

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.  
CSU NORTHRIDGE  
February 5, 2008

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Adam Haverstock called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. A quorum was present.

**Voting members present:** Josh Hansen (late), Lyla Askejian, Byron Baba, Ali Bamdad, Michael Fruchtman, Jacqueline Guzman, Amanda Lynch, Lizbeth Mateo, Vianney Moran, Javier Roman (late), Aron Schlabra, Nancy Trieu, Nicole Umali, and Ricardo Valdez.

**Voting members absent:** Alma de Jesus, Joy Delouth, Carlos Flores (excused), and Samer Habib.

**Cabinet members present:** Hal Ellison, Andrew Collard, Merriliz Monzon, Alex Shahin, Audrey Younna, and Zachary Mendelsohn.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - February 5, 2008**

*MSC (Umali/Trieu) to approve the agenda as presented.*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 29, 2008**

MS (Schlabra/Valdez) to approve the minutes as presented.

*MSC (Umali/Lynch) to amend the agenda to add the following names to Section IX (Adjournment): Lizbeth Mateo, Mike Fruchtman, and Javier Roman.*

(Point of personal privilege from Hansen recognized at 2:04 p.m.)

*MSC to approve the minutes as amended (voice vote).*

**IV. OPEN FORUM**

- Jaskirat Basra - spoke about a budget request for the Traditional Lohri Celebration on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Audrey Younna, SPACE - gave a brief description of the NACA (National Association of Campus Activities), and the benefits that the SPACE members would benefit from their attendance.
- Abel Pacheco - asked the senate to work on changes that he would like done on USU policy on posting and distribution of flyers and advertisements or marketing on campus.

- Diego Martinez, Alex Fernandez, Rick Rodriguez – spoke in support of a budget request to attend the Hermanos Unidos National Leadership Conference on February 15-17, 2008.

## V. REPORTS

### A. President – Adam Haverstock

- CSSA (California State Student Association) – he will be attending the CSSA conference next week at CSU East Bay, with other nine student representatives from Associated Students.
- Search process for CSU Trustee for 2008-2010 has begun. This is a decision-making position for the California State Universities.
- On behalf of the students, he and Dina Cervantes, Director of Legislative Affairs, will go to Sacramento on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the affordability of students' tuition fees.
- On his absence, Vice President Hansen will preside the senate meeting on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

(Point of personal privilege from Roman recognized at 2:15 p.m.)

Action item – approval of appointments

- 1) *MSC (Baba/Moran) to approve the appointments of the following:*
  - a. *Ryan Mallick – Assistant Director of Finance*
  - b. *Andy Hawgood – Finance, Engineering and Computer Sc.*
  - c. *Jim Palmer – Finance, Education*
  - d. *Melody Babaian – Finance, Business and Economics*
  - e. *Merriliz Monzon – Director of Personnel*

### B. Vice President – Josh Hansen

- Announced the Council of Chairs' meeting today after the senate meeting.

### C. S.P.A.C.E. – Audrey Younna

- Distributed a calendar of events for Spring 2008.
- She needs volunteers for the Matador Nights scheduled for April 18, 2008.
- SPACE members are attending the NACA conference on February 15-20, 2008.

### D. Elections – Alex Shahin

- Filing for Spring 2008 elections starts on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- He encouraged the students to vote today for the primary elections.

### E. Legislative Affairs – Dina Cervantes

No report

**F. Visibility - Zachary Mendelsohn**

- “No Bull” magazines are now being distributed on campus; he needs help from the senate members to distribute more magazines.
- Thanked SPACE board members for distributing the magazines.

**G. Attorney General - Hal Ellison**

- Reminded the senators to sign in for their AS office hours; sign in binder is at the Front Desk.
- He asked the Committee Chairs to submit their committees’ minutes of meeting within a week of each meeting for record purposes and files.
- If you missed a committee meeting, this is counted as one of the three maximum allowed absences (3 unexcused absences mean that a senator has vacated his/her senatorial seat).
- Attended the Food Advisory Committee meeting and mentioned the following as the most popular merchandise sold on campus: Aquafina water and 22 oz. sodas.

Action item - approval of the constitutions

- 1) *MSC (Umali/Mateo) to approve the following constitutions (voice vote) (one abstention):*
  - a. *Urban Planning Students Association*
  - b. *CSUN Young Democrats*

**H. Finance - Andrew Collard**

Reported the following balances:

\$87,571 - Unallocated Reserves Account  
\$38,136 - Academically Related Reserves Account  
\$102,651 - Capital Improvement Account

Action items

- 1) Associated Students SPACE - National Association of Campus Activities  
*MSC (Baba/Askejian) (13-0-1) to allocate \$7,769 from the Unallocated Reserves Account to Associated Students SPACE for the purpose of the NACA conference on February 15-20, 2008.*  
  
*MSC (Fruchtman/Trieu) (14-0-0) to approve the allocations for action item nos. 2-4, as follows:*
- 2) South Asian Club - Traditional Lohri Celebration

*To allocate \$335 from Unallocated Reserves Account to the South Asian Club for the purpose of the Traditional Lohri Celebration on February 23, 2008.*

- 3) Chess Club – U.S. Amateur Team West Competition  
*To allocate \$1,200 from the Unallocated Reserves Account to the Chess Club for the purpose of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Amateur Team West on February 16-18, 2008, with \$261 for chess clocks and memberships and \$939 for travel for the year.*
- 4) Hermanos Unidos – National Leadership Conference  
*To allocate \$1,800 from the Unallocated Reserves Account to Hermanos Unidos for the purpose of the Hermanos Unidos National Leadership Conference on February 15-17, 2008.*

## **I. Committee Reports**

- 1) **Academic Affairs – Amanda Lynch**
  - Senator Fruchtman was appointed as the committee’s Vice Chair, and Senator Delouth was appointed second Vice Chair, at their first meeting yesterday.
  - The committee meets every Monday from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
  - They are working on WebCT (submitted as a legislative referral)
- 2) **External Affairs – Vianney Moran**
  - Senator Guzman was appointed as the committee’s Vice Chair
  - The committee is working on the “Tuition Relief NOW” campaign. Will meet on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to discuss this further.
- 3) **Internal Affairs – Nicole Umali**
  - The committee appointed Senator Valdez as the Vice Chair
  - Working on procedures on evaluation processes for AS programs, and Mission Statement
  - Working on evaluation of the following: AS marketing, recycling, one-day retreat, and student ID’s.
- 4) **Policies – Lyla Askejian**
  - Senator Flores is working on Elections Code; any questions or concerns on this Code should be directed to him.
  - Senator Valdez is working on AS Vision Statement
  - The committee will work on the following legislative referrals: Visibility Code and Code for Retreat.
  - Judicial Court will resubmit its Code for review and revisions.
- 5) **University Affairs – Ali Bamdad**

- Football Team – gathered information on contact persons; working on the financial information and cost to bring back a football team to CSUN.
- MBA Program – a survey will be distributed to the students to get their opinions.
- Matador Identification cards – contact the company that makes this card.
- Committee meeting is not established as of yet, due to members' conflict of schedules. The committee will meet today after the senate meeting.

**K. General Manager – David Crandall**

No report

**L. University Advisor – Tom Piernik**

- Encouraged the students to vote today (Primary Elections). He is observing that the students are now engaging in politics, by reaching out for votes for their candidates, and he asked the student leaders to take on the responsibility of explaining to the students, the different propositions that are being advertised on media and televisions. These propositions are confusing to most voters, especially the first-time voters.
- He welcomes the opportunity to advise the AS University Affairs committee.

**M. Faculty Advisor – Veda Ward**

*Academic Issues:*

- AS senators could contact other campuses to see how they deal with advising. What is an effective role for “peer” advisors when faculty members are unavailable? How will these questions be addressed in the Student Bill of Rights”?
- Does AS wish to promote a “common reading” recommendation for the students? If so, is there something relevant to your leadership and participation in student leadership?

*Campus Community Spirit:*

- Valentine’s Day will soon be here. *Show the love* by modeling exemplary behavior in classes, join or form a course-related study group, and ask a course-mate to get involved with AS. Mata-sports events are picking up attendance and support among students, alumni and the community. It is to everyone’s credit that people feel safe on our campus. Keep your eyes open, be vigilant and go to games with a “buddy”.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Action item

- 1) To appoint Senate representative to AS Committees:

With no objections from the Board of Directors, President Haverstock open the floor for nominations of the following Senate representatives:

- a. Finance Committee:  
Sen. Askejian - declined  
Sen. Valdez - withdrew  
**Sen. Byron Baba (12-0-2)**
  - b. Judicial Court  
**Sen. Nicole Umali - 7**  
Sen. Carlos Flores - 5  
One abstention
  - c. A.S. Recreational Sports  
**Sen. Askejian - 11**  
Sen. Schlabra - 2  
One abstention
  - d. Children's Center Advisory Board  
Sen. Lynch - declined  
Sen. Guzman - 5  
**Sen. Flores - 6**  
3 abstentions
  - e. Visibility Committee  
Sen. Umali - withdrew  
**Sen. Valdez - 13**  
One abstention
- B. Legislative Referrals - None**

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The following voting members were present at the close of the regular meeting: Josh Hansen, Lyla Askejian, Byron Baba, Ali Bamdad, Michael Fruchtman, Jacqueline

Guzman, Amanda Lynch, Lizbeth Mateo, Vianney Moran, Javier Roman, Aron Schlabra, Nancy Trieu, Nicole Umali, and Ricardo Valdez.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:  
Brenda Lacy  
Government Secretary

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Adam Haverstock  
President  
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