elhindi~~
- D. Black History Events – Justin Terry/ Valentino Calderon  
Will discuss further with ICC

**XII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Justin discussed tech initiatives  
 Jewell: I would like to get assurance that reports that will be sent out, people will comply and participate.  
 Malik Elhindi inquired about weekly reports  
 Danny McCarty would like to help with the Plant Initiative.  
 Miles Campbell will work with bylaws to ensure that there are no further errors.  
 Fernando: The PSC meets every week and I am one of the reps. We do need another person and it is from 3-5PM every other Thursday

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** **1:40PM**

*Posted by:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date and Time:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Location:* \_\_\_\_\_