

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 28th, 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 *February 28th, 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 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 for any agenda-related questions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m.

Motion to call to order: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Senator Beck

2. Roll Call

- a. President, Erson Payopay – Present
- b. Vice President of Operations, Anne Gormley – Present
- c. Vice President of Programs, Shemicka Johnson – Present (via Zoom)
- d. Secretary, Abigail Yu – Present
- e. Treasurer, Jane Outlaw – Absent
- f. Senator, Carlene Beck – Present
- g. Senator, Cristiana Gomez – Present (via Zoom)
- h. Senator, Jubilee Lew – Present
- i. Senator, Julie Deap – Present (via Zoom)
- j. Senator, Kandi Patterson – Present

3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (February 28th, 2025)

Motion to approve the current agenda with amendments: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Senator Beck

Vote: Unanimous

4. Adoption of the Minutes (February 21st, 2025)

Motion to approve the minutes with amendments: VPP Johnson

2nd motion: Senator Beck

Vote: Unanimous

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. A student guest requested ASCOA to create a petition for access to the weight room for fitness gym.

6. Standing Business

a. New Appointments (Discussion & Action) - None

b. Dismissals (Discussion & Action)

- i. Treasurer Jane Outlaw has missed 3 official meetings. There was a motion to dismiss her from her role.

Motion to dismiss Treasurer Outlaw: Senator Beck

2nd motion: VPP Johnson

Vote: Unanimous

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

- i. A completed club packet was submitted for a dance club, but some officers did not meet the minimum required units. The President of the dance club will be looking for candidates that meet the requirements.

d. ASCOA Elections

- i. Dean Nguyen will be overseeing the candidate orientation on Tuesday, March 4 from 12 – 1 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m.
- ii. Director Rodriguez asked ASCOA to look out for students who may still be interested in joining ASCOA. Those who are interested can still become a write-in candidate. There will be a check-in QR code for students who are interested.

e. SSCCC (Discussion & Action)

- i. The funds for SSCCC will come from Funds 72, the student representative fees. The appointment of a Treasurer would take place at the next meeting to make the process easier.

f. ASCOA Team Building Activity (Discussion & Action)

- i. Continue to be tabled until after the 2025 ASCOA Spring Elections.

7. New Business

a. Concerns and Questions for 2025 Spring Semester – Discussion with Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Nicole Porter

- i. ASCOA feedback for Dr. Porter:
 1. Classes should not conflict with college events. An example: a student came by last week and mentioned that his classes conflict with Tasty Tuesday, an event on Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that serves students a free lunch meal, so he is unable to grab his free meal. There is a refrigerator in Basic Needs that may have extra meals.
 2. Short library hours – There needs to be a space for students to study.
 3. Some classes get cancelled and are made into shorter classes. Some students are upset with this because they enroll into classes with the expectation of a regular semester class but ends with a ten-week course.
 4. Lack of open space for students to hang around.
 5. A need for new text material. The curriculum is old and needs to be updated.

6. The bookstore is in the process of closing down, which is an issue for students who get their textbooks from the bookstore.
7. A need for more in-person classes. There are too many online classes which can be frustrating for students who learn better with in-person classes.
8. Study rooms in the library are restricted (more than one person to reserve rooms). Frustrating when there is clearly no one using the study rooms, but an individual cannot use a study room alone.
9. Buildings are not being utilized. Some buildings have classrooms or rooms that are not open to the students. It would be nice for students to have access to these spaces so they can use them.
10. Professors don't answer emails in a timely manner which is an issue especially in an online class.
11. If there are any further issues such as professors not answering their emails, go directly to the Dean or to the VPI.

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8. Reports (1 minute each)

a. Senators

- i. VPP Johnson: Bookstore needs a new contract. The technology committee is considering sending a food truck with reduced prices for students or making food from the food truck free. The cafeteria is currently looking for a contractor to cater. The issue about the library having short hours is that there are not enough staff. The technology committee is considering sending a shuttle bus that shuttles through the campuses except Berkeley's. Plan to have digital signs at the main entrance of the campus and have a digital map of the campus.
- ii. Secretary Yu: Asks senators to read through the agenda and minutes when it is sent out on Monday and give feedback before it is submitted to be uploaded onto COA's website. It would be better to give feedback than to get past agenda item 3&4 quicker and to use meeting time more wisely.

b. ASCOA Advisor: Director Natalie Rodriguez

- i. Ms. Rochelle thanks ASCOA for all the participation during Black History Month events.
- ii. Change of date in Student Service Retreat: Thursday, March 27th.

- iii. Request for Shared Governance Handbook to be added to next week's meeting under standing business.
- iv. Reminder to RVSP if attending SSCCC Training on March 7th.
- v. Encourage ASCOA to download Peralta Safety APP and to be familiar with it.
- vi. Violated Regulations: ASCOA members have not submitted monthly reports. Monthly reports starting March.
- vii. Public commenters need to register and be on the agenda.
- viii. Feedback to keep guest presentations strictly to 15 minutes. Complaint that guest went over the time given.
- ix. Violated Regulations: Cannot go from Zoom to WhatsApp.

9. **Communications from the floor** – There were no 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.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Senator Beck

Minutes submitted by Secretary Abigail Yu