

## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

### Regular Meeting Minutes

January 31th, 2025 | 1:00 PM

**In-Person Meeting Location: F building room F-216**

**Zoom Meeting Link: <https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/j/89150972434>**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *Associated Students of College of Alameda* will hold a *Regular* meeting on *January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2025*, 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](mailto: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 a date, if possible. Please contact Director Natalie Rodriguez at [nrodriguez@peralta.edu](mailto:nrodriguez@peralta.edu) for any agenda-related questions.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:07p.m.

Motion to call to order: VPO Gormley

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Senator Deap

Vote: Unanimous

#### 2. Roll Call

- a. President, Erson Payopay – Present
- b. Vice President of Operations, Anne Gormley – Present
- c. Vice President of Programs, Shemicka Johnson – Present
- d. Secretary, Abigail Yu – Present
- e. Treasurer, Jane Outlaw – Absent
- f. Communications Officer, Khadiga Zaabal – Late 1:14 p.m.
- g. Senator, Carlene Beck – Present
- h. Senator, Cristiana Gomez – Late 1:14 p.m.
- i. Senator, Jubilee Lew – Present
- j. Senator, Julie Deap – Present

Senator Candidate: Kandi Patterson

#### 3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Motion to approve: Senator Beck

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Senator Deap

Vote: Unanimous

#### 4. Adoption of the Minutes (January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Motion to approve: Senator Beck

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Senator Lew

Vote: Unanimous

5. **Public Comment** – No public comment was made.

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](mailto:nrodriguez@peralta.edu)**

6. **Standing Business**

a. **New Appointments (Discussion & Action)**

- i. Senator Kandi Patterson was appointed as a senator. There was a vote among present ASCOA senators. The vote was unanimous, and Senator Kandi Patterson was officially sworn in as an ASCOA senator.

b. **Dismissals (Discussion & Action)**

- i. An ASCOA senator has been unable to comply with attending a shared governance committee. President Payopay has suggested for the ASCOA senator to reach out to him by next Friday. If the ASCOA senator does not contact President Payopay by then, they will be dismissed.

c. **Clubs – Review any recently submitted/pending club constitutions**

- i. Director Rodriguez reports that a student has submitted an incomplete club packet for a dance club.
- ii. Another student has emailed Director Rodriguez that they are having some trouble with recruiting officers for their club. Director suggests that ASCOA help recruit officers by promoting during Tasty Tuesday.
- iii. Director Rodriguez will be following up with the Pre-Med Club.

d. **Events – Celebrating Lunar New Year (Discussion & Action)**

- i. The event will take place on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. VPP Johnson will contact Jerney Simmons, Basic Needs Coordinator to request for a bigger order of food.
- iii. Director Rodriguez requested VPP Johnson to create flyers by Tuesday and to hang them.
- iv. VPP Johnson requests ASCOA volunteers to help hang decorations on the day of the event.
- v. Director Rodriguez told ASCOA, Dean John Nguyen, Executive Assistant to the President, Nickey Heredia, and Staff Services Specialist Chungwai Chum are volunteering to help.
- vi. VPO Gormley offered to help with teaching calligraphy painting with the volunteering student.

7. **New Business**

a. **Leadership Presentation** – Presentation from Vice President of Student Services, Mildred Lewis (15 minutes).

- i. Vice President Lewis presented about leadership. She explained what leadership is and encouraged ASCOA to look through the resources given to them.

b. **Onboarding Event for ASOCA Council Members (Discussion & Action)** – President of COA, Melanie Dixon has requested ASCOA to attend an onboarding event to better prepare the student council for committee meetings. She has asked for the date and times all ASCOA members would be available.

- i. ASCOA did not manage to get to this agenda item. Will be on the next agenda.

c. **ASCOA Team Building Activity (Discussion & Action)** – Senator Beck has initiated a request for ASCOA to have a team building fitness class for ASCOA members.

- i. ASCOA did not manage to get to this agenda item. Will be on the next agenda.

d. **SSSCC General Assembly (Discussion & Action)**

- i. SSCCC will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. Every ASCOA member present except Communications Officer Zaabal is interested in participating. Director Rodriguez said ASCOA might travel Thursday night and might take a flight down to Los Angeles.

**e. ASCOA Elections**

- i. Director Rodriguez requested President Payopay to establish the Elections Committee by Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Director Rodriguez clarified that including the Elections Committee Chairperson (President Payopay), 4 additional members must be on the committee. These members are not limited to ASCOA senators. Any ASCOA members who are in the Elections Committee are not permitted to run for a seat in ASCOA in the upcoming elections.

Motion to approve Elections Timeline: VPO Gormley

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Senator Deap

Vote: Unanimous

**8. Reports (1 minute each)**

**a. Senators**

- i. VPO Gormley reported that she and Louie Martinez y McFarland have been contacting each other about a unhoused student project which is project to provide accommodation for unhoused students. Once the project is in motion, VPO Gormley wishes to participate in it.

**b. ASCOA Advisor: Director Natalie Rodriguez**

- i. Director Rodriguez informed ASCOA of 2 LGBTQ scholarship opportunity.
- ii. Informed ASCOA of a speaker who will talk about leadership but is asking for monetary compensation. ASCOA senators have decided unanimously that the money will be better spent on COA students. Director Rodriguez will inform the speaker that ASCOA are not interested at this time.

**9. Communications from the floor –** There was no communication 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.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.