



SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

Associated Student Council

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February 6, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

ASC CONFERENCE ROOM 362

STUDENT LEADERSHIP BUILDING

1701 BROADWAY

Associated Student Council Members

Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan	Executive of Administration
Amara Schermerhorn.....	Executive of Communication
Jinyang Xia	Executive 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 Saleh	Representative, Health Education Center
Morningstar Jones.....	Representative, Wood Technology Center
Vacant	Representative, Seattle Maritime Academy
Vacant.....	ASC Associate of Administration
Vacant.....	ASC Associate of Finance & Research

ASSOCIATED STUDENT COUNCIL

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER (1 min)

Chairperson: Bemnet “Bemi” Hailu, *Executive of Student Success*

B. ROLL CALL (1 min)

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

Everybody was present, Hunter Emigh was in place of Morningstar.

Molly Walker, Wendy Rockhill and JC Ignacio are guests.

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)

Ronnie moved to approve the minutes from Jan 30, 2023, the motion passed.

G. **OLD BUSINESS** (1 min)

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

1. **Washington Student Association Introduction**– Molly Walker, *Organizing Manager* (15 min)

Molly gave an overview about the 501c4 Non-Profit WSA

They lobby, speak to legislators, and advocate for bills.

The program offers representation at a state level to put students at the front of policy making to keep education affordable. Students are encouraged to partake in leadership, advocacy, and organization.

General Assembly, Board of Directors, and the Executive Council are the three pillars of student leadership involved with WSA

Legislative Liaison program - each member campus hires a liaison to represent their student body at the legislative level. They receive training and office space in Olympia. Their advocacy has passed hundreds of bills for higher education policy.

WSA is responsible for lobbying for Local Tuition Setting, Tuition Reduction, Dream Act 2.0, and the Washington College Grant, Student Engagement Centers, and Expanded WCG & Bridge Grants.

The benefits of membership include Legislative Liaison Program, Representation of WSA General Assembly and Board of Directors, Access to WSA full-time staff support, Paid lobbyist (Executive Director)

The WSA is funded through membership dues determined by the number of students at a campus - \$2.25 per student and capped at \$30,000. Fees are separate from S&A fees; the cost is charged to students who are enrolled in full-time classes.

Jinyang asked if WSA has considered lobbying for increased S&A fees since inflation has affected the fees nationwide, Molly mentions that S&A fees are set by the campus and not the state. She suggests raising more money and disbursing it manually.

Ronnie asks about bills that may provide financial aid to international students. Molly answers that they have not been able to lobby a federal level, which is preventing financial aid advancements for international students. They plan to expand the program one day and send students to Washington DC.

2. Legislative Advocacy Day Feedback and Follow-Up– Danya Vargas-Almejo, *Executive of Legislative Affairs* (10 min)

Danya gave an overview of our lobbying day the past Thursday, she says communication went well between the senators and representatives. She announced that HB 1232 is currently in the house and would increase College Bound scholarships. Sen. Saldana suggests students should testify at 4PM. HB 1289, concerning administration for the College Bound scholarship. SB 5522 is up for the first public hearing at 8am.

Ronnie mentioned that Rep. Julia Reed brought up a need to diversify the Seattle Maritime Academy campus and she encouraged us to promote the industry more on Broadway campus.

3. Ratification of Associates– Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (5 min)

The associate of administration rejected the job offer, Tamara Yap is the new Associate of Finance & Research

Jinyang moved to ratify Tamara as the Associate of Finance & Research, Danya seconded, and the motion passed.

4. ASC By-Laws & Constitution Review– Danya Vargas-Almejo, *Executive of Legislative Affairs* (10 min)

Danya and Amara will chair the By-Law and Constitution Review Committee. After two more members are selected, the meeting dates will be finalized. These sessions will be used to edit and revise the current constitution before being passed on to the administration for approval.

Jinyang has a few recommendations for committee members.

I. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (10 min: updates on committee work/projects/discussions)

1. Communications Committee | Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00pm

Nothing to report.

2. Issues and Concerns Committee | Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00pm

Their first meeting is this week.

3. Services and Activities Fee Committee | Fridays 2:00 – 3:00pm

The WTC hearing will be this week along with the final deliberation, they may have to meet again to complete final reports

4. Student Success Committee | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm

Working on the President's Medal.

5. Student Advocacy Committee | Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm

Advocacy day has passed, and they will deliberate at the next meeting.

6. Student Union Building Committee | Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm

The architect attended the last meeting, and the committee is waiting on the final report, they are also holding a voting campaign to name the building among the student body.

J. **INDIVIDUAL REPORT** (10 mins) other committee updates, interactions with students, administrator meetings, other reports. Etc.)

1. Amara Schermerhorn

The ASC booklet is in production.

2. Bemnet Hailu

She thanked Danya for the excellent work planning the Olympia trip.

3. Danya Vargas Almejo

There will be a classroom visit on the 13th at 10am, a good chance to find committee members.

4. Heba Saleh

Nothing to report

5. Jinyang Xia

Nothing to report

6. Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan

He thanked Danya for planning Advocacy Day. The ASC will visit Shoreline College on the 14th at 2PM.

7. Morningstar Jones

Hunter: They are holding weekly meetings and starting several committees including a toolkit committee and an event planning committee, there is a lot of student interest, they meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30, next week the Student Dean will be attending the Tuesday meeting at 11:30 — 12:15.

8. Nikki Lwin

Meeting with Kano to fix the sanitary pad dispensers and to collaborate with EDIC.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Bemi adjourned the meeting at 3:44 PM.