Associated Students of Las Positas College
General Meeting
Friday, May 11, 2012
1:00P.M. – Adjournment

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Adoption of the Agenda
IV. Approval of the Minutes
V. Trustee report
VI. Advisors Notes
VII. Guest Speakers
VIII. Public Forum
IX. New Business
   D. Student bank Accounts
      Chabot Science Classes
X. Old Business
   A. Letters and Resolutions
   B. Campus outreach
XI. New Business
   A. Welcome Week
   B. Explore
   C. Allocation of Funds
   F. Scholarships
XII. Subcommittee meetings
XIII. Subcommittee reports
      A. Textbook Loaner
      B. Events
      C. Legislation
      D. Technology
XIV. Equity Point Person
XV. Announcements
XVI. Adjournment
I. Mr. Salehzadeh called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

II. Roll Call
Officers:
  Amir Salehzadeh
  Jacob Park
  Cherry Bogue
  Breanna Krumins
  Natasha Hrycaj
  Christina Aboud
Senators:
  Alivia Williams (EXCUSED LATE)
  Andrew Koth (EXCUSED LATE)
  Eric Bolin
  Ignacio Petrasic
  Javi Pinedo
  Jed Lipp
  Jovian Marcelo
  Katie Jo Rodgess
  Komal Chatta (UNEXCUSED LATE)
  Kris Adhikari
  Nico Portugal
  Sid Noor
  Sonia Yousef
  Stephanie Suarez
  Sunny Sidhu
  Teshayna Mitchell (EXCUSED ABSENT)
Class Members:
  Kevin Lopez
  Ray Osteria
  Zhengyu Pan

III. Adoption of the Agenda
Changes to be made to the agenda:
  - add guest speaker: B Veterans Program
  - move new business items D and E to after public forum
  - add new business item F: Scholarships
With there being no opposition, the agenda was adopted.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
With there being no opposition, the minutes were approved.
V. Trustee Report
   No report was given.

VI. Advisors Notes
   Ms. Ross asked that everyone remember to complete his or her end of the semester review. She encouraged everyone to think about the goals they made for themselves and the organization as a whole. She also announced that Mr. Haastrup has joined the senate again and will be back in the fall. Finally, she reminded everyone to sign up to work graduation.

VII. Guest Speakers
   A. Dr. Walthers
      Dr. Walthers was at the meeting to let the senate know of the updated budget for the upcoming year. He informed the senate that ever since the “February surprise” the campus has been taking an aggressive approach in cutting certain things out of the budget. He informed the senate of a few positions that would not be filled for the following year. Also, he let the senate know that 96% of our budget is spent on people where as the other 4% is spent on office supplies and so forth. He concluded his presentation by letting the senate know that he was there to request that we provide the funds to pay for our own student life assistant.

   B. Veterans Program
      Logan and Chris were at the meeting to ask for our support in protesting the new no break pay policy. In short, the policy now allows the government to deduct break days from veteran’s monthly funds for bills. What this means is that during winter and summer break in between semesters, the veterans will only receive funds for the days that school meets which causes many vets to struggle financially for those few weeks.

VIII. Public Forum: NONE

IX. New Business:
   D. Student Bank Accounts
      Ms. Diana Rodriguez was present at the meeting to provide a little more insight to the actions taken by the district. What had happened was that the district took it upon them to deem accounts inactive thus clearing the account and closing it down. Prior to doing so, the district failed to send letters out to the account holders thus causing some concern for student services professionals. There is going to be a new policy put into place that will ensure that this does not happen again. It was stated that letters will be sent out to the last known address of the students telling them they only have so many days to either deem their account inactive and claim money or tell the school they are an active account. It is estimated that roughly $800,000.00 has been cleared out of accounts between both Chabot and Las Positas. It was reassured that this money does belong to students and those who would like to claim their funds may do so for a $10.00 fee.
E. Chabot science classes
Dr. Walthers informed the senate that he is working hard to figure out why Chabot restricted Las Positas students from enrolling in anatomy and chemistry over the summer. Although the intentions behind this act are unknown, Dr. Walthers has stated that if it must be done, Las Positas will provide the funds to add an additional course at Chabot over the summer. It is unclear as to how many students this has affected but Dr. Walthers is confident that those who need the class are currently enrolled and the situation is handled as of now.

X. Old Business:

A. Letters and resolutions
- Ms. Aboud moved to approve resolution 1117 in toto.
- Ms. Yousef seconded

This resolution is in support of providing veterans with paid break. Some general concerns is why veterans are not just getting part time jobs to help with the financial burden of no break pay. While it was pointed out that they only have 36 months to complete their education, most veterans are taking 18-20 units a semester to finish their degrees on time. It was then stated that 36 months is not enough time to complete a degree nowadays and that the veterans would need to provide the funds to finish their education past that time frame thus they should start working now to ensure they can complete their education.
- Mr. Marcelo moved to extend time by 10 minutes
- Mr. Portugal seconded
- Motion to extend time seconded

There was more discussion about overall concerns before the vote was taken.
- Motion passed with 13 in favor, 3 opposed and 3 abstentions
- Mr. Marcelo moved to extend time by 5 minutes
- Ms. Yousef seconded
- Motion to extend time passed unanimously
- Mr. Marcelo moved to approve resolution 1116
- Mr. Portugal seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

B. Campus Outreach
Ms. Krumins encouraged everyone to check their emails so they can ensure they complete their required event before the end of the semester.

XI. New Business:

A. Welcome Week
- Ms. Bogue moved to postpone new business item A and B
- Mr. Pinedo seconded
- Motion passed unanimously
B. Explore
See motion under new business item A- Welcome Week

C. Allocation of Funds
- Ms. Krumins moved to approve an up to amount of $24,000.00 for our student life assistant
- Ms. Bogue seconded
Ms. Ross let the senate know that this is a huge decision to make and that we should not make it without serious discussion. After Ms. Ross spoke, members of the ASLPC took turns expressing their opinions. Some concern were that by providing these funds, we would be setting a precedence that we are willing to pay for any classified staff. It was responded that we would hope the administration would not view this like that and that we are simply trying to help the college budget by providing funds for our assistant. It was mentioned again and again how important our student life assistant is and that although we would be using students money, it is going into immediate results by providing a huge asset to the college campus and the students. After many more members expressed their genuine appreciation for all the work Mrs. Moore does.
  - Mr. Noor moved to extend time by 10 minutes
  - Ms. Bogue seconded
  - Motion to extend time passed unanimously
Since it was discussed that the senate would provide some of the salary funds it was decided to strike through the original motion.
- Ms. Krumins moved to strike through the up to $24,000.00 and insert an exact amount of $12,500.00
- Ms. Suarez seconded
- Motion to strike through the original motion passed unanimously
More members expressed all the work and dedication Mrs. Moore puts into her job. After much discussion took place, Mr. Salehzadeh read aloud a letter that Mrs. Moore wrote to the senate. With that, we moved to a vote.
  - Motion to approve $12,500.00 for a student life assistant salary passed with one abstention. (Roll call vote- see attached)

F. Scholarships
- Ms. Krumins moved to approve $400.00 for member scholarships
- Mr. Marcelo seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

XII. Subcommittee Meetings
- Ms. Bogue moved to strike through both subcommittee meetings and subcommittee reports
- Mr. Sidhu seconded
- Motion passed unanimously
XIII. Subcommittee Reports
See the motion made during “Subcommittee meetings”

XIV. Equity Point Person
It was stated that the entire meeting dealt with equity and access issues as we discussed matters that directly affect our student community. We all agreed that all of our voices were heard and that we do not need any assistance from CCN.

XV. Announcements
- Ms. Ross thanked the senate from the bottom of her heart about the approval of funds for a student life assistant.
- Mr. Portugal announced the end of the year celebration next Friday.
- Mr. Adhikari announced the last CGI meeting
- Mr. Marcelo announced the region meeting this weekend and that they are having elections
- Mr. Noor announced IBA’s last meeting, they are also holding elections.
- Mr. Hrycaj announced the prep to pass event
- Ms. Krumins applauded everyone for a really great meeting.
- Ms. Aboud announced that she had her final ICC meeting this morning.
- Ms. Chatta thanked everyone for such a wonderful semester and she wanted everyone to know that she has grown so much from interacting with everyone.
- Mr. Koth let everyone know that he has letters for them

XVI. Adjournment
- Ms. Krumins moved to adjourn the meeting at 3PM
- Mr. Portugal seconded
- Motion passed unanimously
New Business:  
Item C- Allocation of Funds  

Roll Call: voting for the approval of $12,500.00 for a student life assistant

Officers:  
Amir Salehzadeh – not able to vote  
Jacob park- yes  
Cherry Bogue- yes  
Breanna Krumins- yes  
Natasha Hrycaj-yes  
Christina Aboud-yes

Senators:  
Alivia Williams- yes  
Andrew Koth - yes  
Eric Bolin- yes  
Ignacio Petrasic- yes  
Javi Pinedo- abstained  
Jed Lipp-yes  
Jovian Marcelo – yes  
Katie Jo Rodgess- yes  
Komal Chatta-yes  
Kris Adhikari – yes  
Nico Portugal-yes  
Sid Noor – yes  
Sonia Yousef -yes  
Stephanie Suarez-yes  
Sunny Sidhu-yes  
Teshayna Mitchell-not present at meeting

Motion passed with one abstention