



SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

Associated Student Council

Minutes

May 01, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SEATTLE MARITIME ACADEMY

**4455 SHILSHOLE AVE NW,
SEATTLE, WA 98107**

Associated Student Council Members

Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan	Executive of Administration
Amara Schermerhorn.....	Executive of Communication
Jinyang Xia	Executive of Finance
Aint Myat Hmu Aung (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
Gaza Miller.....	Representative, Wood Technology Center
Vacant	Representative, Seattle Maritime Academy
Vacant.....	ASC Associate of Administration
Tamara Happy Yap.....	ASC Associate of Finance & Research

Advisor: Ricardo Leyva-Puebla

QUESTIONS?

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Minutes

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

Chairperson: Jinyang Xia, *Executive of Finance*

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

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

Guests: Please Unmute to introduce yourself (name, role)

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)

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

Approval of minutes from April. 24, 2023, Associated Student Council meeting.

G. **OLD BUSINESS** (25 min)

1. **Diversity Student Organization Representatives**– Jared Rogers, *Co-Leader of Queer Trans Co-operative* (20 min)

Jared and Jay worked with their peers to revise their proposal for Diversity Student Organizations, as proposed in their initial presentation. They created a document that directly addressed concerns from the first review of the proposal and there was a reading of this revised proposal.

The board of trustees have a responsibility to oversee any changes to the by-laws. Jinyang moved to approve the plan for ASC to work with BSU, QTC, and CAB to continue to work on the Diversity Student Organization proposal with the goal of presenting the proposal to the administration. The motion was seconded and passed after voting.

2. **ASC Hiring Process Update** – Danya Vargas Almejo, Executive of Legislative Affairs (5 mins)

The application closed with a total of 19 applicants and Danya has sent out the applicants' questions, there will be an interview meeting on Thursday to review the applications.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** (36 min)

1. **Seattle Maritime Academy Spring Update**- Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (10 min)

2. **Seattle Maritime Academy Lunch on 05/05** - Amara Schermerhorn, *Executive of Communication* (5 min)

3. **Developing Questions for the Conversation with the President**– Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (20 min)

A motion passed to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.

Ronnie gave an overview of his conversation with President Lane regarding if students prefer in-person or online classes. The ASC then developed questions to be asked at the College Council panel, suggested topics were also given by satellite campus representatives. [A full list of the questions developed is included on the last page of this document.]

4. **Minute Corrections from 04/17 ASC Meeting** - Amara Schermerhorn, *Executive of Communication* (1 min)

The minutes from the 04/17 meeting had formatting issues that will be corrected and updated on the ASC website. Ronnie moved to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

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

1. Communications Committee | Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00pm

The committee had a successful work session with the Math Club.

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

The weekly meeting with VP was cancelled so they focused on preparing for the upcoming College Council forum.

3. Services and Activities Fee Committee | Fridays 2:00 – 3:00pm
They went over minutes from previous meetings in order to upload them to the website. They are working on making the hiring process smooth for the next year's ASC.
4. Student Success Committee | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
They are continuing to promote the Presidents Medal celebration.
5. Student Advocacy Committee | Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm
They are collaborating with WCTCSA to create an agenda for next year including the proposal for increasing wages for teachers a factually which will be presented on Friday.
6. Student Union Building Committee | Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
They met with the IT department today to troubleshoot the voting process and are working on marketing updates. No meeting will be held this week.

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

1. Aint Myat Hmu Aung (Nikki) Lwin
Nothing to report
2. Amara Schermerhorn
Nothing to report
3. Bemnet Hailu
They attended the anti-hazing committee this week.
4. Danya Vargas Almejo
They discussed plans for the College Council forum.
5. Gaza Miller
Working on getting club status for the WTC leadership club.
They were able to get a paid position for the toolkit manager.
They are looking for more funding due to the recent budget cuts.
They have found representatives for their individual programs.
The WTC has started more committees including a research committee in order to build history about WTC.
6. Heba Saleh|
Their Respiratory Club was not able to meet this week. The respiratory health conference went well, they had workers from other states present as well.
7. Jinyang Xia
He is collaborating with north and South to arrange a meeting regarding finances.
8. Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan
He requests a list of in person classes in order to promote the student union voting.
9. Tamara Happy Yap
Nothing to report.
10. Ricardo Leyva-Puebla
Nothing to report

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

Questions for Conversation for President

1. What is the progress of converting classroom spaces into studying spaces or creating more study spaces in the short term? (Ronnie)
2. How can we ensure that elevators on campus will be working in the short term and long term? (Bemi)
3. Can we discuss increasing security measures accorss campus? (Nikki)
4. Are there any plans to open the cafeteria to serve quick, affordable meals to students? (Tamara)
5. As we heard last year, Seattle Central College is in deficit. What plan is in mind to close the gap of the deficit? (Jinyang)
6. What progress has been made in the faculties' salary increase negotiation? (Danya)
7. What progress has been made in the staff's salary increase negotiation? (Jinyang)
8. Since Wood Technology Center is currently in deficit, what is the plan to remedy the deficit? (Ronnie)
9. Is it possible that we reduce the parking fee/ issues parking passes for Health Education Center students when they must go to hospital for their program? (Nikki)