

## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

### Regular Meeting Minutes

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<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 1:09 p.m.

Motion to call to order: VPO Gormley

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

**2. Roll Call**

- a. President, Erson Payopay – Present
- b. Vice President of Operations, Anne Gormley – Present
- c. Vice President of Programs, Shemicka Johnson – Excused
- d. Secretary, Abigail Yu – Present
- e. Treasurer, Julie Deap – Present
- f. Communications Officer, Carlene Beck – Present
- g. Senator, Cristiana Gomez – Present
- h. Senator, Jubilee Lew – Present
- i. Senator, Kandi Patterson – Absent
- j. Senator, Antwa Rodriguez – Present
- k. Senator, Samuel Reyngoudt – Present
- l. Senator, Simmie Wonder – Late (Arrived at 1:11 p.m.)

**3. Adoption of the Current Agenda (April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

Motion to approve: Secretary Yu

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

Vote: Unanimous

**4. Adoption of the Minutes (April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

Motion to approve: Secretary Yu

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:nrodriguez@peralta.edu)

**6. Standing Business**

- a. **New Appointments (Discussion & Action)** - None.
- b. **Dismissals (Discussion & Action)** - None. Director Rodriguez stated that Senator Patterson has missed 3 official meetings, and that it is up to the board to decide whether to dismiss Senator Patterson. The board has decided to give Senator Patterson a week.
- c. **Clubs – Review any recently submitted/pending club constitutions**
  - i. **Club Rush**
    - 1. **Spring 2025**
      - a. Flyers have not been made and sent out. Director Rodriguez stated that flyers need to be made and approved 1 week in advance. Food isn't possible because contact with the vendor needs to be made in advance and the request for funds was not on the agenda.
      - b. The event will take place outside in the quads. There will be games, coloring pages, etc available.
      - c. President Payopay volunteer to help table on Tuesday at 11 – 1 p.m. and Thursday at 11 – 1:30 p.m. Senator Gomez will also be able to help out on Tuesday and Thursdays during her office hours. Treasurer Deap will be able to help table from 9 – 1 p.m.
      - d. Senator Reyngoudt will be able to volunteer on Monday 12 – 1 p.m.
    - 2. **Fall 2025**
  - d. **Events (Discussion & Action)**
    - i. **Spirit Week**
      - 1. Director Rodriguez advises ASCOA to be mindful and to be considerate when creating themed days for Spirit Week of what might be offensive. Ex: Nerds vs. Jocks
      - 2. VPO Gormley suggested for students to wear school colors on Tuesday and for there to be a contest where the winners can receive a prize.
  - e. **ASCOA Elections (Discussion)**
    - i. VPO Gormley will become the only senator the falling Fall semester. She will be able to appoint senators. There will be a mandatory training in the summer for officers.
    - ii. The transfer refferdum was voted on and was passed.
    - iii. President Payopay will certify the election results by Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - f. **SSCCC (Discussion & Action)**
    - i. Senators who went to ASCOA talked about their experiences and what they learned and took from SSSCC.
  - g. **ASCOA Team Building Activity (Discussion & Action)**
    - i. Officers will meet at the campus on Friday at 9:30 a.m. before the awards ceremony on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are no expected out of pocket expenses for the officers.
  - h. **Making Meetings more Welcoming and Accessible (Discussion & Action)**
    - i. Director Rodriguez will follow up with a quote for the technology installation.

- 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. Flyers will be sent to Director Rodriguez to be printed on April 18<sup>th</sup> (right after the meeting). President Payopay requests ASCOA to spread the word about the Student of the Year Award and that students can nominate their fellow peers.

**7. New Business**

- a. **Conversation with Director Pridgen on Safety (Discussion - 15 minutes)**
  - i. Table for the next meeting. Director Rodriguez will follow up with Director Pridgen if he is still planning on having a conversation with ASCOA about safety.

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

- a. **Senators**
  - i. VPO Gormley spoke with VPI Porter to be added to the agenda for the event for high school students to speak about college.
  - ii. Treasurer Deap volunteered on Wednesday to help with the LGBTQ watch party.
  - iii. President Payopay volunteered on Tuesday to help with the LGBTQ watch party. President Payopay notifies ASCOA that VP Lewis has reached out to get help for notify students to apply for valedictorian.
- b. **ASCOA Advisor: Director Natalie Rodriguez**
  - i. The LGBTQ watch party was successful. A lot of students felt happy to find a community at the watch party. There were ideas being thrown around about having a drag show sometime in the future.
  - ii. Financial Literacy Workshop is a workshop that informs students about the fundamentals of budgeting, how to save money, and building credit. The workshop will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the ACCESO Center CV 232 and through zoom. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Budgeting Basics, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is Saving 101, and April 24<sup>th</sup> is Understanding Credit.

**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

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

Minutes submitted by Secretary Abigail Yu.