

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Student Center, 4th floor, Room 401

Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97528675287>

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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting started at 3:30 pm.

I. ROLL CALL:

Title	Name	P/A
President	Frida Veliz (FV)	P
Vice President	Motse Mosola (MM)	P
External Secretary	Zoe Molter (ZM)	EA
Internal Secretary	Ayla Madrid (AM)	P
Treasurer	VACANT	
Club Affairs Officer	Ahlam Ibrahim (AI)	P
Publicity Commissioner	Carmen Tan (CT)	P
Student Advocate	CK Chan (CC)	P
Senator	Sebastian Del Castillo (SDC)	P

Senator	Giovanni Jordan (GJ)	P
Senator	Josh P Villatoro (JPV)	P
Senator	Lindsey Wirgler (LW)	A
Senator	Josh Gumperz (JG)	P
Senator	Maa-Becca Tucker (MT)	A
Senator	Juniper Vintson (JV)	A

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

GJ motions to amend the agenda to change Item 6 - Class of 2025 Graduation Theme to ASLC Elections Update, JG seconds the motion.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

CT motions to approve the minutes, AI seconds the motion.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on matters not included on this agenda. **A maximum of 14 minutes (2 minutes per individual maximum) will be provided for speakers under this agenda item.** Requests to speak that cannot be honored within the time limit will be scheduled for subsequent meetings in the order received. Under the Brown Act, Council members are not allowed to discuss and/or take formal action at today’s meeting on items brought before them under this item. Council members are only allowed to respond briefly. Persons requesting to address an item included on the agenda will be called upon at the time the agenda item is considered by the Council, and comments on tangential issues not directly related to the item may be ruled out of order. Written statements can be submitted to the ASLC for inclusion in the minutes.

V. ASLC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1) S.O.U.P. Club Chartering (5 min)

S.O.U.P. Club Chartering & Constitution

Zoe - they/she - Support organizing uniting the people to come together in the same social and political climate we are in, we need a lot of support. Via communities. We're gonna come together at the QCC every Thursday. We will host workshops and share resources on knowing your rights and safety (on campus, outside, during protests). Constantly staying informed via email/Signal. We can create networks reaching out to clubs. Once everyone realizes we are intersectional and all need to help each other. Cultural medicine, cultural remedies, healing practices. Self soothing. Help everyone in the moment. Can help people on campus if they feel overwhelmed and those outside of campus who don't feel safe. We will give them a safe and proper way to do this. We eat soup as part of healing is nurturing yourselves.

CT motions to discuss, SDC seconds the motion.

MM - Do meetings have a structure?

Zoe - We do opening statements and a check in. Then whatever actions are given to us during the prior meeting, go over them if any updates. May go over avenues that may have networks.

SDC - Are you working with the UCRC?

Zoe - Our facilitator is working with them.

SDC - What kind of soup do you eat?

Zoe - Mexican, Italian, Guatemalan. Via forth bringing it to the meeting.

AI motion, SDC seconds the motion.

MM, AM, AI, CT, SDC, GJ, JPV, JG vote yes

CC & JG abstain.

Motion passed.

2) Student Safety by Dongliang (8 min)

Charisse Siu, president of Living Strong, presents their safety concerns. Had gathering 2 weeks ago and they were getting verbally abused by some students. More people want free food. Someone was telling others not to join their club during the same kind of gathering in cafeteria since it's still Chinese New Year. The club had games and prizes on the table but they weren't fully set up yet. Girl has grabbed stuff. Behind Charisse's back, they took food and prizes even though the club is not ready. She yelled at them even though the club said they are not to be taken. The girl said if stuff isn't meant to be taken, don't put stuff on there. She said racial discriminatory remarks towards the club, called them stupid, and took footage of them. First time they haven't seen stuff like that. Have seen issues at the Safety Listening Session on October 7 in the forum. People would harass/tease/verbally abuse others on campus.

FV - Did this event come up once or twice?

Charisse Siu - First one came three times. Second time, two Wednesdays ago. First time they saw her on campus. Attacking them verbally.

FV - Charisse is talking about Safety Listening Session we held. Abdul Pridgen, Interim Executive Director of Public Safety and Security, tried to back up on that and there wasn't a lot of answers on how Laney responds to verbal abuse.

Charisse Siu - It took a while for Marina security guard to come on campus.

MM - There's a Peralta Safety app where you can call security.

Charisse Siu - Has the app and even went to the department of Student Services to address this but neither are efficient. Which button should I go to for verbal abuse?

Atiya Rashada - This also has happened with QCC & BNC. Did send an email to Abdul PRidgen that he requested more security from 11-12 to have constant floating security in the building. It wasn't there. It was a result of incidents. We have a title 9 page - not clearest information. Always let Atiya know & coordinators know. Always write incident within 24 hours.

Charisse Siu - Has addressed the situation in 24 hours.

Atiya Rashada - Formally complaint?

Charise - Haven't heard from the president of Student Services.

Atiya - Can follow up for them and put demands out. Will help with security as we need security from 11-12.

FV - Best situation at the moment? Some kind of training?

Atiya - Invited ASLC to deescalation. Susan Yee wanted her to let everyone know. Basic Needs Center has it all the time. We shared it.

FV - De Escalation tools?

CT - Quick phone number can people call?

FV - 911.

MM - There's a security number.

Atiya Rashada - Has one and an email it. It should be in app as well.

FV - We'll try to get the number in there.

Atiya Rashada - Everyone give suggestions so Abdul Pridgen can update the app. We should also have the number in the cafeteria.

3) ASLC Membership Review of Attendance and Participation Re: Maa-Becca Tucker (2 min)

FV - Had a conversation with Maa-Becca. She decided to step down from her position. She thought it was fair for everyone to know.

JG - There was another applicant who was applying for senator at the same time as JPV. Can we reach back to them?

FV - Yes.

4) 3rd Floor Furniture Proposal (8 min)

[3rd Floor Activity Survey](#)

FV - Goes over three options for activities on the third floor of the student center. Decided to keep ping pong table, which costs \$703.37 and the safety net which costs \$50.70. Foosball - \$660.20. Pool table - \$730.90. Dislikes as it's large and will take space. Since air hockey requires electricity, we'll have to put cable right in the middle of the student center. Luckily, none of the three options require electricity. Also found cheaper prices for chairs she brought up during 2/10's meeting. \$11,854.08 for 8 chairs total. Chairs have wheels and the materials of them are easy to wipe. Also brings up bean bags again. Reminds ASLC they can easily break and may have to be replaced as we use them.

JG motions to discuss, CT seconds.

JG - Definitely like the idea and that the chairs are cheaper. Goes back to lay out to see the tables and if we can get rid of it.

FV - We don't wanna get rid of the table.

JPV - Foosball is the best option.

JG - We wouldn't need to buy a safety net.

AM - We already approved the bean bags during the last meeting, how do we change that here?

Atiya Rashada - Amend last week's meeting minutes.

CT - Can we do both bean bags and chairs?

MM - Dislikes bean bags as they are messy, can break, and get abused.

FV - We can get both. Hold a vote for the three activities.

Ping Pong - FV, SDC, JPV.

Foosball - MM, AM, AI, CT, GJ, JPV, JG.

Pool Table - No votes.

FV - Seems like foosball is the most popular. We're getting one table.

AI - Do one to experiment.

FV - Can we do that?

Atiya Rashada - Yes.

Chairs Vote: Fancy Chairs or Bean Bags.

Fancy Chairs - MM, AI, CT, CC, SDC, JPV, JG.

Bean Bags - No votes.

CC - Did AM send out survey? And was it for the chairs, activities, or both?

AM - Made it for activities and planned to send it out to students, since it seems as if we already chose on the chairs. Never sent it out as she wasn't sure when we needed it by.

MM made a motion to fund foosball on the third floor of the student center from fund 5 - 72 - 544 - 5106 - 1 - 696000 - 0000 - 00 not to exceed \$700. GJ seconded the motion.

MM, AM, CT, SDC, GJ, JPV, JG vote yes.

CC abstains.

Motion passes.

CT - Can we change 8 chairs to 6 chairs so we can keep tables on the side? Just in case students need it. They prefer chairs and desks separated.

Chairs Vote: 6 Chairs or 8 Chairs.

6 Chairs - AM, AI, CT, CC, SDC, GJ, JPV.

8 Chairs - MM & JG.

CT made a motion to fund six chairs on the third floor of the student center from fund 5 - 82 - 544 - 6403 - 1 - 696000 - 0000 - 00 not to exceed \$8000. AI seconded the motion.

AM, AI, CT, CC, SDC, GJ, JPV, JG vote yes.

MM abstains.

Motion passes.

ASLC amended the items they'd purchase from the bean bags on February 10 to a foosball table and six chairs.

5) Shared Governance Assignments (5 min)

[Participatory Governance Folder](#) > [ASLC Committee Assignment 24-25](#) & [ASLC Committee Meeting Times 24-25](#) & [Participatory Governance & Organization Manual 24-25](#)

FV - Has seen a few people haven't signed up, just wanted to remind everyone to sign up. Committees need our voice. CC's committee told her he did a great job at his meeting.

6) ASLC Elections Update (10 min)

CT - Applications closed on the 18th. All candidates are locked in. Moving into March 4th-7th, there'll be a candidates meeting where they learn how to campaign and how they should be doing. Campaign time from March 11 - April 7 where people sign petitions to approve all candidates and we approve all of them at once. For us, we can do that for them instead of them having to go out and get 50 signatures. ASLC is already 13 signatures. Club officers can do the remaining signatures. Applicant Results: 16 - Student Advocate, 15 - Senator, 9 - President, 2 - Internal Secretary, 1 - External Secretary, 4 - Treasurer, 2 - Club Affairs Officer, 0 - Vice President, 0 - Publicity Commissioner. Whoever gets the second most votes for president will probably be assigned vice president. It seems there was a miscommunication in the news, something along the lines of being a student advocate for joining ASLC. At the candidates

meeting, we will let them know that people can change the position they want to run for. They don't need to announce it at the meeting, they'll let us know. 49 candidates is a big improvement from last year. Created new campaign resources to help students get equal change campaigning during candidates meeting. Two new things: Campaign flier template & campaign flier examples for those who struggle to put creativity. They can use template that includes: goals, objectives, position, & previous experience. Shows examples of campaign fliers.

AI - Can people vote for you and take back their vote?

Atiya - Use Qualitric. Enter Student ID. You can change your vote before you click submit, but you can't after you submit; you can only vote once. On the ballot: Every 3 years, approving renewing bus passes.

7) Scholarship Categories/Amount Decision (8 min)

[Scholarship Categories Suggestions](#) & [ASLC Scholarship App SP24](#)

FV - Presents 5 Scholarship Categories: Financial Hardship, Undocumented Student, International Student, Student Leadership, & LGBTQ+. Two \$300 scholarships for each category for a total of \$3000.

MM - Can we merge undocumented student scholarships and international students into one?

AI - Disagrees with MM.

JG - If we merge them, is there another category we can choose from?

FV - It doesn't have to have 5 categories.

JPV - Can we reduce to 4? Feels \$300 isn't enough for a scholarship.

MM - Do 2 students get \$300?

FV - Each student gets \$300.

CT - Agrees with bumping up to \$500.

JPV - Keep them all.

CT - Keep the amount of scholarships, but raise the price.

FV - \$500 for a scholarship is fair. Bring up to \$500.

CT motions to raise the price of each scholarship from \$300 to \$500, JG seconds the motion.

Everyone votes yes.

MM abstains.

CC - Each person can only pick one category?

FV - Correct. Additionally, no ASLC member will be able to apply.

AI - Can we read them anonymously?

FV - We won't know who's gonna apply.

MM - For Financial Hardship, can we lower 12 units to 6 units? People struggling financially might not be able to take as many units as they'd like.

FV - Yes.

JG - Was wondering if we can change a category since someone suggested student academic excellence.

MM - Combine student leadership & student academic excellence.

CT - How would you pick? Would you pick someone who did both of them? Or one who did better student leadership or student academic excellence?

MM - One goes to student leadership and one goes to student academic excellence.

CC - Regarding MM's point, bringing units down from 12 to 6 is counterintuitive. We want specific students to apply for these scholarships. If we bring it down, it encourages a lot of people who are just taking classes for leisure. Reserve scholarships for those who have financial hardship and are taking a lot of units.

FV - A lot of people who struggle don't have a lot of time for 12 units. They are struggling with both financial aid and student hardship. Rest of the scholarships are 6 units, it'll make it fair.

CT - Hears CC's point. We should at least set the bar low to have as many applicants as possible. We can find applicants with a really high gpa and a financial hardship. Us as a team can filter out.

FV - We're gonna be reviewing their essays and see who really needs this and who's just doing it for the money.

MM made a motion to approve \$5000 to use as scholarship money for the current five scholarship categories from fund 5 - 72 - 544 - 5106 - 1 - 696000 - 0000 - 00. AI seconded the motion. Motion passes.

MM, AI, CT, CC, SDC, GJ, JPV vote yes.

AM & JG abstain.

Motion passes.

8) Event Ideas from ASLC Members (13 min)

[Events Info](#) & [ASLC Election Days - 4/8 & 4/9](#)

JG - Would like to do a hiking event. Not sure if ASLC can do events off campus since it would be open to the general student population. Knows clubs can.

Atiya - President has pushback. Umoja wanted an end of year event off campus. It was a liability and it had to become a field trip. If we're all meeting on our own, that's on us. We have to sign a contract if we're doing a field trip sponsored by ASLC.

JG - More of a liability if campus events. If we all meet on our own, we don't have to sign a contract. Will reach out to Atiya later.

Atiya - Quad's usually pretty empty. Wants ASLC to do events every now and then. Doesn't have to be super stressful. AI has been reminding clubs to do 2 events every semester.

MM - Wants to do monthly game day once a month during the months of March, April, and May. Soccer Nation wants one to do one day. Will propose some goals for a 3 by 3 in the quad. Second is a virtual one on the third floor of the student center. Third event will be board games.

CT - Voting for elections on March 4th - 7th. People can vote online. You can go get food.

JPV - Spoke on 2rd floor with G. Queer event. March 4th-5th. Scan qr code. Budget of \$25. You can go over there. LatinX club will have its first meeting tomorrow. Legal advices, activities, etc.

CC - Uses Point of Privilege to leave the meeting.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

This time is reserved for any ASLC Members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. **A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and (15) fifteen minutes total shall be observed. NO** action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended.

The meeting ended at 4:31 pm.