



SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

Associated Student Council

Minutes

May 08, 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 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

QUESTIONS?

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Minutes

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

Long Hei “Ronnie” Kuan, *Executive of Administration*

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 May 8th, 2023, Associated Student Council meeting.

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

H. **NEW BUSINESS** (45 min)

1. **Research about Sustainability Position**– Tamara Happy Yap, *Associate of Research* (20 min)

Tamara presented research regarding the benefits of a sustainability officer role within the ASC. She presented research about related roles within the district and how Seattle Central College may benefit from an officer position dedicated to sustainable practices.

Some responsibilities of the sustainability officer would include being having a presence at crucial council meetings to advocate for green initiatives and to represent the student body in a consistent manner, since many ASC executives' roles conflict with council meetings.

The presentation prompted a discussion about the possibility of an Executive of Sustainability role, with the discussion of an Associate of Sustainability to consider next year's ASC budget.

There was a discussion about several avenues for how to move forward with the decision, as creating a new position would affect the current by-laws. A more in-depth position that accounts for these changes would have to be written for the sake of next year's ASC.

2. **May S&A Budget Report Update** – Jinyang Xia, *Executive of Finance*. (5 min)
Jinyang gave an overview of the May budget report. The Student Support budget was initially over budget but it was corrected, there may be additional adjustments that will be made. The Student Leadership budget and front office expenses are often used interchangeably, resulting in some errors that require correction.
3. **SMA Focus Group Insights** – Amara Schermerhorn, *Executive of Communication* (10 min)
Amara presented insights from her and Jinyang's visit to the Seattle Maritime Academy from the week prior. They reported how the engineering cohort of 1~8 students felt about current campus life and their workforce outlook.

Some major insights include the SMA students' desire for the Financial Aid office to be more accessible with some suggestions including extended remote hours and monthly visits from a financial aid representative as they feel inconvenienced but the office's current hours.

SMA students are overall satisfied with their programs offerings but expressed interest in more networking opportunities and the need for more certifications to be completed during the duration of their course. Currently, only 3 out of 5 certifications required for the Coast Guard standard are met by the SMA and further training requires more money from the students.

Students are attracted to job prospects that offer stability and high sign-on bonuses, as the bonuses usually offset the cost of their education.

4. **ASC Transition Report**– Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (5 min)
Ronnie gave an overview of what is required for a successful handoff to the next years ASC

which include information like account information and various committee work examples.. Filling out the form is crucial to make sure handoff is smooth.

5. **Student Union Building Naming Results** – Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (5 min)

The votes are in: the student union building is officially named the Tiger Union Building.

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

1. Communications Committee | Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00pm
They discussed the organization of the unity fair table, and we will collaborate with the drawing club to generate more tiger drawings

2. Issues and Concerns Committee | Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00pm
Nikki is continuing to get menstrual products filled in gender neutral bathrooms and forwarding complains.

3. Services and Activities Fee Committee | Fridays 2:00 – 3:00pm
They made edits to the application process, aiming to make the process more smooth.

4. Student Success Committee | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
The president's medal is getting more applications and they spoke with the Vice president of MESA and they handed out flyers for the presidents.

5. Student Advocacy Committee | Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm
WCTCSA agenda is still going forward, focusing on financial assistance specially including staff and faculty for more support

6. Student Union Building Committee | Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
They will be doing classroom visits to promote the student union building more.

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
Nothing to report.

4. Danya Vargas Almejo
College council email was sent out for June 16th which will be the last one.
5. Gaza Miller
They went to the Board of Trustees meeting and there was some pushback regarding funding two they will look more into finding outside funding, they re reaching out to more faculty with more questions about various issue at their campus. They will report to the next presidents meeting. It is difficult to navigate regarding funding. They would like to fix larger issues on campus.
6. Heba Saleh
There will be a comprehensive 3 day review for a health certification. The ASC brought up the parking pass concern with the President, Heba will collect a list of hospitals where students have to park in order to arrange a possible solution.
7. Jinyang Xia
He may visit Bellevue College council to follow up with them about collaborating.
8. Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan
The hiring process is going well.
9. Tamara Happy Yap
Nothing to report
10. Ricardo Leyva-Puebla
Nothing to report

K. **ADJOURNMENT**