

Associated Students of Cerritos College

Regular Senate Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

2:00 PM

Zoom Conference

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I. Organizational Items

I.01 Call to Order

Vice President Avila called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

I.02 Roll Call

I.02a Present (12):

Senators Avila, Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Medrano, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo, and Uraizee. Advisors Madueno & Miller.

I.02b Excused Absent (0)

I.02c Non-Excused Absent (0)

I.02d Tardy (1):

Senator Montes de Oca

I.03 Approval of Minutes

Senator Hernandez moves to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes, seconded by Senator Ramos. No objections, motion passes.

I.04 Approval of Agenda

Senator Guerra moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator Avila. No objections, motion passes.

II. Public Forum

Bruce Twersky, App Builder U. App for Student Government, and can include discounts. Can provide agendas, officer directory, push notifications. Is possible to make it tied to those who pay activity fee. VP Avila will follow up with Mr. Twersky for a possible presentation to the Senate.

III. New Business

III.01 Feedback on Proposal to Establish an Access to Completion through Equity (ACE) Committee, Information/Discussion Item, 30 minutes

The Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Services requested feedback on the proposal to establish a new committee on campus to replace the Student Equity, SSSP, and Developmental Education Committees by combining them into one.

Senator Rodriguez moves to table III.01 until the presenters arrive, seconded by Senator Hernandez. No objections, motion passes. Item tabled at 2:18pm.

Senator Hernandez moves to pick up item III.01 from the table, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes. Item resumes at 2:35pm.

III.02 Review of Revised Budget Request, Action Item, 20 minutes

The Senate reviewed the revised budget requests for Child Development, Commercial Music, and Concerts & Festivals.

Senator Marquez moves to approve the revised Child Development funding request, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Hernandez moves to approve the revised Commercial Music funding request, seconded by Senator McLaughlin. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Marquez moves to approve the revised Concerts & Festivals funding request, seconded by Senator Gutierrez. No objections, motion passes.

III.03 Constitution and Bylaw Revision Task Force, Action Item, 10 minutes

The ASCC Senate will act on JL-2021-03, a Joint Legislation to establish a task force dedicated to revising the ASCC Constitution and Bylaws.

Senator Gutierrez moves to strike:

- ASCC President
- ASCC Vice President
- ACCC Chief Justice
- Two (2) Senators, appointed by the Vice President
- One (1) Cabinet member, appointed by the President
- One (1) Court member, appointed by the Chief Justice

and insert:

- Two (2) Executive Branch Members
- Two (2) Legislative Branch Members
- Two (2) Judicial Branch Members

Seconded by Senator Marquez. Objected by Senator Montes de Oca because she feels the original legislation was more beneficial. Discussion:

- Senator Gutierrez feels that the proposed legislation favors the Cabinet, because the President, Vice President, and Chief Justice (all Cabinet members) and an additional Cabinet member means there would be 4 representatives from Cabinet, making an uneven representation of this area on the taskforce. He feels all branches should have equal representation. Believe that the government should be viewed as branches, and not specific bodies.

Senator Hernandez moves to extend time by 15 minutes, seconded by Senator Guerra. No objection, motion passes.

- Discussion held that the proposed changes may result in ties, with 2 member from each branch. Some members express that may not be a bad thing, may lead to consensus. Although may also lead to deadlock.
- Discussion held about the urgency of taking action on the legislation, so that the taskforce can start work. Concern about impact on current elections brought forth. Desire to be both quick, but also diligent.

Senator Hernandez moves to extend time by 5 minutes to the maximum of 20 minutes extended time allowed by the standing rules, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes.

- Discussion on whether the VP could sit on the branch – answer is yes, if he is selected by the President to represent the Executive Branch.
- Discussion on who would determine the members of the task force. Clarified that would need to be defined through an amendment to the proposed amendment.

Senator Montes de Oca move to previous question (end discussion and move to vote on proposed amendment), seconded by Senator Rodriguez. Objected by Senator Gutierrez, because he feels the discussion on the composition of the committee is not sufficiently determined and Senators need to have the opportunity to fully debate issue.

Ayes (move to previous question) (2): Avila, Montes de Oca
Nay (continue discussion) (10): Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Medrano, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo

With 10 nay votes the motion fails. Discussion will continue.

Senator Gutierrez moves to suspend the standing rules – so that there is no limit on discussion/debate time, seconded by Senator Hernandez. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Rodriguez moves to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Gutierrez. No objections, motion passes.

- Clarification that the Vice President and Chief Justice are Cabinet members.
- Possibly the Senate can consider increasing the number of representatives from each branch – i.e. 3 members from each branch.
- Discussion held on who would appoint members.
- Discussion that having the legislation more defined on who would be involved is preferred.

Senator Rodriguez moves to extend time by 10 minutes, second by Senator Hernandez. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Gutierrez moves to amend the amendment, by striking

- Two (2) Executive Branch Members
- Two (2) Legislative Branch Members
- Two (2) Judicial Branch Members

And un-striking (reinstating)

- ASCC President
- ASCC Vice President
- ACCC Chief Justice
- appointed by the Vice President
- One (1) Court member, appointed by the Chief Justice

and insert:

- Voted on by the Senate after “Two (2) Senators”

Seconded by Senator Rodriguez.

Senator Rodriguez moves to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Marquez via objection. Senator Guerra objected because he feels the item has been discussed enough and the meeting should move on.

Ayes (move to previous question) (0)

Nay (continue discussion) (9): Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo

With 9 nay votes the motion fails, discussion time will not be extended.

Voting on the amendment to the amendment.

Ayes (approve the amendment to the amendment, which would revise the main motion on the initial amendment) (9): Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, McLaughlin, Montes de Oca, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo.

Nay (do not approve the amendment to the amendment) (0)

With 9 aye votes the motion passes, the new amendment will be as proposed.

Voting on the main motion – adopting the amendments to the proposed legislation.

Ayes (adopt the revised amendment into the legislation) (2): Guerra, Gutierrez.

Nay (do not adopt the amendments, and keep the original legislation) (7): Hernandez, McLaughlin, Montes de Oca, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo

With 7 nay votes, to 2 aye votes, the motion fails and the amendment to the legislation is not adopted.

III.04 Who We Are Activity, Discussion Item, 30 minutes

Vice President Avila will guide the ASCC Senate through a reflection exercise.

Senator Rodriguez moves to postpone until next week, seconded by Senator Montes de Oca. No objections, motion passes.

IV. Senate Reports

IV.01 Advisor Report

- Great discussion today.
- Remember this body is the Senate and we want to hear your voices.
- Thank you to those who participated in the LA Regional Food Bank distribution!

IV.02 Legislative Report

- Thank you for discussion and efforts today.
- Budget request forms for 2020-2021 are out, be sure to let you clubs know about it.

IV.03 Executive Report

- Not present at time of report

IV.04 Judicial Report

- ASCC Election Info session on Feb 2th at 12pm during Court meeting time.
- ASCC Talent Show on February 12th at 6pm – come show your talents!
- ASCC Town Hall February 10th at 4:30pm

IV.05 Student Trustee Report

- Not present

IV.06 Faculty Senate Liaison

- Student concern with Proctorio, and consent to video recording.
Recommended a notification in schedule of classes, so folks are aware of requirement before enrolling. Faculty Senate will look to add notation.

IV.07 Delegate Report

- No Report

IV.08 Party Whip

- No Report

IV.09 Treasurer Report

- Not present

IV.10 Senator Reports

Senator Rodriguez: Please be active in your clubs.

Senator Gutierrez: Join Model UN, Next meeting February 23rd, planning on going to UCLA conference virtually.

Senator Ramos: Geography Club first meeting, Feb 8th, created their own website.

V. Announcements

V.01 ASCC Cabinet meeting - Monday, February 1, 2021, 2:00 pm

V.02 ASCC Court meeting - Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 11:00 am

V.03 ASCC Senate meeting - Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 2:00 pm

VI. Adjournment

Vice President Avila adjourns the meeting at 4:34 p.m.