

# Associated Students of Cerritos College

## Regular Senate Meeting

### MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

2:00 PM

Zoom Conference

Link: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94769659674?from=msft>

Call-in information: US: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 947 6965 9674

#### I. Organizational Items

##### I.01 Call to Order

Vice President Avila called the meeting to order at 2:07pm.

##### I.02 Roll Call

Quorum was 7 out of 12 Senators:

Senators Present (7): Gutierrez-Rocha, Hernandez, Medrano, Orellana, Perez, Tsui, Villalobos

Senators Excused (1): Rotondo

Senators Absent (4): McLaughlin, McNeil, Pantoja, Shabot

Advisors Present (3): Elizabeth Miller, Amna Jara, Diana Madueno

##### I.03 Approval of Minutes

Senator Hernandez moved to approve the ASCC Senate minutes of May 6, 2020.

Seconded by Senator Perez. No objections, motion passes.

##### I.04 Approval of Agenda

Senator Hernandez moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Senator Perez. No objections, motion passes.

#### II. Public Forum

Two members of the public spoke:

1. Topic – Cerritos College Delegate discussed request for ASL interpreters at all ASCC meetings, based on conversations occurring in the SSCCC.
2. Topic – Welcome from Student Trustee Johnny Wallace.

#### III. New Business

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

The elected 2020-2021 ASCC Senators present were inaugurated by Vice President Avila.

### **III.02 Inauguration of Chief Justice, Action Item**

Senator Hernandez moved to approve Christian Peña as the ASCC Chief Justice. Seconded by Senator Medrano. No objections, motion passes. Chief Justice Peña was sworn in by Vice President Avila.

### **III.03 Inauguration of Executive Cabinet, Action Item**

Senator Hernandez moved to approve the 2020-2021 Executive Cabinet members present. Seconded by Senator Tsui. No objections, motion passes. The 2020-2021 Executive Cabinet members present were sworn in by Chief Justice Peña.

### **III.04 Senate Officers Descriptions, Discussion Item**

ASCC Vice President Avila provided a presentation on available officer positions within Senate. The positions include: Pro Tempore, Sergeant at Arms, Minority Leader, Majority Leader, Party Whip, and Faculty Senate Liaison. Positions will start to be appointed/elected at the following meeting.

### **III.05 Senate Introduction: Ice Breaker, Discussion Item**

Senators and advisors introduced themselves, their names, major, hobbies or interests, and what they hoped to experience while serving the students of Cerritos College in ASCC Senate.

### **III.06 Senate Rules Discussion, Discussion Item**

Vice President Avila provided the Senate an introduction to the concepts and methods behind Ground Rules, and Standing Rules.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **VI.01 Status of ASCC 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget**

Dean Miller provided a brief presentation on the status of the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and updates about revenue projections. More detailed information will be provided at the Student Government Training on September 19, 2020.

## **V. Senate Reports**

### **V.01 Advisor Report**

Dean Miller provided the following information:

- Welcome
- Encourage reviewing the [ASCC website](#), and Senate site in particular. All agendas and minutes will be posted there, with Zoom link to meetings. There is also a link to the ASCC Senate application – encourage more folks to apply.
- Remind students to register for the Student Government Training on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 11am-1:30pm via Zoom.
- Promoted additional leadership opportunities: Falcon Leadership Institute (FLI), and SSSCC Professional Development Series

### **V.02 Legislative Report**

Vice President Avila provided a welcome to Senators, and inspiration for a successful year.

### **V.03 Executive Report**

President Escobar provided the following updates:

- Encouraged students to participate in Constitution Day – September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm via Zoom.
- Request all to follow our Instagram accounts - @falconstudentlife, @cerritosstudentgov
- Provided overview of updated meeting templates with new format that meets accessibility standards, is more contemporary and provides clearer organization, and is compliant with Brown Act requirements.
- Cabinet held informal gathering to get to know each other, provide updates
- Feel free to reach out to her at any time: [vescobar@cerritos.edu](mailto:vescobar@cerritos.edu)

### **V.04 Judicial Report**

Chief Justice Peña provided the following updates:

- Court meetings will start once quorum of Associate Justices is met.
- He is still recruiting students for Court.
- Unofficial (no business discussed) meeting will be held next week.
- This year will be fun!

### **V.05 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Wallace provided the following updates:

- There have been many Board meetings since he was instated on the Board
- He wants to call attention to Board Resolution 20-0603 to stand against oppression of all people, and work toward ending discrimination.

### **V.06 Senator Reports**

Senator Hernandez yielded his time to Rebekah Montes de Oca, Cerritos College Delegate to the SSCCC. Delegate Montes de Oca reported the SSCCC is discussing the need to draft an anti-racism policy for our higher ed system. We need to seek to create a climate of understanding, create a safe space and support system. These discussions are reflective of Black Lives Matter movement.

## **VI. Announcements**

**VI.01 ASCC Cabinet meeting** - Monday, September 21, 2020, 2:00 pm

**VI.02 ASCC Court meeting** - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 11:00 am

**VI.03 ASCC Senate meeting** - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 2:00 pm

## **VII. Adjournment**

Vice President Avila adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm.