

**Associated Students of Cerritos College**  
**Regular Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

**Location: LC 155**

**Zoom Conference Link**

(for members of the public or guests, voting members must attend in person):

<https://cerritos-edu.zoom.us/j/88937142801?pwd=T2NZazZEOXVHMUNWZnV2RXk0d251UT09&from=addon>

**I. Organizational Items**

**I.01 Call to Order**

Vice President Pro Tempore Dunomes called the meeting to order at 2:11 pm.

**I.02 Roll Call**

Quorum is met at 19/23

Present (22): Abrokwa-Agyei, Alamgir, Dunomes, A. Flores, F. Flores, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Mejia, Murillo, Ochoa, Oregon, Poliquin-Hernandez, Ramos, Rivera, Reyes, Vasquez, Villalobos, Yim.

Late (0)

Absent (4): Bui, Moran, Oliva, Pitts

Excused (0)

**I.03 Approval of Minutes**

Senator Ochoa moves to approve the minutes from December 6, 2023. Seconded by Senator Vasquez, no objections, the motion passes

**I.04 Approval of Agenda**

Senator Poliquin-Hernandez moves to postpone item III.05 Board of Trustees Meeting Update until next week. Seconded by Senator Rivera, no objection, the motion passes.

Senator Hernandez moves to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Senator Abrokwa, no objection the motion passes.

**II. Public Forum**

This time is reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate on issues of concerns, public comment, future events, fundraisers, and any topic relating to Cerritos College and their constituents. A limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and nine (9) minutes per topic will be enforced. This is not a time for discussion by the ASCC Senate; however, the Vice President or Senators may respond to specific questions and concerns made by the public.

- Senator Abrokwa: those who signed up for Rules and Regulations Committee meet after Senate meeting to talk about few things before the first meeting.

- ICC Director Jorge Diaz: Movie Event tomorrow. Ratatouille starts at 5pm, and the first 100 students will get The Habit. Movie giveaway 1 pair of Disneyland Tickets. Bring chairs, water, friends and family. Club Rush is on Tuesday, January 23 at the Student Center from 11am to 1pm. First 100 that check out 3 clubs get The Habit.
- Director of Sustainability Dante Gaffield: wants to do a survey on asking what do students need to increase student engagement. Concern that Science building Wi-Fi is not working.
- Professor Ramos: LCP Learning Career pathway reps for Business pathway, he's happy to answer any questions you have for him.
- Former Director of Equity and Diversity Amy Parker: congratulations on recent passed resolutions. Thanks to Senator Hernandez and Director Gaffield for bringing up the plastic turf resolution.

### **III. New Business**

#### **III.01 Senate Inauguration, Action Item**

New ASCC Senators will be inaugurated by President Pro Tempore Dunomes.

Three new ASCC Senators introduced themselves and were sworn in:  
Ranielle Gomez, Natalie Diaz, Matthew Sanchez

#### **III.02 Student Health Fee Increase, Information & Discussion Item, 25 minutes**

The Senate shall receive a presentation on the proposal to adjust the Student Health Fee at Cerritos College to align with the Community College Chancellor's Office 2023-2024 Health Fee, seeking an increase to \$26.00 per semester and \$22.00 for the summer for enhanced mental health and healthcare services.

Dr Chris Elquizabal, Dean of Student Accessibility & Wellness Services provided an overview of the Student Health Services, and a proposed Student Health Fee increase to support operations of the center and increased mental health services.

#### **III.03 Financial Aid Updates, Information Item, 20 minutes**

Financial Aid representatives will provide updates for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Financial Aid Outreach Coordinator Ismael Zapata presented about updates for 2024-2025 FAFSA application.

#### **III.04 Spring 2024 Awards Committee Senate Representatives, Information & Action Item, 20 minutes.**

The Senate was informed on information related to the 2024 Spring Awards, and acted on appointing three (3) members to the committee.

Open nominations for Senators to nominate themselves or someone else.

Nominees were provided 30 seconds to state why they should be appointed.

Voting Results, each Senator voted for 3 people:

Abrokwa 7: Abrokwa, Alamgir, Diaz, F. Flores, Murillo, Villalobos, Yim

- Ochoa 18: Abrokwa, Alamgir, Diaz, Dunomes, A. Flores, F. Flores, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Murillo, Ochoa, Ordonez, Oregon, Ramos, Reyes, Rivera, Sanchez, Villalobos, Yim.
- Ramos 20: Abrokwa, Diaz, Dunomes, A. Flores, F. Flores, Gomez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Murillo, Ochoa, Ordonez, Oregon, Poliquin-Hernandez, Ramos, Reyes, Rivera, Sanchez, Vasquez, Villalobos, Yim.
- Rivera 9: A. Flores, Gomez, Hernandez, Oregon, Poliquin-Hernandez, Reyes, Rivera, Sanchez, Vasquez
- Dunomes 9: Alamgir, Dunomes, Gomez, Gonzalez, Ochoa, Ordonez, Poliquin-Hernandez, Ramos, Vasquez.

Senators Ochoa (18 votes) and Ramos (20 votes) are appointed, with a run-off between Rivera and Dunomes.

- Rivera 11: Abrokwa, Diaz, Dunomes, Hernandez, Murillo, Oregon, Poliquin-Hernandez, Rivera, Sanchez, Vasquez, Yim
- Dunomes 9: Alamgir, A. Flores, Gomez, Gonzalez, Ochoa, Ordonez, Ramos, Reyes, Villalobos.

Senator Rivera (11 votes) is selected as the third appointee from Senate.

## **IV. Senate Reports**

### **IV.01 Advisor Report – Advisor Miller**

- Welcome Back, and welcome 3 new Senators.
- Students can apply for Senate on FaconSync thru Senator application throughout the entire year, and as openings come up students will be appointed.
- Retirement of ASCC Accountant Phu Ngyuen was announced. Phu has been the ASCC account technician in Business Services for 23.5 years. Will work with Senate to see if we can do a recognition gift vase or plaque.

### **IV.02 Legislative Report**

None

### **IV.03 Executive Report \_ Dean Miller on behalf of President Frausto**

President Frausto is interviewing candidates for the Vice President role. Interviews are this week and there are 5 candidates. Senate must approve appointee with two-thirds vote, to be on the agenda next week.

### **IV.04 Judicial Report – Chief Justice Chun**

- Cal State and UC application update
- Apply for private schools
- Chief Justice Serafina office hours open every Friday from 12pm - 2pm
- CC foundation Scholarship deadline 3/1
- Follow ASCC TikTok @ASCCStudentGov
- Working on student government handbook

- Appeal for Finale grade

#### **IV.05 Student Trustee Report**

None

#### **IV.06 Party Whip Report – Senator Ramos**

- Shout out to our facilitators on the retreatment thanks Dean Miller it was a great experience
- FoodBank volunteer spots are still open on January 24 if interested in volunteering let Dean Miler know.
- Movie Night volunteer spots still available, tomorrow at 5pm, just show up!
- Valentine Dance on February 9th at 6pm until 9pm, Cabinet will be looking for volunteers.
- If you have friends who want to sign up on FalconSync to join Cabinet there are still open position for Chief of Staff, Director of Athletics, and Director of Academic Affairs.

#### **IV. 07 Faculty Senate Liaison Report**

The first meeting is set for next Tuesday, more to report next week.

#### **IV. 08 Senator Reports**

- Senator Gonzalez: Chair of the Orientation Board welcomes the new Senators and asks them to stay after the Senate meeting to negotiate what time he can hold the meeting to train them. Welcomes anyone who wants to join the Orientation Board.

### **V. Announcements**

**V.01 Movie Night** – Ratatouille – Thursday, January 18, 2024, 5pm, Falcon Square

**V.02 ASCC Cabinet meeting** - Monday, January 22, 2024, 2:00 pm, AP 12

**V.03 ASCC Court meeting** – Tuesday, January 23, 12:00 pm, AP 12

**V.04 ASCC Senate meeting** - Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 pm, LC155

### **VI. Adjournment**

Vice President Pro Tempore Dunomes adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm.