



SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

Associated Student Council

Minutes

Board Meeting

January 30th, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

ASC CONFERENCE ROOM 362

STUDENT LEADERSHIP BUILDING

1701 BROADWAY

Associated Student Council Members

Long Hei (Ronnie) KuanExecutive of Administration
Amara Schermerhorn.....Executive of Communication
Jinyang XiaExecutive of Finance
Aint Myat Hmu (Nikki) Lwin.....Executive of Issues &
Concerns
Danya Vargas Almejo.....Executive of Legislative Affairs
Bemnet Hailu.....Executive of Student Success
Heba SalehRepresentative, Health Education Center
Morningstar Jones.....Representative, Wood Technology Center
VacantRepresentative, Seattle Maritime Academy
VacantASC Associate

A. **CALL TO ORDER** (1 min)

Amara Schermerhorn, Executive of Communication, called the meeting to order.

B. **ROLL CALL** (1 min)

Present:

Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan

Amara Schermerhorn

Jinyang Xia

Danya Vargas Almejo

Bemnet Hailu

Heba Saleh

Aint Myat Hmu Aung (Nikki) Lwin

Absent: Morningstar Jones

C. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** (1 min)

Julie Randall was present as a guest.

D. **LAND USE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** (1 min)

“I acknowledge the land on which we stand today as the traditional home of the Coast Salish people, the traditional home of all tribes and bands within the Duwamish, Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot nations. Without them, we would not have access to this gathering and to this dialogue. I ask that we take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers of this land who are still here.”

E. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** (5 min)

No public comment.

F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (2 min)

Approval of minutes from January 23, 2023, ASC Meeting.

G. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** (40 mins)

1. **Guided Pathways Introduction & Possible Goals Collaboration**– Kate Krieg,

Executive Director of Guided Pathways

Ronnie shared upcoming goals the last time they connected.

There is a group working on Student Support services, with a focus on increasing information about resources to students.

Bemi and Nikki are planning on a Student Resource Day, which they are making a physical resource list for.

Kate mentioned an existing resource list, “Campus Services,” which is accessible through the Seattle Central App.

The ASC may be able to highlight the Student Services module on the app through a QR code on a flyer, which can be advertised to students as a resource.

Guided Pathways Popups offer the following services:

- -Student focus groups that occur once a month
- Students can meet faculty who are working to improve student experiences
- Gives students the opportunity to see projects and give feedback
- They always look over student feedback
- Always evolving and works best when student input is front and center

Ronnie suggests Guided Pathways Pop-ups could be seen as a resource to students, this could be emphasized at the Resource Fair.

2. **Financial Aid Office Update Follow-Up**– Amara Schermerhorn, *Executive of Communication*

Amara gave an overview from the previous conversation with the Financial Aid office: “The Financial Aid office has faced several setbacks due to the pandemic - they had several employees quit which caused a lot of uncertainty and miscommunication. They have since hired 5 new faculty, who are still in training.

The Financial Aid office suggests that students can be best prepared by making sure their information is up-to-date and checking the FAFSA website (studentaid.gov), for specific questions that may expedite their process.

The Student Aid website is a resource that should be taken advantage of it serves as a collective resource.”

3. **Revised S&A Budget Report** – Jinyang Xia, *Executive of Finance*

Jinyang gave an overview of the 2022 budget report.

The 2023 budget request is awaiting on two programs, the Seattle Collegian and Wood Technology Center. Jinyang predicts the number may go up to 1.6 million dollars. They removed the TAG Board last year and the Bruce McKenna Writing Center budget was merged with the Student Support Network resource.

Ronnie asks why does the emergency fund request twice as much this year than the prior.

The request numbers are skewed. Jinyang believes the increase was for the One Time Emergency program which is controlled by Molly. They requested about \$10,000.

This year, Julia merged all the Learning programs into the Student Support Network.

The S&A Committee will consider how to handle the Info Central budget. They are over budget and student-run, except the manager position. Their budget has shifted due to the rise of minimum wage.

4. **ASC Goals Update**– Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration*

Student Union Building met, and they are producing a name and a website to promote the Student Union Building.

Danya's Committee is focused on buying the constitutions review committee, particularly from PTK, which will be followed by hiring.

The resource fair will be next quarter, first week or second week. They may e-mail

Cassandra McGuire or Crystina Mostad to reserve a date for the Resource Fair.

Amara has finalized the poster for SMA.

Encouraging a SMA related club may be a way to get Student Leadership engagement.

I. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (10 min)

1. Communications Committee | Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00pm
They held a poster design workshop at their prior meeting.
2. Issues and Concerns Committee | Wednesdays 12:00 – 1:00pm
Nikki is looking at print communications to follow-up with old business.
3. Services and Activities Fee Committee | Fridays 2:00 – 3:00pm

Their final hearing is this week.

4. Student Success Committee | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
They are deciding the best location to host a student resource fair, they will work with Nikki to complete the resource list.
5. Student Advocacy Committee | Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm
Danya sent out the script for Advocacy Day and received feedback from Dr. Lane. The ASC will continue to meet and recite the script.
6. Student Union Building Committee | Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
This week the architect will finalize the floorplan.

J. **INDIVIDUAL REPORT** (10 min)

1. Amara Schermerhorn
Nothing to report
2. Bemnet Hailu
Nothing to report.
3. Danya Vargas Almejo
Met Barbara Klein and she wants to meet at 10:30 and 2:00 to give a presentation during class. Feb 13 or Wednesday 22nd.
Amara will volunteer on Wednesday 22nd, 2023 2:00PM.
Jinyang will be present on Feb 13th at 10:30AM.
4. Heba Saleh

- Heba requested an update about parking passes. Nikki will follow up.
5. Jinyang Xia
Nothing to report
 6. Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan
Met with Dr. Lane and he approved the pitch. They also discussed the Seattle Maritime's involvement and the future conversation with the President. They are exploring interactive incentives.
 7. Nikki Lwin
Having first committee meeting today, collaborating with Kano.
 8. Ricardo Leyva-Puebla
Update on hiring an office administrative assistant, the committee forwarded 3 finalists and 2 interviews are left, A decision will be made no later than next week.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.