

Regular Meeting Minutes	Tuesday March 22, 2016 11:00 AM BK-111/112
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I. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 11:05 AM.

II. Roll Call

Quorum held at 8/8.

Members	Members
Moreno <i>present</i> Herrera <i>present</i> Nayelly Jimenez <i>present</i> Valentine <i>present</i>	Diego Lucas <i>present</i> Cervantes <i>present</i> Johnson <i>present</i>

III. Approval of the Minutes for 3/1/2016.

3.01 *No objections | Minutes are approved.*

IV. Communications

4.01 Advisor Report

- Amber Dofner welcomes everyone back, and announces that the General Assembly sign ups are on Orgsync.

4.02 Chief Justice Report

4.03 Associate Justice Reports

- Associate Justice “AJ” Lucas welcomes everyone back, and reminds other Associate Justices to send their transcripts to the school they hope to transfer to.

V. New Business

5.01 General Hearing - Expulsion of Senator Gloria Sedano

- Chief Justice “CJ” Coates states that any decisions made during the meeting are effective immediately after the clerk reads the final ruling.
- Chief Justice Coates states the rules of the hearing, according to the Constitution Section 2.61 - 15 minutes to present, and 10 minutes for rebuttal.
- Statements:
 - President De La Rosa presents to the Court evidence about Senator Sedano. States

that student Leaders should represent themselves on and off campus, and that student leaders should be withheld to the same standards that athletes of Cerritos College are held to. De La Rosa mentions the previous group chat of Cabinet, in which Gloria Sedano was part of as Party Whip. In his presentation, he states that Gloria had two instances of bad behavior in the group chat, and that she has shown signs of disrespect. States that she has already not been allowed to be part of ASCC, and that certain tweets made by Gloria Sedano demonstrate how she feels about ASCC. This is aside from a physical altercation that Gloria Sedano has demonstrated, against a Clerk of ASCC. Shows a video concerning the validity of the ASCC Awards Banquet. Ed Code Sec. 2 Title 48900 - is presented to the Court by De La Rosa. De La Rosa goes on to say that Gloria Sedano has previously called out other Senators by their ASCC title, not by their personal titles. States that Gloria Sedano ridicules people, and that this is not how a Senator should behave within ASCC.

- *De La Rosa used 10:23 of his 15 minutes.*

- Chief Justice Coates tells the Court to disregard the Ed Code that was brought up, because that code applies to grades K-12.
- Senator Gloria Sedano presents to the clarifications concerning evidence that was previously brought up. States that she never lunged toward an ASCC Clerk, and that it was a miscommunication. She asks Dr. Contreras to clarify the situation.
 - Dr. Contreras states that there was no physical altercation, but there was a verbal altercation and an issue of miscommunication. They sat down and agreed to respect each other.
- Gloria Sedano goes on to say that a member of Cabinet made a joke saying that only Cabinet members received the “gold” award during the ASCC Fall Awards Banquet, while only Senators did not. States that she had a discussion with the Cabinet member and Eduardo De La Rosa only targeted Gloria Sedano, and not the other Commissioner. She states that De La Rosa called her shortly after this incident only to cuss and yell at her, while she could not get a word in the one-way conversation. After that, she sent the Code of Conduct to Dr. Contreras, and after this incident they have not seen eye to eye. She states that she demonstrated her frustration with De La Rosa, and after this incident De La Rosa decided to remove Gloria Sedano as Party Whip. Gloria Sedano states that she does not have many members of ASCC on her social media accounts, and that her accounts are all private. She states that she is a Political Science major, so she demonstrates awareness of political issues. States she is an advocate for the Latino and Black community. Being a Political Science major, she and others have conversations concerning White Privilege. She states that she does not make statements targeting anybody specifically. Gloria Sedano states she had an incident with Senator Puertas. States that after she found out Senator Puertas and Gloria's husband were having a sexual relationship, she was really upset and made a post on Facebook concerning the issue. She states that she truly messed up, and what she did was wrong. She states that she was married to her husband for 5 years, so seeing somebody she considered a “friend” to have a sexual relationship with her known husband was hurtful, and she felt betrayed. States that after this incident, the lawyer allowed her to be back in ASCC because it was a one time incident. As far as her work ethic, Gloria states that she has worked hard within Senate, something she cares for very much. States that her Facebook posts are private, and that the evidence brought to Court was because those people had to ask others to see her Facebook account, because she does not have them shared with her account. She

states that De La Rosa purposely targeted her to retrieve the evidence that he brought to Court. States that everything she does outside of ASCC stays outside of ASCC, and nothing gets into Senate.

- *Sedano used 11:15 of her 15 minutes.*

- Rebuttals

- President De La Rosa states as a rebuttal that this is the second time he has called Gloria Sedano out of the line. The second time, he states that it was during Finals week, and called both Gloria Sedano and Commissioner Joey. De La Rosa states that Joey said sorry, while the conversation with Gloria Sedano did not end well. He states that he has been married for 5 years also, and does not bring his problems of marriage into ASCC. De La Rosa goes on to say that he believes he presented to the Court enough evidence.

- *De La Rosa used 1:34 of his 10 minutes.*

- Senator Gloria Sedano asks Eduardo De La Rosa to remain honest, because during their conversation he did use explicit language with her, and she only answered the phone call because she believed they would have a reasonable conversation. States that she did throw hostility back at De La Rosa during the conversation, and that he called her out two times in the Cabinet group message, not three times as De La Rosa had stated. States that De La Rosa singled Gloria out for having the same idea as Ilene Ochoa, but he did not proceed to question Ilene. She wants to know why De La Rosa has singled her out, and states that this is the incident when their issues began. States that De La Rosa was targeting her on Facebook, because her accounts are private and there is no way people who she does not share her account with to see it. States that she does not direct her Facebook posts toward anybody. States she genuinely messed up with the Puertas incident, and acknowledges her wrongdoing. States that she spoke with the lawyer to apologize to Puertas, because she felt bad. States there is no communication between them.

- *Sedano used 3:23 of her 10 minutes.*

- *AJ Lucero moves to call a recess for two minutes.*

- *Seconded by AJ Lucas | No objections | Motion passes.*

- Chief Justice Coates resumes the hearing and states Article 6 Section 4 from the Constitution. Asks the Court if it wants to discipline anybody, and to what measure.
- AJ Johnson moves to have a discussion for 5 minutes.
 - *Seconded by AJ Moreno | No objections | Motion passes.*
- AJ Moreno questions about the first time Senator Sedano was removed from ASCC.
 - CJ Coates states that it was from Cabinet, and Senator Sedano held the Party Whip position.
- AJ Cervantes questions the action of removing Senator Sedano from the Party Whip position.
 - CJ Coates states that from the words of De La Rosa, she was disrupting the group chats.
- AJ Lucas states that the first piece of evidence was stated in 2014, and the acts presented to Court were done in 2015.
 - CJ Coates states they can ignore that piece of evidence.
- AJ Lucas questions the defendant is De La Rosa settled with her, and he settled with Commissioner Joey. He states "Did Eddie say calm down to joey in the group chat?"
 - Defendant Senator Gloria Sedano says he did not tell Joey anything, and it was only

directed for Gloria Sedano.

- AJ Johnson questions the defendant: “Are all the posts deleted?”
- Dr. Contreras states that since De La Rosa has left the room, he must be called in to have discussion with the defendant and plaintiff.
- President De La Rosa is called back in.
- AJ Valentine moves to extend discussion for 15 minutes.
 - Seconded by AJ Lucas | No objections | Motion passes.
- AJ Lucas questions the plaintiff “During the group chat, did you tell joey to settle down in the group like you did with Gloria?”
 - Plaintiff President De La Rosa states that he told them to settle down, and after he was receiving consecutive messages constantly late at night that is when he called Gloria.
- Return to AJ Johnson’s question for the defendant, “Are all the posts deleted?”
 - Defendant Senator Sedano states that she made a new Facebook account, so all those posts are in fact deleted.
- AJ Valentine states that social media is public, and that some evidence provided as “old” new shows consistent misbehavior from the defendant.
- AJ Herrera asks the defendant “When did you join Student Government?”
 - Defendant Senator Sedano states that she joined Fall 2015.
- AJ Moreno asks if the situation with Puertas has been dealt with.
 - CJ Coates states that the situation has been dealt with.
- AJ Johnson asks the defendant “If the incident was agreed to terms or was there a mediation?”
 - Defendant Senator Sedano states that the agreement was that they should not talk to each other, directly or indirectly. Also states that if they violate that agreement, they will get removed from Student Government.
- AJ Moreno moves to entertain the previous question “Should there be discipline upon the defendant?”
 - No objections | Motion passes.

Members	Members
Moreno <i>aye</i> Herrera <i>aye</i> Nayelly Jimenez <i>aye</i> Valentine <i>aye</i>	Diego Lucas <i>nay</i> Cervantes <i>aye</i> Johnson <i>nay</i>

Aye to punish | Nay to not punish | Abstain **Aye: 5**
Nay: 2 Abstain: 0

- AJ Johnson moves to discuss what disciplinary actions should be taken.
 - Seconded by AJ Valentine | No objections | Motion passes.
- CJ Coates states that any decision made will be only Student Government related, and that she may go to any event she desires. Recommends Court not to be extreme in their discipline. A majority opinion will be needed.
- Dr. Contreras states that Court has the power to remove the defendant from any student activity under ASCC.
- AJ Moreno states that there should be a semester to a couple of weeks of discipline.

- AJ Valentine states that someone with continuous patterns of misbehavior should be dealt with in extreme measures because she has already been in trouble before and there is continuous misbehavior. He recommends removal from Student Government.
- AJ Johnson asks if she can run again in the Fall, and if she may participate in later semesters if this is the final decision.
 - CJ Coates states yes.
- AJ Valentine continues to state that Senators represent around 500 people, and that behavior should not be held allowed.
- AJ Moreno states that bringing up evidence in the past is irrelevant.
- AJ Cervantes asks what action did President De La Rosa not approve of to bring the Defendant Senator Sedano to Court.
 - CJ Coates states President De La Rosa asks for the expulsion of Senator Sedano.
 - States the definition of dignity: Dignity - respecting each other through oral communication and social media, on and off campus.
- AJ Herrera states that student government should be professional, and for the students.
- AJ Lucas states that Senator Gloria Sedano is politically conscious, and that she does work for Student Government whole heartedly.
- Dr. Contreras states that candidates for Student Trustee do not have to be a member of the ASCC.
- AJ Herrera recommends two semesters - or a year - off of Student Government as discipline.
- *AJ Valentine moves to extend discussion for 15 minutes.*
 - *Seconded by AJ Cervantes | No objections | Motion passes.*
- AJ Cervantes states that Dependence Sedano is supposed to uphold the the dignity of the Senate, and she did not do that.
- AJ Moreno recommends a year of discipline.
- AJ Valentine recommends removing Senator Gloria Sedano from Student Government during her stay at Cerritos College.
- AJ Cervantes states that Senator Gloria Sedano's misconduct takes away from all her volunteer work.
- AJ Herrera agrees with Valentine on his recommendation.
- AJ Valentine moves to expel Senator Gloria Sedano from Student Government indefinitely.
 - Seconded by AJ Herrera

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Moreno <i>nay</i> Herrera <i>aye</i> Nayelly Jimenez <i>aye</i> Valentine <i>aye</i>	Diego Lucas <i>nay</i> Cervantes <i>aye</i> Johnson <i>nay</i>

Aye to accept discipline. | Nay to not accept discipline. | Abstain **Aye: 4**
Nay: 3 Abstain: 0

- CJ Coates states Article 7 Section 93 from the Constitution.
- CJ Coates states that Gloria Sedano is no longer a Senator, and has been expelled

from Student Government indefinitely.

Meeting is adjourned at 12:35 PM.