



SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

Associated Student Council

Minutes

June 05, 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 Aung (Nikki) Lwin.....Executive of Issues & Concerns
Danya Vargas Almejo.....Executive of Legislative Affairs
Bennet Hailu.....Executive of Student Success
Heba SalehRepresentative, Health Education Center
Gaza Miller.....Representative, Wood Technology Center
VacantRepresentative, Seattle Maritime Academy
Vacant.....ASC Associate of Administration
Tamara Happy Yap.....ASC Associate of Finance & Research

Minutes

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

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

Bemi called the meeting to order at 3:05PM

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

Everybody was present.

Several guests introduced themselves, including the incoming new members of the 2023-24

Associated Student Council.

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)

Gregory Davis introduced himself as a community organizer from the Rainer Beach Coalition, which is a non-profit organization that addresses the crucial needs of the Rainier Beach and Rainier Valley communities. He connected with Gaza, the Wood Technology Representative, and discussed ways to further engage with students who may be interested in the coalition’s

community projects, referencing an ordinance that requires 25% of the contraction workforce to include underrepresented workers. More info at www.rbcoalition.org

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

Approval of minutes from May 22nd, 2023, Associated Student Council meeting.

Ronnie moved to approve the minutes and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

G. **OLD BUSINESS** (5 min)

1. **Tiger Union Building Vote Update-** Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (5 min)

The vote has ended today, and they received 205 votes. 87% said yes in support of the Tiger Union Building. They spoke to the board of trustees about the vote and more votes may potentially come in. It is around 5% of the student body.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** (75 min)

1. **Ratification of 2023 President's Medal Recipients-** Bemil Hailu, *Executive of Student Success* (15 min)

Bemil gave a presentation about the results of the President's Medal, which is awarded to students who have academic success and outstanding community engagement. This medal is meant to support and inclusive college environment.

The selection process included comparative analysis of personal statements. The deliberation process was strict and difficult, though they remained objective through the process.

The President's Medal Celebration will be on June 7th from 1pm-2pm on the Fifth Floor. The President and Vice President will be present to award the medals to the recipients.

Students are encouraged to attend and spread the word.

Due to a delay in the deliberation process, the recipients could not be notified in time for today's meeting, so they will be ratified at a future assembly.

2. **Ratification of 2023-24 Associated Student Council Members-** Danya Vargas-Almejo, *Executive of Legislative Affairs* (15 min)

Danya gave an overview of the ratification process for the 2023-24 ASC council, among their achievements and strength.

Akari, Executive of Administration

Rio, Executive of Communication

Christine, Executive of Finance

Aidar, Executive of Legislative Affairs

Nina, Executive of Student Success

Fatimah is the Executive of Issues and Concerns

Samantha is the Associate of Administration

Helena Associate of Outreach

Danya gave an overview of what the position of associate of outreach entails. Ronnie also gave a visual of the job description which will focus on outreach with remote campuses.

Danya moved to ratify Akari, Rio, Christine, Aidar, Nina, Fatima, Sam, and Helena as the

new members of the ASC. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

3. **S&A Budget Report Update** – Jinyang Xia, *Executive of Finance (5 min)*

Jinyang gave an overview of the monthly budget report. There are some discrepancies about the report which Jinyang will follow up on. Nikki asked what happens when budgets go over, which Jinyang will ask for a plan to prevent going over budget and figure out a solution to prevent future overspending.

There was a question concerning the Wood Technology Center's budget cuts, with worries that the WTC may go into debt next year. It is a discussion between the WTC administration and the student body to decide how their budget is allocated for the coming year as the S&A does not dictate where money will be spent.

4. **2023-24 Executive of Finance Committee Commitment Overview** – Jinyang Xia, *Executive of Finance (15 mins)*

Jinyang is proposing to create a guideline for a new task force that would also be proposed to North and South Seattle College.

This task force is being formed due to a budget proposal that was presented to the Board of Trustees in May. They are interested in collecting fees from Running Start and International students due to the rise of living costs. The finance executives from the respective colleges would be responsible for serving in the task force.

They would meet at least once a month with a rotation of officers to chair the task force. They would be responsible for writing agendas and recording meetings for each meeting.

Only active student leaders in the task force will have voting power.

The meetings will be open meetings, using Robert's Rules.

The task force will be responsible for determining the amount charged with the three college's administration.

This should be considered a proposal, so the definition of "active" is still a draft.

There is no limit to the number of student officers who can attend the meeting.

Nikki asked if there was a proposed goal of money to collect, there is not currently a goal and the task force + administration will have to determine an amount to save up for.

Jinyang moved to Seattle Central to participate in the task force, Ronnie seconded, a vote was taken. The motion passed.

Gaza made an argument that Running Start students may not be capable of paying fees due to being minors or other restraints. International students also already pay increased tuition which may create another barrier.

Jinyang proposes this task force would only prompt further research into the possibility in case of the cost-of-living continues to rise and college enrollment decreases. These students may pay into another fund instead of a fee.

Gaza extends concerns about accessibility for international students.

Shoreline college is an example of a college that currently collects international student fees.

Ronnie moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes and the motion passed.

5. **ASC Goal Evaluation and Reflections** – Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration (10 min)*

Ronnie facilitated a conversation about the progress of ASC goals that were set in the beginning for the year.

The Student Union Building Project is considered on track and satisfied.

The Remote Campus Visits should be done in the beginning of the year, work with the

remote campus. Jinyang will also send an example for the light refreshment form for funding lunch. Reach out to advisors to ensure accountability with visits. Communication with legislators is key to making sure remote campuses are represented in the workforce.

The resource goal was in progress, but it was not completed, so the task will be passed on to future executives. Niki and Bemí connected with students through tabling, flyers and social media posts. They should read out to AANAPISI and more (check that acronym and whatever list they need to refine, there is information available)

Increasing Financial Assistance for CTC students, with WACSTA she chose an issue regarding Increasing Financial Aid to lobby for. Danya and Amara testified during a hearing that was successfully passed which will expand the number of students covered by the WA College Grant.

Danya's proposal for Equitable Pay for Everyone in the CTC system was chosen as an agenda item for next year.

The current ASC will have to choose three or four goals to continue, or to create new goals, which will be presented to the President's Cabinet.

6. **MAC Summer Hours Feedback** – Ricardo Leyva-Puebla, *Dean of Student Development* (10 mins)

Ricardo is requesting feedback on the hours for the MAC summer hours.

The Mitchell Activity Center is the recreational center/gym.

Nina asked for clarification regarding the MAC's resources for staffing, and if they will want student help for operations. Ricardo wants to know more about student requests before they decide how they will hire for summer hours. Nina suggests sending a survey to collect this information.

They are considering not being open on Fridays since students consistently do not use the center on Fridays. Gaza says the accessibility of being open at least every day, later in the afternoon so people could attend after classes.

7. **ASC Transition Report Due June 15th** – Ronnie Kuan, *Executive of Administration* (5 min)

The transition report is due June 15th.

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

1. Communications Committee | Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00pm
Meeting with the Math Club
2. Issues and Concerns Committee | Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00pm
College fair 12:00 – 2:00PM
3. Services and Activities Fee Committee | Fridays 2:00 – 3:00pm
Last meeting was last Friday
4. Student Success Committee | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
Revised the application process and chose the Presidents Medal Winners, the Ceremony will be on June 7th on the Fifth Floor
5. Student Advocacy Committee | Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm
Last meeting this week
6. Student Union Building Committee | Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
No meeting 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
Nothing to report
4. Danya Vargas Almejo
Writing legislative agenda for next year,
5. Gaza Miller
WTC is working on a video to highlight student life. They were going to order more supplies but their budget for the year has run out. They want to explore turning their committees into clubs.
6. Heba Saleh
The respiratory club participated in a lung cancer walk and heard testimonies from survivors and family members who have been affected by lung cancer.
7. Jinyang Xia
Connected with Wendy Rockhill about a concern regarding a Seattle Maritime Academy students' certification being revoked but the Coast Guard, which will be handled by the administration to report the certification.
Jinyang visited south Seattle college regarding the task force that was presented earlier. The connection was successful, and the advisor was happy regarding the outreach. They discussed what they wanted to see in the task force
8. Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan
Met with President Lane and mentioned the hiring process, he is excited to meet the new officers and they are planning a meeting.
9. Tamara Happy Yap
Nothing to report
10. Ricardo Leyva-Puebla
The hiring process for a new ASC advisor is in the interviewing phase.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**