

Associated Students of
Berkeley City College
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
November 20, 2013
Berkeley City College
Associated Student Body
Office, RM 051
2050 Center Street
Berkeley,
California

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:00 PM

II. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL
(1:00 min)

Senators Present Chief Justice Present Executives Present

Quorum achieved

III. ADOPTING PREVIOUS MINUTES (1:00 min)

A. Nov. 13, 2013
11 in favor
0 against
0 abstain
Motion passes

IV. ADOPTING CURRENT AGENDA (3:00 min)

A. Nov. 20, 2013
Malik Elhindi would like to move discussion item D to an action item to read motion to re-allocate 2013/2014 budget.
Hassan replies that since this was not posted to notify the public this cannot be done.
(Doris and Sarah walk in at 12:03)
Hassan Moore makes a motion to move the action items before discussion items.
Justin Terry would like to move By-law revision to unfinished business
Valentino Calderon would like to move Mangling's senator presentation after action items.
Hassan would like to move discussion M ahead of discussion item B. Also to move Sevan's senator board report to after advisor's report.

12 in favor.

0 agaisnt

0 obtain. Motion passes. **(Doris is not present at time of voting/ walks in at 12:07)**

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.

Rich Copenhagen (president of SSSCC): Student at BCC, Merritt, and Laney. Would like to meet AS members and say hello.

(Mangling walks in at 12:09)

VI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

MOSTAFA GHOUS

Would like to emphasize planning for goals. All logistics and budget should be set.

Malik had a great idea to set up a Christmas tree in the atrium. One comment was concerning time and this should be brought up in shared governance.

Would also like to acknowledge Malik's work with the budget, vending machines, negotiations to increase revenues.

Make sure each member has read Thays email on how to make a motion so it is clear and precise.

Sevan Taimoorian Senator Report:

Digital Arts Club- idea of Christmas tree was inspired by discussion with them.
There will be a meeting on Wed (Nov 27) to discuss when to have an event

Sevan's Letter of Concern:

"I've been involved in the ASBCC 2 administrative years now, first as an icc representative and now as a senator and it comes with a heavy heart to say that emotions are getting involved with standard procedures. Tactless and inconsiderate comments in a professional environment SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. All personal matters be it social and/or personal financial situations HAVE NO BUSINESS BEING DISCUSSED in the confined of student government unless of course it is within the LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL PARAMETERS SET FORTH for the benefit of the student body and not the personal business of those elected and appointed to serve. No one party without the consent of the other student should offer real-life personal advice, especially on a sensitive issue the other person is trying to keep out of student government. As a student living barely pay check to pay check, I must sustain my own living and I feel uncomfortable coming to the ASBCC OFFICE BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE I AM UNDER BY THOSE ABOVE ME. Pressure and condescension. I chose to serve my community and I am not asking for a free ride just because I work. Rather I am asking for some respect as a human being. Furthermore, I have noticed that there exists squabbles of power that really do need to be addressed. We in the council and the general public have the choice right now to choose to use the formalities established as the constraining factors of conduct as a defensive mechanism or we can use it to actually get real work done! An individual out of the group approached me earlier in the semester with a personal attack on one of our voting members, because they "had questioned her authority". I believe words like this to be very cynical, and I feel very uncomfortable with

having “people” (you know who you are) says things like these. My want and urge is to help the community of BCC to grow, and not to waste time arguing. My confidence is too high to be stunted by irrelevant adolescent comments that are meant to attack emotions. Therefore I will continue on running my life the way I do and being the great senator that I am. Thank you.”

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(5:00 min)

- A. Committee reports- Valentino Calderon **(3:00 min each report)**
- Bylaws committee (moved to action item to approve by-law revision) forward with their revisions.
 - ICC Charter review committee
 - Constitution review committee
 - Marketing committee
 - Finance committee
 - BCC Voice
 - Community Building committee
 - Student Services senatorial committee
- B. Judicial Report – Hassan Moore
Hassan: Asks to remove this discussion item and disburse via email.
- C. Funding Request Forms – Malik Elhindi
(see attachment)
- D. 2013-2014 Budget Reallocation – Malik Elhindi
- E. Accountability Initiative -- Malik Elhindi & Tim Wishnowsky
MaliK requests to table this item.
- F. BCC Annex space for committees, ICC, & BCC Voice – Malik Elhindi & Justin Terry
Justin requests to table this event.
- G. Funding food for clubs-Valentino Calderon
Valentino: Proposes putting a cap on funding for food for clubs, rather than totally allowing it or disallowing.
Tim: Suggest a cap for funding of food for AS events.
Justin: Equitable food funding distribution should be discussed.
Tim: Smaller events might be turned away if partnerships between the AS and clubs are necessary for food funding
Sevan: Brings up the issue around whether or not clubs are able to use funding for food independently.
Anthony: A new standard in which the AS oversees food funding can be problematic.
- H. Milvia Street Club’s request for funding of their yearly journal - Justin Terry & Anthony Abuan
Office Hours – Thays Da Costa
ASBCC Office Hours

In the spirit of serving our constituents and completing AS projects, we hold two office hours per week at our ASBCC office. As we each have committed to the ASBCC and the responsibilities that follow, we are available to members of the public in the office throughout the publicly advertised office hours. In an effort to increase system efficiency, legality, and accountability, the Executive Board has officially requested Mostafa Ghous’ assistance, and he has kindly accepted. From here on out, advisor Ghous will do random drop-ins and expect AS members to be at the office during office hours. As previously mentioned, since our office hours are posted to the public under the Associated Students of Berkeley City College’s website, it inherently conveys permanency. In line with this vision, members are to reschedule no more than one office hour per month.

Yours truly,
The Executive Board

Miles: Is a large group of individuals not complying with their office hours?

Thays: People need to be in the office during their office hours, and they should not show up late.

Justin: Everyone should understand so far that being a part of ASBCC is time consuming, and that a level of professionalism is expected.

Lanfu: Is the severity of missing office hours the same as missing meetings?

Valentino: As of right now, no. Impeachment is possible.

Nate: What can we do during office hours?

Thays: Anything members of the public have problems with?

Sevan: During office hours no one from the public has approached me.

Mostafa: AS members should be available to answer any questions, do extra AS duties/projects.

Tim: in favor of having specific tabing and office hours.

I. Meeting Conduct and Early Departure – Thays Da Costa & Justin Terry

Justin: Working with rules a lot. Has looked over Robert's rule. One thing that is important is that when you are leaving the meeting space you need to notify the secretary.

(Malik left at 2:39/2:49)

J. December's Town Square Event – Sevan Taimoorian & Destiny Reid

Sevan: talking to clubs to have them participate in this committee. The sole purpose is for everyone on campus to get involved with the community.

Mostafa: Sevan is inviting everyone to participate because it is very important to get the AS and the clubs to work cohesively. Make sure there are flyers, budgets, and proposals ready.

Hassan moves to postpone executive board reports and senator board reports to next week's meeting.

Thays: this is the only way to hold each member accountable.

Justin: Report forms and any other discussion should be moved to open discussion.

Moving to a vote to move the previous question

9 in favor.

3 against.

0 abstain.

Moving to a vote to move the executive/senator board reports.

12 in favor.

0 against.

0 abstain.

K. ASUC Training/Presentation on Lobbying-Tim Wishnowsky & Justin Terry

Emily Traux suggested that there could be a benefit of having a partnership of student government bodies of all community colleges and UC's to work together to discern how governing works and can work efficiently.

Mostafa: This would be a beneficial thing to have for all student governments

L. SSSCC Presentation – Hassan Moore & Lanfu Zhang

Hassan: Asks to remove this discussion item and disburse via email.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

(5:00 min)

A. Digital Arts Club seed money-Justin Terry

Justin moves to approve \$100 from the ASBCC cash account with a check made out to the Digital Arts Club
Justin was informed by the Digital Artist Collective that they have an account available and would like to use their money.

13 in favor.

0 against.

1 abstain.

Motion passes.

B. League of Shadows seed money-Justin Terry

Move to approve \$100 seed money from ASBCC cash account with check made out to Taymoor Kahn.

Tim requests for information: what will the money be used for?

Justin: supplies and items

Malik: clubs have a right to their seed money so what they use their money for is within the club's discretion.

Justin: Would like to spend money for headbands when they play a game of ninja.

Hassan (point of information): how do we expect the clubs to hold these funds?

Justin: Cash the check.

Mostafa: All clubs are required to return receipts within a timely manner and when they don't spend the money they need to return the amount back to the AS.

12 in favor.

0 against.

2 abstain

Motion passes.

C. Latin American Club seed money – Justin Terry & Fernando Jimenez

Move to approve \$100 seed money from ASBCC cash account with check made out to Jessica Zavala

No discussion.

12 in favor.

0 against.

1 abstain.

Motion passes

D. Global Studies Club seed money-Justin Terry

Move to approve \$100 seed money from the ASBCC cash account with a check made out to Kimberly Sagastume

No discussion.

10 in favor.

0 against

4 abstain.

Motion passes.

E. Organization for Animal Advocacy seed money – Justin Terry

Move to approve \$100 seed money from ASBCC cash account with check made out to Mikyle Crawford.

No discussion

12 in favor

0 against

2 abstain

Motion passes

F. Business and Finance Club seed money – Justin Terry

Move to approve \$100 seed money from the ASBCC cash account with check made out to Mirko Ranieri.

No discussion.

12 in favor.

0 against

2 abstain

Motion passes

G. Milvia Street Club seed money – Justin Terry

Move to approve \$100 seed money from ASBCC cash account with check made out to Michael Hartman Hassan seconds.

No discussion

13 in favor.

0 against

1 abstain

Motion passes

H. Approving space for a Tobacco-Less Club Art Show-Justin Terry

Justin moves to approve space for Tobacco-Less club Art show

Joseph (president of club): the atrium, 6PM, Dec 3rd

(Miles walks in 12:29)

15 in favor.
0 against
0 abstain.
Motion passes

I. Approving space for a Unity Arts Movie Shoot-Justin Terry

Move to approve the auditorium and gender-neutral bathroom for this event on Nov 23 from 10-5PM.

Mostafa: Will this event be confirmed for Nov 23rd?

Donna: Yes, the event will be held on Nov 23rd, the club has met with its advisor and will be present for the event.

15 in favor
0 against
0 abstain
Motion passes

J. Approving \$990 for food for the AS Holiday Event-Destiny Reid

Destiny: Motion to approve \$990 for food for the AS Holiday Event with a check written out to Destiny Reid from the ASBCC cash account. Malik seconds.

BUDGET OUTLINE:

7lb. classic chicken salad=\$9.99/lb
2lb grain salad=\$7.99/lb.
3 large sushi platter (72 pieces each)=\$55 per platter
5 dozen stuffed mushroom=\$80 per dozen
3 dozen chicken teriyaki skewers=\$20 per dozen
3 dozen beef skewers=\$20 per dozen
3 spinach artichoke dip platter=\$20 per platter
2 cookie platter=\$45 each
2 brownie and bars platter=\$45 each
4 pans of Lasagna=\$80 each
TOTAL: \$990.00

Berkeley Bowl will cater the event. We should spend money on this event because AS has not set up an event this semester to give back to staff and students.

Anthony: Point of information to the Chief Justice: Can we consider this?

Hassan: Yes, we will look into this.

Mostafa: This is a wonderful opportunity for AS students to connect with the students they represent. But one thing I would like to emphasize is that it must go through a process. First discussion, then action. Asks if there were quotes for food from the vendors.

Destiny: Said she got the quotes from the Berkeley Bowl's website.

Nate: Glad someone is taking the initiative to make this event happen. Wonders if the process will move quickly enough for the event to get its appropriate funding.

Malik: Approves event. As an AS, we should set precedents for events like this. Proposes holding a special meeting, if it passes in today's meeting.

Hassan: Has a formal event proposal been turned in?

Janfu: Several reasons why he wants to see this event carry out. If the event does not happen, the AS reputation may be let down.

Justin: Only concern is if clubs are willing to contribute to organizing the event and giving resources.

Mostafa: There's a lot of planning that needs to happen if food is being distributed to staff and students. This event needs to be publicized. Currently, there are no flyers or any other kind of advertising for this event. I would also like to be included with planning this when including staff.

Destiny: We did not like to advertise this until everything was finalized and items are bought.

Hassan: The financial code said a flyer must be given in order for a budget to be considered. The problem is the amount of time given because its on such short notice.

Anthony: First would like to know if we can consider this today and it is to my understanding that we cannot budget food but by approving this in front of us are we holding AS events to a different standard from club events?

Hassan: We cannot consider this because a flyer was not handed out.

(Sevan and Malike leave at 12:47)

(Malik returns 12:48)

Lanfu: This should be carried out because a lot of effort was put into planning this event. There is no reason we should not have this event.

(Sevan returns at 12:49)

Hassan: We must suspend this item until we have further information

Justin: Motion to amend the motion to pass these funds once flyer was handed out

Hassan objects the amendment.

Tim seconds objection.

Justin: my amendment was for the motion to stipulate that funds can be dispersed once flyers have been given out.

Hassan's objection was that we cannot consider this because it violates the financial code.

All those in favor of amendment.

11 in favor.

4 against.

0 against.

Motion passes.

Moving on to discussion of ammednment to the motion

Justin: If we want to be uniform we must extend the same principle as we did with clubs

Hassan: I would like to point out that this is a matter of financial code. What is the point of any of our codes if we do not carry it out.

Malik: Sevan, Destiny, and I have been working really hard with this. I approached everyone with this and no one bothered to help

Hassan: Point of order/ personal statement

Moving to approve the amendment of the motion to where funds will be dispersed once flyers have been handed out.

10 in favor

3 against

2 abstain

Motion passes.

Moving to discussion to approve \$990 for the AS holiday event(see motion)

Hassan:

Anthony: Chief Justice brought up a good point about this however this is violating the Financial Code. Why are we holding clubs to one standard but an AS event to another? If we are to set a new precedent we need to extend the courtesy to other clubs.

Lanfu: The only thing we validate from Financial Code is the flyer and this can be created within minutes which should not be taken away from the overall principle of the event, which is community.

Moving on to a vote to approve the motion with the amendment: Voting to allocate \$990 to Destiny for the AS event and funds will be dispersed once the flyers have been passed out.

7 in favor.

7 against.

1 abstain.

President Calderon votes no to break the tie. Motion does not pass.

K. Approving \$209.53 for decorations of the AS Holiday Event-Destiny Reid

Motsafa: re-iterates that communication is important in order for these events to pass

Since previous action item was not passed this will be moved

Moving to action item L.

L. Approving the ICC Calendar-Justin Terry

Justin Terry: Draft was presented, ICC approved the calendar as it reads right now

(Malik leaves at 1:03)

13 in favor.

0 against.

0 abstain

Motion passes

----- M. Valentino moves to make a motion to revise the by-laws. -----

Hassan: By-law revision does not violate Brown Act so the revisions are fine.

Mostafa: Would like to make sure that the Judicial Council inspects that the revision does not violate Roberts Rules of Order.

Richard: Would like to point out that special meetings are ASBCC emergency meeting and should specify what will be discussed during special meetings.

Valentino: given that is legal and that there are rules to how this is done we should just specify and define it in the by-laws.

Danny: As it stands right now this document is legitimate. These revisions are not set in stone and therefore will be a continuous revision process.

Justin: Take note of the 24-hr rule.

Hassan: We should make additions to this but not right now.

Nate would like to make a motion to amend the by-laws presented to us in order to specify it.

(Doris leaves at 1:14)

(Have Valentino email new amended by-law)

Sec. Gabby Padiernos calls to question. Mangling seconds.

No discussion.

Moving to a vote.

9 in favor.

2 against

0 abstain.

Motion passes.

Moving on to a vote of approving the by-laws without any revisions as it stands.

8 in favor.

4 against.

0 abstain.

Motion passes.

Sen. Taimoorian moves to charter the Students of Health and Nature club.

Cassaundra reviewed the chartering packet and it follows the rules.

10 in favor.

0 against

3 abstain

Motion passes.

IX. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(6:00 min/1:00 min. per report)

President: Valentino Calderon

Secretary: Gabby Padiernos

Vice President of Administration: Thays Da Costa

Treasurer: Malik Elhindi

Communications Officer: Doris Cuellar

Vice President of Programs: Justin Terry

X. SENATOR BOARD REPORTS

Special Populations: Mangling Cho
International students Global Leadership program. **(HAVE MANGLING EMAIL POWERPOINT)**
DSPS:
EOPS/CARE
TRIO

Student Transfer: Destiny Reid
Primary Services: Miles Campbell
Community Building: Sevan Taimoorian
Information and Organizational Systems: Nate Heller
Campus Sustainability: Tim Wishnowsky
Academic Services: Sarah Miller

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. A revisiting of the Society of Verse & Poetics Open Mic Event-Anthony Abuan
Anthony: point of information to specify who the check will be made out to. Where? And how much?
Check is to be made out o Anthony Abuan for \$125 from ASBCC cash account.

(Mangling leaves at 1:29)

11 in favor.

0 against

2 abstain

Motion passes.

B. ASBCC Sound System – Tim Wishnowsky & Nate Heller

Nate: Will write up a formal request for a sound system the AS sees most fit.

Tim: Looked at logistics of our space when searching for a sound system. Initially wanted to propose to the AS several sound systems, but decided to choose one by himself.

Valentino: Suggests getting larger speakers so students up on all the floors can hear.

Sarah: Suggests larger speakers and more microphones for several speakers.

C. Presentation on Student Representation Fees – Justin Terry

(ASK JUSTIN TO EMAIL POWERPOINT)

Valentino: Advocates for the student fee because in that case, money could go to fees incurred by the SSCCC, as well as club needs.

Tim moves to reconsider the AS holiday event. Sarah Miller seconds.

Hassan: Suggests we vote this motion down because we barely have quorum.

Tim: Pointed out that the general body was in favor of the event.

Anthony: Reiterate that there was a portion of financial code that was in violation.

Sarah: Most of the body supports this event and that the only reason why it was voted down was because of the absence of a flyer.

Doris: Disapproves of the fact that clubs cannot use funding for food.

Sevan: Advocates for the event.

Sevan calls to question

9-0-0

Motion passes

On the motion to pass the holiday event

5-3-2

Justin moves to suspend the orders of the day to discuss the Milvia Street Journal
10-0-0

President of the Milvia Street Journal: Requests funds for the publishing a journal for a Zine festival

Lanfu: Ask for the JC to review the invoice for the funds requested.

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Tim: There needs to be a reference document for events

Thays: Had two constitution committee meetings this week and encourages everyone to give their input. A member of the public came in who has special needs and she has a problem with BCC because there is no cohesive procedure within the four community colleges. She was rejected from given the privilege of note taking. The budget was decreased and BCC has refused to give her that service.

Mostafa: this student should go to the Dean of DSP to address these issues. This is more of something the dean and faculty should be involved with.

Thays: The student wants out advocation. She wants our support.

Justin: Response to Tim's report earlier; Malik has come up with a template so talk with him.

Hassan: One, encourage council to pay close attention to minutes. Every week we just vote yes. Two, once again we have this issue of events coming close and hastily approving them.

Sarah: advocate for higher bandwidth.

Vincent: Spoken with IT office and they support this.

Lanfu: JC meeting starts in 4 min. Strongly suggest everyone

Sevan: NAFCON USA donations.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

2:58 PM

Posted by: _____

Date and _____

Location _____