

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 14th, 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 *March 14th, 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 1:07 p.m.

Motion to call to order: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Senator Deap

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. Senator, Carlene Beck – Present
- f. Senator, Cristiana Gomez – Present
- g. Senator, Jubilee Lew – Present
- h. Senator, Julie Deap – Present
- i. Senator, Kandi Patterson – Present

3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (March 14th, 2025)

Motion to approve the current agenda: Senator Gomez

2nd motion: Senator Patterson

Vote: Unanimous

4. Adoption of the Minutes (February 28th, 2025)

Motion to approve the minutes with amendments: Senator Beck

2nd motion: Senator Gomez

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

6. Standing Business

a. New Appointments (Discussion & Action)

i. Appointment of Officers: Treasurer & Communications Officer

1. President Payopay appointed Senator Julie as the Treasurer and Senator Beck as the Communications Officer for ASCOA.

b. Dismissals (Discussion & Action)

- i. Director Rodriguez received a form of resignation from former Treasurer Jane Outlaw.

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

- i. Having two dance clubs is possible, but clubs need to have different names.
- ii. VPO Gormley reports that the dance club that filled and turn in the club packet is excluding some people who wants to join. Clubs should be open to all. She will write an email to the club leader and officials to clarify and ask them to make changes and resubmit the club packet.
- iii. Potential clubs: Mesa Club, Rising Scholars Club, Veterans Club

d. Events (Discussion & Action)

- i. 7th anniversary of LGBTQ+ summit - April 15th to 16th, 9:30 a.m. at F-building.
- ii. Spirit Week will happen sometime in April after Spring Break.
- iii. Celebrating Women's month at the end of March, before Spring Break.
 1. Film – Needs to be a public domain film.
 2. Flyers will be needed.
 3. Budget of \$200.
 4. Food and Snacks will be provided.

e. ASCOA Elections

- i. 3 eligible candidates attended the candidate orientation.
- ii. Director Rodriguez extended an invitation to a make-up candidate orientation for candidates who were not able to make it to the candidate orientation on Tuesday.

f. SSSCC (Discussion & Action)

- i. **Request for the spending of \$10,500 of fund 72 funds** –Covers registration, lodging, flights, and per Diems for 8 participating student leaders and advisor.
 1. Enrollment Services Coordinator Ryan Gregory is helping Director Rodriguez plan for SSSCC itinerary.
 2. Director Rodriguez will not be able to attend SSSCC so Laney College's Director of Student Activities & Campus Life Atiya Rashada will step in to supervise ASCOA during SSSCC trip.
 3. 7 senators will be attending SSSCC.

Motion to approve the request for the spending of \$10,500 of fund 72 funds: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Secretary Yu

Vote: Unanimous

g. ASCOA Team Building Activity (Discussion & Action)

- i. Continued to be tabled until April, after Spring Break.
- ii. Communications Officer Beck potentially plans on working with Senator Patterson with her agenda item. Might mix ideas together.

h. Shared Governance Handbook (Discussion)

- i. Tabled to next agenda.

7. New Business

a. Making meetings more welcoming and accessible

- i. Senator Patterson requested feedback from senators on how to make the space on campus more welcoming and how to make the meeting more accessible for senators who are attending via Zoom.
 1. Senator Patterson asks other ASCOA senators how to make ASCOA meetings more welcoming and accessible to senators who are attending online.
 2. This coincides with the intention of the ASCOA Team Building Activity.
 3. VPO Gormley suggested that the meeting room should be video conference friendly.
 4. Director Rodriguez asked President Payopay to email COA's IT department to request a quote to make the meeting room a high-flex friendly room.
 5. President Payopay suggests that ASOCA should hang up posters, calligraphy from Lunar New Year Event.

8. Reports (1 minute each)

a. Senators

- i. VPO Gormley:
 1. Helped a student who had a broken laptop and couldn't contact tech services.
 2. Helped another student who needed help finding Jerney from Basic Needs.
 3. Spoke about student government to an interested student.
 4. There are not enough tutors in different subjects at COA's library. VPO Gormley had to go the Merritt College's library to find a tutor. It seems like administrators are taking resources away from students at COA which is concerning.
- ii. Communications Officer Beck:
 1. There is a lot of miscommunications on the student panel. Students are confused about what is happening on campus.
 2. Communications Officer Beck advised rest of ASCOA to be more vocal and communicative to the rest of the student body.
- iii. Senator Patterson:
 1. Health Center is open only once a week. Concerning for students who may need medical help.
 2. Director Rodriguez suggests going to Dean Ngyuen who oversees the health center and for ASCOA members who are in the Health and Safety Committee to bring this up at the meetings.
- iv. President Payopay:
 1. Attended Board of Trustees meeting.
 2. Laney is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. All Peralta students are invited to participate. Event will be on Friday, April 25th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Laney asks for volunteers who may be able to table for the event and help with check-in. Communications Officer Beck and Senator Patterson volunteered. VPO Gormley may be able to volunteer. Laney also asked for funding.

b. ASCOA Advisor: Director Natalie Rodriguez

- i. My Money Moves: \$400 survey and sessions.
- ii. EOPS will be having campus tours.
 1. UC Berkeley: March 21st.
 2. San Jose State: April 8th.
 3. UC Santa Cruz: April 30th.

- iii. Change in Senator's Office Hours. Senator Gomez will be having her office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- iv. 2025 LGBTQ+ Summit: 2-day event in the F-building. Snacks and goodies are provided. Light breakfast may be provided.

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 1:54 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Treasurer Deap

Minutes submitted by Secretary Abigail Yu.