

Associated Students of Laney College

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 3, 2025

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Student Center, 4th floor, Room 401

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

Members of the public may address the Council on any item within the Council's jurisdiction. Members of the public must be recognized by the presiding officer to address the Council. A summary of Council rules concerning communications from the public is available from the ASLC Secretary of External Affairs at the meetings. Persons addressing items included on the agenda will be heard at the time the item is considered. Persons requesting to address items or subjects which are not on this agenda will be heard under the agenda item "Communications from Members of the Public." Assistance will be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Interested persons must request the accommodation at least 48 hours before the meeting with the ASLC Secretary of External Affairs. **Laney College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ancestry, citizenship, national origin, military or veteran status, disability, marital status, pregnancy, medical condition, and immigration status.**

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)	EA
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)	EA
Senator	VACANT	
Senator	Juniper Vintson (JV)	A

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

CC motions to swap the order of item 2) We Will Rise Recovery Club Chartering and 3) Basic Needs Survey & Food Vouchers, CT seconds the motion. The agenda order is now: 2) Basic Needs Survey & Food Vouchers & 3) We Will Rise Recovery Club Chartering.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

CT motions to approve the minutes, GJ 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) Theatre Arts & Shows by Professor Torres (10 min)

Professor Torres - Wants to explore how we could help each other and work with each other. Is in charge of the theater and runs the department. Lots of success in theater. Students are now professional actors in Bay Area. Is willing to come back to discussion. Even with all the hard work they're doing, audience attendance is really poor, which sort of breaks his heart. Sees how hard ASLC is working. Theater students have such a high success rate. Exclusive scholarship to SFSU just for Laney. Two year ride and once a year. One student will go and study at SFSU for free. A lot of great things happening with them. Support we get from the school is poor. Before covid, they had good audiences & seats filled up. Got gutted by covid. Last year their primary focus audience was the community. Now wants school, then community. Wants school to learn to support. Championship football team is something not a lot of people knew about. Same goes for theater. Wants to offer us all free tickets to all our shows. He can also give us free tickets to see free plays all around Bay Area. Was wondering if FV could compile a list so he can give tickets to ASLC. Theater is an art form that's a bartering thing. Open up conversations as what would be interesting to us and that space. Organize. Talent shows have been attempted in the past. Organizing them and making sure they look really great. We might have great ideas. We can continue that conversation. Frida saw a play of ours.

FV - A Sad Kind of Love Story - wonderful - encourage everyone to attend

Professor Torres - Rebellious radical on what we think is platform. Talking to people around our age. Things that happen within relationships. Their next play: The Cannon. World premiere which hasn't been produced anywhere. Working with playwright to develop play. Pretty much looking theatrical canon that most theatres produce around the world that is male centric. Worked pieces for a female centric. Everything lives inside of literature. Sort of owns it. Even if you don't know these plays. 15 mins and comedy. Much safer to work on a drama. Laney is also the only school that doesn't have a marquee. Has been here for 20 years & never seen them here.

Atiya Rashada - Where is the marquee?

Professor Torres - New entrance where the flag is. Indoors giant marquee.

FV - We have several clubs and closer communication with them. Maybe we can tell them. They can do work and spread it around.

Professor Torres - Our plays are free to ASLC and everyone in ASLC. More important to witness each other and each other's art. When you leave the place and continue on. Foster good habits.

FV - How many can we extend this invitation to?

Professor Torres - As many people as wanted. Everybody. We just need lists who's interested.

FV - Look for a flyer and post it on Instagram.

Professor Torres - Starts at the end of March. Perfect for women's history month. Perfect rebellion against what's happening to us.

FV - To ASLC: Contact me, email me, just let me know how would you like me to promote the theater department.

Professor Torres - Oakland is very talented. Could use lights and sound. So it looks professional. Women's history month. Club event we can work on. Speeches women centric to read. POC months throughout the year. Could collab on what that would look like.

2) Basic Needs Survey & Food Vouchers (10 min)

MM - Wanted to bring forward to ASLC. Food vouchers on campus. Basic Needs provides them. Katrina had a convo on issues they had. Lot of misuse of these food vouchers that are in place. Came up with the idea to buy food vouchers to take heap off Katrina, which'll create a new system in order to create fairness. Katrina always has to get berated by someone. We take that responsibility on ourselves. Had to try and show this fairness.

Katrina Santos - BNC coordinator who currently offers food vouchers. Each learning community gets \$50 a week. Not a lot. Program coordinator distributes them. We haven't really set up a super tight way of distributing them. First come first serve. \$50 isn't gonna cover students in each area. Many people are getting from different learning communities. Students don't ever give them out. Students are complaining as to why they aren't getting one. Adding more through ASLC. Currently probably spend \$2000 a month on what she can distribute. Very pricey. A \$50 per area. Does take a lot of money to have that program.

We Will Rise Recovery Club Representative - Suggests odd number system. Make it rotate.

Katrina Santos - Have talked to all coordinators. Not gonna tell them how they need to do it. Can't really tell who needs what. Only fair that you spread them out.

FV - MM mentioned a lot of vouchers go to learning communities. Try to cover them with those vouchers.

CT - Is it still a rule for a student to have one every week?

Atiya - Initially stated 1 per week. May not see 1 student for a week. Rules has been violated ever since. Really hard to manage. Umoja - 1 week. 1 every 2 weeks. More students have the opportunity. Everything was free last year. Moving forward, there is a system they are planning to do next year. Sign in system for food bank.

MM - In the short term, if we are to buy food vouchers. 1 student per week. We will be able to get data. If we have form, we will see who we gave them out to. We put QR code. ASLC members will show this form. Students just have to fill out a few questions. Create a spread sheet and automatically put their data. If they lie to us and put a different dat, we can see when they did it. Form automatically updates. 200-300 vouchers for \$240. We have a budget of money to spend.

Katrina - Don't have to do \$12, she's just offering some more expensive stuff. Up to us.

CC - Aware of Basic Needs Center distributing these to communities. Food traffic is immense. If we're taking the responsibility. All of the individual ASLC members are taking into responsibility who approaches them at any time of the day. Are we ready for this procedure?

MM - Some of us have QR code. Not available to everyone. We send them to someone. Not a perfect plan. We're not taking people from learning communities. People who have access to QR code will be small. Vouchers will be available from a certain time period.

CC - Still confused on this change. The entire responsibility from ASLC contributing as a part for people who don't get food from learning communities. We might need volunteers to do this.

Katrina Santos - It's time consuming with students coming all the time. Something set up rotating so someone isn't spending their whole day.

FV - Figure out how much we are approving and if we are going to move forward with this.

CC - Start small & give it a try to see if we have capacity to do this. Then implement it into our schedule. So anyone can walk to us & talk about the vouchers.

Katrina Santos - BNC survey comes every year. Food, housing, etc. Takes about 10-15 mins. We'll have raffles, gift cards, giveaways. Fill it out & take a screenshot. Ends in 3 weeks.

3) We Will Rise Recovery Club Chartering (5 min)

[We Will Rise Recovery Club Rechartering & We Will Rise Recovery Club Constitution](#)

Janelle, president of the We Will Rise Recovery Club, presents the club. It has a mental health

component where they work with the wellness center & do wellness activities. They do club events. They also have speakers. There's also an art component, where they make pictures. Our student advisor is Vincent Garret and Susan Yee who is their side advisor. Meet on Thursdays from 12 pm - 1 pm in A140.

We Will Rise Recovery Club Representative - Person who started the club last semester left, so roles have been up in the air. They have a pretty steady 10 people. Had only 3 at first. Have some resources. Don't know about snacks, have just been bringing coffee. Never been part of a club or chartered before. Finding this interesting. Hoping they can get started. Wants students to get involved and make an impact.

FV - If you would like anything else with coffee, you can come to us for food.

MM motions, GJ seconds the motion.

Everyone votes yes.

We Will Rise Recovery Club is rechartered.

4) ASLC Election Days (10 min)

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

FV - Hosting our table at the quad. Distributing some food. April 8th and 9th will just be voting, no more campaigning. Students will be voting on proposition A. There'll be a bus shuttle program between Peralta campuses.

MM - Suggests cheese sandwiches for food.

FV - We will choose and approve food during our next meeting.

5) Basketball Tournament (10 min)

[Basketball Tournament Folder](#) > [Basketball Tournament Slide](#)

FV - Updated her slide from last semester. April 18 is the tentative date for the tournament. Facilities said there might be another event on the date. Might push 1 week before or after 1 week after so it doesn't interfere. Who can participate: Students from all Peralta colleges & faculty and staff from Laney. Possible Prizes: Laney merch, bookstore gift card, trophy or medals. Snacks: popcorn machine, drinks: water is needed. Talked with coaches with track teams. Might be willing to do some referring. Format for game playing. 3x3 get us way quicker. Form request for captain, two players, college, student or faculty/staff. 4th player (optional) in case someone gets tired. Rules are at the bottom of the form. Liability form in order to play. Right at the entrance. As long as you fill out form you can play. Wants to make sure everyone is

free.

GJ - Time window?

FV - 10 am - 3pm? Depends. Hopefully longer.

GJ - Can probably make it, just has some committee meetings during that window.

CT - For promotion, how do you want to publicize it, if you aren't sure you're closing form on April 11th. Just got information there might be an event. We can set the window bigger. Closes one week before the tournament. Some flyers and tiktok videos.

MM - Are you in contact with any publicity affairs officers from other campuses?

CT - No.

MM - We just need to reach out to them so we can promote it. Avoid newsletter since not a lot people read their email.

CC - Form is created for people to sign up with captain and can tell people to fill out. Based on ASLC members, we spread words within classes. Recruit some to be a team captain. If they're interested, we can just count on them to be interested. Once we have rough number, we can reach out to them. Is also in direct contact with BCC student advocate. Everyone from there can participate. They can help as well.

FV - Talked with LW a few weeks ago. Can talk with women on women's basketball team. Other presidents from the governments can help host it.

MM - The form looks long. We don't have to change it, but the team captain has to fill out all the info for the team. Instead of having one form, create a general form for each student. Put into spreadsheets. Sort it by team name. One big form. Team captain tells their members.

FV - It might be confusing as we get data. Each student submitting their own. Should we change form to make it personal?

CT - Agrees with MM. If all 4 of us were on a team & chose the same team name, we can just sort it. They can have different options. Can we send message out to all students?

Atiya - We can look at how we send it out. Reaching out to all ASLC's. Athletic departments, clubs have it. Such a a great idea.

CT motions to vote for ASLC to continue talking about Basketball Tournament, CC seconds the motion.

Everyone votes yes.

6) Graduation Theme (5 min)

2025 Graduation Theme Ideas & Past Graduation Themes

FV - Shows list of graduation themes. She got some suggestions & some she came up with. We can decide which will be the best.

JPV - Likes 1.

FV - Elaboration on your theme?

JPV - Housing situation. Distribution of information. More connected with minorities. We vote together. Voices united, change ignited means we'll give them a proper future.

FV - Holds a vote for Graduation Theme.

1 - JPV, GJ, SDC

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 - No votes

FV - It seems like most of us are unsure of what to vote.

Atiya - We can stretch it till March 10. Though it seems like most of you are leaning towards 1.

MM - Put it on the March 10 agenda & see overall temperature.

CT - Bias towards one. It's short. Not a long sentence. Voices united, change ignited.

FV - Send to Signal. We can argue which one will be the best. Go through it and make a decision on March 8.

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 4:32 pm.