

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 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 **April 11th, 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 1:08 p.m.

Motion to call to order: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Treasurer 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. Treasurer, Julie Deap – Present
- f. Communications Officer, Carlene Beck – Present
- g. Senator, Cristiana Gomez – Excused
- h. Senator, Jubilee Lew – Present
- i. Senator, Kandi Patterson – Absent

Guest: Antwa Rodriguez, Samuel Reyngoudt, Simmie Wonder

3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (April 11th, 2025)

Motion to approve the current agenda: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Secretary Yu

Vote: Unanimous

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

Motion to approve the minutes with an amendment: Secretary Yu

2nd motion: Treasurer Deap

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

COA's IT department has an update on the new technology setup for ASCOA regular meetings. There is a large TV for Zoom, a bar for a camera and speaker, and an owl for Zoom. ASCOA will be able to record their meetings from now on.

6. Standing Business

a. New Appointments (Discussion & Action)

- i. President Payopay appointed Antwa Rodriguez, Samuel Reyngoudt, and Simmie Wonder after they made their candidate statements. Antwa Rodriguez, Samuel Reyngoudt, and Simmie Wonder took the ASCOA Oath.

b. Dismissals (Discussion & Action) - None

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

- i. VPO Gormley sent information on clubs to several people.

d. Events (Discussion & Action)

- i. **Spirit Week** – President Payopay suggests a Floral/Hawaiian theme and Sporty vs. Nerdy for two days of Spirit Week. President Payopay also suggests rewarding students by having desserts on Tasty Tuesday. Comms Officer Beck expanded on the Floral/Hawaiian theme, suggesting a flower arranging activity.
- ii. VPP Johnson and Comms Officer Beck are planning on collaborating with the health and wellness center.
- iii. Director Rodriguez requested President Payopay to update and notify ASCOA on Heritage Month.

e. ASCOA Elections (Discussion)

- i. There was a technical glitch with the election ballot. Voting was extended to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday.
- ii. VPO Gormley has managed to be on the ballot by getting the 50 signatures needed. VPO will be able to swear in the following semester and will also be able to appoint the other candidates that did not make it to the ballot.
- iii. President Payopay will certify the election results by April 21st.

f. SSSCC (Discussion & Action)

- i. Senator Patterson was unable to attend SSSCC. Director Rodriguez was unable to cancel the registration for SSSCC for Senator Patterson.

g. ASCOA Team Building Activity (Discussion & Action)

- i. May 2nd, 9:30 a.m., ASCOA will meet before the Awards Ceremony and build stronger connections with one another.

h. Making Meetings more Welcoming and Accessible (Discussion & Action)

Motion to table and keep the technology set up: Secretary Yu

2nd motion: VPO Gormley

Vote: Unanimous

i. COA Excellence / Student of the Year Award (Discussion & Action) – President Dixon has requested that we assist in choosing a student for a Student of the Year Award for an upcoming awards ceremony May 2nd.

- i. President Payopay opened the google form on Wednesday, April 9th. President Payopay request Comms Officer Beck to create a poster by Tuesday so the flyers can be sent out to inform students

of the Student of the Year Award. President Payopay also requested Director Rodriguez to send out an email announcement.

7. New Business

a. Conversation with Director Pridgen on Safety (Discussion - 15 minutes)

Motion to table: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Comms Officer Beck

Vote: Unanimous

b. Club Rush

i. Spring 2025

1. April 21st – 24th, the club rush will take place at the Quad (outside of A-Building).
2. Flyers of Events need to be 2 weeks in advance. Director Rodriguez requests Comms Officer Beck to create the flyers by Monday, April 14th.

ii. Fall 2025

1. September 8th – 12th.

c. Request of \$200 for the purchase of small swag items and tablecloth for Events

- i. Runner with ASCOA logo, tablecloth, lanyard, webcam covers, etc.
- ii. The cost will be around \$1,000.
- iii. ASCOA agrees to have a special meeting to vote for the new spending cost. The special meeting will take place will be on Zoom at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15th.

8. Reports (1 minute each)

a. Senators – No reports were made.

b. ASCOA Advisor: Director Natalie Rodriguez

- i. Board Showcase will be on Tuesday, April 22nd, in F-Building at the Pit. ASCOA should attend if they can. Basic Needs will be presenting on the showcase.
- ii. Black Student Success Week will be from April 21st to 24th, from 6 - 7 p.m. The webinars will teach and inform students on what resources are available for success while also navigating college life.
- iii. 1st Gen Success is a Transfer Workshop that informs students on how to prepare for transfer and advice on how navigate through the transfer process. The workshop will take place on April 17th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Acceso Center CV-232 and through zoom, <https://tinyurl.com/FGewCOA>.
- iv. Book a sports physical! Carbon Health is offering an affordable sports physical for \$75 from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An appointment can be made in advance or students can walk-in. Location: 2671 Blanding Avenue, #A & B. Phone: (415) 404-3124
- v. Director Rodriguez requested ASCOA to help out with the removal of voting material for elections and Prop A flyers.

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 2:06 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: VPO Gormley

2nd motion: Secretary Yu

Minutes submitted by Secretary Abigail Yu.