

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2022 | 1:00 PM

In-Person Meeting Location: H building room H204

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8599114318>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *Associated Students of College of Alameda* will hold a **Regular** meeting on **September 27th, 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 Viviana Rodriguez at coastudentlife@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 a date, if possible. Please contact the ASCOA Council Secretary for any agenda related questions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call To Order

- a. President Myers called the meeting to order at 1:08

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) Sillemon (Present)
- g. Sahar Sadat (Present)
- h. Junhao (Jay) Ma (Present)

3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (October 11th, 2022)

- a. Senator Thomson brought up a report possibly needing to be added, but it does not because it is general information and can be done during advisor comments.
- b. President Myers moved to adopt minutes of the current agenda for October 11th, and Senator Guilherme seconded.
 - i. Yay - 5
 - ii. Nay - 0
 - iii. Abstentions - 0

4. Approval of Previous Minutes (October 4th, 2022)

- a. President Natay moved to approve minutes for October 4th and Senator Marcus seconded
 - i. Yay- 5

- ii. Nay - 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 Viviana Rodriguez-Smith, ASCOA Advisor at coastudentlife@peralta.edu

a. No public comment

6. Standing Business

7. Unfinished Business

a. October 25 event / Tasty Tuesday - Karen (update)

- i. Senator Torrez was absent so no update

b. October 18 event / Tasty Tuesday/Undocustar event - Semeon (update)

- i. Senator Thomson says that there is a plan and layout ready. Presentation/Sheet of information ready to be sent out
- ii. Optional for a flyer to be set up, but Senator Thomson is unsure if it is too late.
- iii. Advisor says there is one that was used as an announcement and it can be sent out.
- iv. President Myers brings up that it needs to be updated and added others.
- v. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith asks what other information is needed.
- vi. Senator Thomson says information on how to contact us.
- vii. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says office hours and emails can be added.
- viii. President Myers says that student life email should be added.
- ix. President Myers asks if office hours are gonna be in F-building and when those hours start.
- x. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says office hours start next week because staff will be present and it will occur in the pit.
- xi. President Myers asks if there are any questions, but there are none.

8. New Business

- a. No new business.

9. Senators Report (1 minute each)

a. Natay Myers

- i. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith asks if we have received an email about our committees.
- ii. President Myers says her meetings start next week and an update will be provided for next week.
- iii. President Myers says SSCCC contacted her and there is a meeting on the first Friday of every month. All 116 colleges are on with their delegates and she is on there and needs a second person added in case she can not join. She asked Senator Thomson to have that out there. It is all the colleges meeting together. There are four participatory meetings and only one needs to be joined. She did Internal Affairs, Finances, Communications, and Legislative affairs. She did Legislative Affairs. We are delegates for that so we have a say in things that occur in that. Has not decided

where we are going to be sitting. Occurs once a month on Friday from 7 PM-9:30 PM. Our college has to do a board report each month to them. This is due a week before the meetings and they are sending information. President Myers is asking for help completing this work. They are currently just getting started and there are more conferences that they are planning. One conference in May and some small ones. One occurs later this month which is paid for by them and an Overnight trip to Sacramento. This allows them in that region to know what we are doing. Other colleges are having similar problems regarding their needs like our college.

- iv. Suggestion from- There is a Peralta board of trustees report every two weeks so these reports can be compiled together.
- v. President Myers says that they just want to know what is being done, so reports may be mostly the same. She was provided with a template. They want to know how to help us get to where we need. They were thinking about creating a committee on how to get more money and help the students. It was a long but informational meeting.
- vi. President Myers is glad there is a place to meet through the F-building.
- vii. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says it is nice for meetings to be done here because Flex is set up and that is not available in F-Building.
- viii. Macarena brings up that there is space in F-Building where it can be set up.
- ix. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith brings up that links work for the Student Clubs page and there is information on how to start clubs and she goes through the requirements.
- x. Dean Lee Brings up that counselor or faculty needed to start the club.
- xi. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says that the posted requirements are what is needed to start the club and all the steps are available.
- xii. President Myers asks what if they have everything done, but what occurs after that, and what do we do for the process?
- xiii. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says we review it and check everything is done and then we approve.
- xiv. President Myers says quite a few clubs are wanting to be started and wants to get that information to spread it out.
- xv. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith printed out the paperwork for President Myers. If students have any questions they can reach out. The list of clubs that are on the website is not up to date.
- xvi. President Myers says Muslim Student Association wants to start up again but change their names.
- xvii. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says they can review and submit it again. Everything is like starting over like new.
- xviii. Dean Lee Once clubs are started, they are going to need a council and that is a participatory government meeting that needs minutes.
- xix. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says if no students come in during office hours it is a good time to check over our constitution to be familiar with steps and guidelines.
- xx. President Myers asks if getting information about students' perspectives about school and possibly add to the next meeting. A small survey that gets the opinions of the students because the school campus is dead. Get an idea of how to help students better because we don't know.
- xxi. Senator Thomson Agrees.

- xxii. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says we could do that and will have to figure out how to send that out and where to post those. We would be able to possibly text students or post on Instagram.
- xxiii. President Myers says it is good that students are on campus, getting things they need like Cougar closet, but they need to be on campus more and more on campus. President Myers wants the student body to put themselves out there.
- xxiv. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says that is a good idea and we need to plan out who can come and when.
- xxv. President Myers just wanted to bring that to the table. We can't work for the students if we are not out there.
- xxvi. Senator Thomson says that while doing interviews, there isn't much of a reason for them to stay because they mainly have an online campus.
- xxvii. President Myers says she was glad that students are getting out there and these are bringing students out, but she wants more of a presence in order to see the campus succeed. The college was previously more lively and she wants to get back into that.

- b.** Semeon Thomson
 - i. No update
- c.** Karen L. Torrez
 - i. Absent
- d.** Guilherme Pacheco Santos
 - i. No update
- e.** Ouahiba Khourchech
 - i. Absent
- f.** Demarquis (Marcus) Sillemon
 - i. No update
- g.** Sahar Sadat
 - i. No update
- h.** Junhao (Jay) Ma
 - i. No update

10. ASCOA Advisor: Viviana Rodriguez-Smith

- a. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith brings up that student representatives are needed on two more committees.
- b. Dean Lee The EEO committee is asking the district for one student to be recommended. No date or time when they are meeting, but they will figure out their availability once students join.
- c. Senator Thomson and President Myers say that they can volunteer.
- d. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says there will be a check-in later so that the workload will be more balanced.
- e. Dean Lee Putting down Secretary Sahar down because she volunteered.
- f. Dean Lee IEPI has folks from other colleges who come in and talk and give suggestions and recommendations to improve in areas. The first IEPI meeting is on October 21st. Student reps are needed for any meeting, but most beneficial for Equity and Enrollment Management meetings from 10:30 to 11:30.
- g. Senator Thomson and Senator Ma are available.
- h. Dean Lee said information will be emailed out.

- i. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith brings up that meeting will be canceled on October 25 and asked if we can save lunch so we can be together and have some time together after the event.
- j. President Myers says it is good to get together once a month since we are on the team together.
- k. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says it is good to build relationships.
- l. Everyone says that it sounds good.
- m. Dean Lee Says Natalie Rodriguez is coming back within the next two weeks to join as the Student Advisor. There is a new dean position available in student services so a new dean will be hired. Once that position is hired the ASCOA will be under them. Usually, there are fairs, and students are asked to join.
- n. President Myers brings up that she was in a Meeting with Dean Duke and he was looking to do a Telehealth meeting for students. He may come in and ask if there could be a partnership, but it may not be feasible. She will ask if he can bring a packet and tell us about it. There is no date ready yet, but she asks if that can be put on the agenda. He was looking to see if it would be feasible. President Myers does not think in her opinion that it would be feasible. They may partner with us to get an idea of whether or not it would work. He is just coming to present, but the date is not ready yet. Put it on the agenda for October 18th to have a discussion.
- o. Advisor Rodriguez-Smith says the meeting could be on the 18th. She is also adding a note document in case anything is needed to be added to the agenda so information is available when there are board reports and others.

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 the meeting at 1:58 PM.