

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2022 | 1:00 PM

In-Person Meeting Location: H building room H112

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94083675750?pwd=dEF3Q00tVR1BDSnJmekZhWkkOMnJZZz09>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *Associated Students of College of Alameda* will hold a **Regular** meeting on **November 8th, 2022 at 1:00 PM**. The meeting information is noted below. The ASCOA Council reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business. All ASCOA Council meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodation should notify Natalie Rodriguez at nrodriguez@peralta.edu no less than three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The ASCOA Council will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible. Please contact the ASCOA Council Secretary for any minutes-related questions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call To Order

- a. President Myers called meeting to order at 1:09

2. Roll Call

- a. Natay Myers - Present
- b. Semeon Thomson - Present
- c. Karen L. Torrez - Absent
- d. Guilherme Pacheco Santos - Present
- e. Ouahiba Khourchech - Absent
- f. Demarquis (Marcus) Sillemmon - Present
- g. Sahar Sadat - Present
- h. Junhao (Jay) Ma - Present

3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (November 8th, 2022)

- a. Advisor Rodriguez asked to have the accommodation email changed as well as the advisor email.
- b. President Myers motioned to have those changes completed, Senator Sillemmon seconded.
 - i. Yays - 5
 - ii. Nays - 0
 - iii. Abstentions - 0
- c. President Myers moved to adopt the current agenda for November 8st and Senator Sillemmon seconded.
- d. The motion passed by a vote of
 - i. Yays - 5
 - ii. Nays - 0
 - iii. Abstentions - 0

4. Approval of Previous Minutes (November 1st, 2022)

- a. President Myers motioned to have the email changed under public comment.
 - i. Yays - 5
 - ii. Nays - 0
 - iii. Abstentions - 0
- b. President Myers moved to adopt the previous minutes for November 1st and Senator Thomson seconded.
 - i. Yays - 5
 - ii. Nays - 0
 - iii. Abstentions - 0

5. Public Comment

This Segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the ASCOA Council on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The ASCOA Council may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Written statements may be submitted to the ASCOA Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. To place an item of discussion on a future agenda (Brown Act §54954.3) please contact Natalie Rodriguez, ASCOA Advisor at nrodriguez@peralta.edu

- a. No public comment

6. Standing Business

- a. No standing business

7. Unfinished Business

- a. **Wellness Services Telehealth Collaboration**
 - i. Came back to this after Dean Duke joined.
 - ii. Dean Duke spoke about how they were working with an outside organization that provided 24/7 Telehealthcare. This provides students with 24/7 access to doctors, mental health counselors, and others as well. This is being presented to the Student Government in case there was possible collaboration. Will roll out next semester, and does not need to be paid by the student government. This would be about \$33 per semester which is already covered by student fees.
 - iii. President Myers asks if the Dean could speak on how everything was free except the lab information.
 - iv. The dean said if you needed to get blood work, there is a cost for the labwork which would be 20\$ per lab which would go to the physician to interpret lab results.
 - v. President Myers thinks this is a good idea because it goes beyond hours of school and often times these things aren't provided all the time so it would be good to access them more often. It would be better to have access if you can use it all time. You can also add your children to it.
 - vi. Dean Duke talks about how healthcare is a basic need and it needs to be provided to students because if they are unable to be healthy they can't come to school.
 - vii. President Myers asks if this will be rolled out with EOPs first and then expand to the student body.
 - viii. Dean Duke says yes, and they will test it out starting in Spring and then this will be in addition to support that is already provided to students. He just wanted to let the Student Body know the

direction in which they are moving in so that students are aware and the student government supports it.

- ix. Senator Ma brings up that it won't be available to international students.
- x. President Myers says it was really advocated for it to be free and that it is a good idea. Maybe by Fall, they can add the whole student body and it may just be a small fee.
- xi. Senator Sillemmon asks if this comes out of the student budget from financial aid or EOPS.
- xii. President Myers said that as of right now it only comes out from the student fees that are already in place. Mental health is moving out of student services and into F-Building. There is also going to be a new building called the Unity Center where programs like Salaam and UMOJA and others move into it in about the Spring Semester.

b. Coffee Bar Updates

- i. President Myers spoke to Dean V and she was all for it, but she said we would need to get permits and there are some missing parts. The coffee bar can be started up on the second floor, but a health permit is needed for that. Since we are so close to the end of the semester we should have the coffee bar in January. Maybe instead get a vendor to help us give coffee as a part of Tasty Tuesdays to put ourselves out there. President Myers wanted to talk about what possible vendors we could get to be a part of this. The dean was all for having a coffee bar, but it is a lot to do. Prior to a pandemic, they were losing money so we have to think about how to do this. Maybe limit the days to test it out and keep the costs down. Keep in mind where to get supplies, who will work there, and planning overall.
- ii. Senator Ma liked the idea of having a sample test.
- iii. President Myers says it will be good to see how many people come to campus and it will give us an idea to see how it would flow.
- iv. Senator Ma asks if it would be a good idea to post some flyers.
- v. President Myers says we need to jump on flyers immediately and see who can join as soon as we come to a decision.
- vi. Senator Sillemmon brings up how it is raining and how would it be set up.
- vii. President Myers says it would be a representative of whatever company and see if they have a mobile way to bring it.
- viii. Advisor Rodriguez says she did research on local community businesses to see if they could come out.
- ix. President Myers says we aren't selling coffee this time, but instead getting the idea out there. This will allow us to see an overview on what will happen. People are going to the F-Building because of the weather and whatnot.
- x. Senator Sillemmon asks if the tv downstairs in that building can be put in use so that students could relax as well and there will be activities.
- xi. President Myers says that is a good idea and there is also music playing. Today there was a good turnout and it wasn't dead. People were sitting, eating and talking.

- xii. Advisor Rodriguez will bring up local businesses and see where to proceed from there next week. She will also provide activities that are happening and when so that this can be worked into those activities.
- xiii. Senator Thomson likes how it is being worked into Tasty Tuesdays.
- xiv. Senator Ma says he can create flyers and there can be a QR code students can scan and answer questions.
- xv. President Myers says we can decide next week what questions to add and we can get more information on what students want and need.
- c. Office for International Students
 - i. Senator Ma spoke to Quan and they are gonna reach out to the Financial Aid office to see if anyone wants to be an advisor. Senator Ma and Senator Thomson spoke to faculty and if they would be officers, but were unable to get anyone.
 - ii. President Myers asked for an update to be added to next week's agenda.

8. New Business

- a. Review of Roles and Responsibilities
 - i. Advisor Rodriguez went through all of the descriptions of our jobs.
- b. Review of the Constitution
 - i. Advisor Rodriguez pointed out senator's duties. She also said that next time we will talk about elections and go over the by-laws. She pointed out information on attendance.
 - ii. Senator Ma and Secretary Sadat brought up that they didn't know about getting paid for the position.

9. Senator's Report (1 minute each)

- a. Natay Myers - Dean talked about how there can be gift cards given through our funds, but that needs to be checked.
 - i. Brings up how clubs are starting and paperwork needs to get done.
 - ii. President Myers asks if there is money to start clubs because there's flyers that show a large amount of money and Advisor Rodriguez says it should be about \$100 to start.
- b. Semeon Thomson - Brings up that there need to be more activities on campus for students because there is nothing for students to really do.
- c. Karen L. Torrez - Absent
- d. Guilherme Pacheco Santos - No report
- e. Ouahiba Khourchech - Absent
- f. Demarquis (Marcus) Sillemon
- g. Sahar Sadat - No report
- h. Junhao (Jay) Ma - Volunteer work for ISMP if people are interested on the 19th of this month.

10. ASCOA Advisor: Natalie Rodriguez

- a. Advisor Rodriguez asks if people are available for an event of Thursday at the district.
- b. President Myers asks what this position would need us to do.
- c. Advisor Rodriguez says this mainly consists of ushering and then brings up LGBTQIA therapy that meets every two weeks. Also brings up a district-wide education committee.

- d. Add photo day to the schedule next week November 15th.
- e. Add the CARES team announcement to next week's agenda.

11. Communications from the floor

This time is reserved for any ASCOA Council Members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and (15) fifteen minutes total shall be observed. No action will be taken and the total time limit for this shall not be extended.

12. Adjournment

- a. President Myers motioned to adjourn meeting at 2:22PM.