

Associated Students of Cerritos College

Regular Senate Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

2:00 PM

Zoom Conference

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I. Organizational Items

I.01 Call to Order

Vice President Avila calls the meeting to order at 2:06pm.

I.02 Roll Call

I.02a Present (10): Senators Avila, Guerra, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Montes de Oca, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo. Advisors Madueno & Miller.

I.02b Excused Absent (0)

I.02c Non-Excused Absent (0)

I.02d Tardy (3): Senators Gutierrez, Medrano, & Uraizee.

I.03 Approval of Minutes

Senator Hernandez moves to approve the January 27, 2021 minutes, seconded by Senator Marquez. No objections, motion passes.

I.04 Approval of Agenda

Senator Hernandez moves to amend the agenda by postponing item III.02 Cabinet Inauguration until next meeting, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Rodriguez moves to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Senator Ramos. No objections, 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.

No comments.

III. New Business

III.01 Senate Inauguration, Action Item, 5 minutes.

Spring 2021 ASCC Senators will be inaugurated by Vice President Avila.
Vice President Avila swore in Senator Jay Perez.

~~III.02 Inauguration of Executive Cabinet, Action Item, 5 minutes~~

~~The ASCC Senate will approve the 2020-2021 Executive Cabinet members, and those approved will be sworn in by the ASCC Chief Justice.~~

III.03 Introduction of Director, Diversity, Compliance, and Title IX Coordinator, Information, 10 minutes.

Dr. Lauren Elan Helsper, the new Director, Diversity, Compliance, and Title IX Coordinator introduced herself and provide an overview of services from her office.

III.04 App Builder U presentation, Information Item, 15 minutes.

President of App Builder U, Bruce Twersky informed the Senate about the company's application.

Senator Guerra moves to table item III.04, seconded by Senator Uraizee. No objections, motion passes.

3:09pm return to speaker.

III.05 Review of Revised Budget Request, Action Item, 10 minutes.

The Senate reviewed the revised budget request for Cerritos College Reads.

Senator Marquez moves to approve the Cerritos College Read revised funding request, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes.

IV. Unfinished Business

IV.01 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 Guerra moves to amend the legislation by striking the last three bullet points:

- 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 inserting "Four (4) Senators, appointed by the Senate".

Seconded by Senator Medrano.

Discussion

- How would we ensure diversity of thought, with only Senators?
- Senators are elected by students, so they can better represent student body. Instead of those appointed by President.

Senator Marquez moves to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Montes de Oca. No objections, motion passes.

Discussion

- 4 senators would exclude other branches, and legislation comes back to Senate anyway, so will be able to provide feedback and make changes.

Senator Marquez moves to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Guerra. Senator Rodriguez moves to amend the motion by striking 10 and inserting 5, seconded by Senator Ramos. Objected by Senator Marquez.

Aye – extend time by 5 mins (instead of 10): Senators Avila, Ramos, Rodriguez

Nay – keep it at 10 minutes: Senators Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Medrano, Montes de Oca, Orellana, Rotondo, Perez

With 3 Ayes and 10 Nays the motion fails, amendment not made.

Vote on main motion (the extension of time by 10 minutes):

Aye – extend time by 10 minutes: Senators Avila, Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Medrano, Montes de Oca, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo, Perez

Nay – not extend time: 0

With 13 Ayes and 0 Nays the motion passes, time is extended by 10 minutes.

Senator Medrano moves to un-strike last 2 bullets

- One (1) Cabinet member, appointed by the President
- One (1) Court member, appointed by the Chief Justice

Seconded by Senator Gutierrez. Objected by Senator Perez. Wants roll call vote.

Aye – adopt amendment to the amendment (put back cabinet and court members, along with existing Pres, VP, CJ, 4 senators): Senators Guerra, Hernandez, Marquez, McLaughlin, Medrano, Montes de Oca,

Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo

Nay – Keep current amendment (Pres, VP, CJ, 4 senators): Senators Avila, Gutierrez, Perez, Uraizee

With 10 Ayes and 4 Nays motion passes, amendment to the amendment approved.

Discussion

- Still feels too much representation by the President because of the number of their appointees on the task force. Feels Senate should go back to original amendment from last meeting to focus on equal representation of the three branches.

Senator Rodriguez moves to table item to go to App Builder U speaker, seconded by senator Marquez. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Gutierrez moves to pick up item IV.01 from the table, seconded by Senator Medrano. No objections, motion passes.

Senator Hernandez moves to suspend the rules of the day (to remove time extension limit of 20 minutes max), seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objections, motion passes.

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

Discussion

- Senate is getting caught up in ‘voted’ versus ‘appointed’. Just because appointed does not mean they are any less able/willing to voice student concerns. A number of Senators were also appointed.
- 8 out of 13 current Senators were appointed by the President.
- We need to be fast with this, concerned about task force size.
- People appointed were appointed by President, so feel those members are more likely to vote a certain way.
- Think we should take our time and not rush, to make sure revisions done well.
- Senate is the most accountable branch to the students.
- Clarification to earlier comment – there is a desire to get this vote done as fast as possible so task force can get going, not that the taskforce should necessarily rush.

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

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

Discussion

- PRO: Two (2) Senators, appointed by the Vice President
 - Makes the make-up more balanced, without whole senate part of selection process
- CON: Two (2) Senators, appointed by the Vice President
 - VP is a member of the Executive Branch (Cabinet). If VP appoints the Senators they may not be fully represented (better for Senate to vote on membership)
- PRO: Four (4) Senators, appointed by the Senate
 - Need more representation by student legislature. If more Senators involved, makes it more likely to pass when comes to Senate.
 - Senate is the largest branch and the legislative branch should be more involved
- CON: Four (4) Senators, appointed by the Senate
 - May make committee too large, too many scheduling conflicts possible.
 - Does not allow for equal representation among the branches.

Senator Gutierrez moves to limit speak time to ~~30 seconds~~ 1 minute per Senator, seconded by Senator Marquez. No objection, motion passes as amended.

Senator Rodriguez moves to amend to strike 30 seconds and insert 1 minute, seconded by Senator Hernandez. No objections.

Senator Marquez moves to postpone the item to next meeting, seconded by Senator Guerra. Objected by Senator Perez, who wants a roll call.

AYE – Postpone the item to next meeting: Senators Avila, Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Marquez, Medrano, Orellana, Ramos, Rotondo, Perez

NAY – Continue discussion: Montes de Oca, Rodriguez

With a vote of 10 Ayes to 2 Nays the motion passes, and the item is postponed.

IV.02 Who We Are Activity, Discussion Item, 30 minutes

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

Senator Gutierrez moves to postpone item, seconded by Senator Marquez. Objected by Senator Hernandez, it has already been postponed. ~~No objections, motion passes.~~

Senator Marquez moves to amend the motion to postpone the item indefinitely, seconded by Senator Gutierrez. Objected by Senator Rodriguez, providing these types of activities to the Senate is beneficial.

AYE (postpone indefinitely – i.e. forever, not do it): Senator Marquez

NAY (just postpone for some point in the future): Senators Guerra, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Medrano, Orellana, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rotondo, Perez

With 1 Aye and 9 Nays the motion fails, amendment to motion not accepted.

V. Senate Reports

V.01 Advisor Report

- ASCC Pres/VP applications open Feb 10th
- APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Week is coming up
- Black History Month is in February – watch out for event announcements

V.02 Legislative Report

- Great discussion. We are debating about structure of the Constitution & Bylaw revision taskforce, not its importance, which is good.
- Foundation scholarships open until Feb 28th – check them out!

V.03 Executive Report

- Not present

V.04 Judicial Report

- Court hosting ASCC Elections Info Session on February 9th at 12pm. Please consider running!

V.05 Student Trustee Report

- Foundation scholarships are open – please apply!
- Board of Trustees meeting tonight @7pm
- Participated in an opportunity to speak with legislators this week

V.06 Faculty Senate Liaison

- Not present

V.07 Delegate Report

- Not present

V.08 Party Whip

- Not present

V.09 Treasurer Report

- 2021-2022 ASCC Funding Requests are due February 11, 2021.
- First ASCC Budget & Finance Committee Meeting is February 19th at 11am via zoom.

V.10 Senator Reports

- **Senator Marquez** – Encourage senators to participate in clubs. Also – all folks should consider joining the Forensics team - 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Join ALPFA, Geography, Accounting Club, so many to choose from! Make sure clubs survive (and thrive) by getting involved.
- **Senator Ramos** – (message for Senator Marquez: a z is just a s backwards)
Student Programming Board Game Night – Friday Feb 5th at 5pm. Geography Club meeting is Monday at 12pm – amazing guest speaker, please join.

VI. Announcements

V.01 ASCC Cabinet meeting - Monday, February 8, 2021, 2:00 pm

V.02 ASCC Court meeting - Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 11:00 am

V.03 ASCC Senate meeting - Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 2:00 pm

VII. Adjournment

Vice President Avila adjourns the meeting at 4:26pm.