



bnbASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2023

Location: Center for Leadership and Development

10:30 AM-12:00 PM PDT

Posted by : Joe Bly, Student Senate Vice President

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Associated Student Body Senate will hold a meeting on **September 15, 2023**. The location and meeting time is noted above. All Associated Student Body Senate meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify ASB Senate President Kevin Hill at k.hilljr.asbarc@gmail.com no less than two days prior to the meeting. Efforts will be made to meet requests made after such date, if possible.

Indigenous Land Use Statement

We acknowledge the land which we occupy today as the traditional home of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the generations that have gone before as well as the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok people.

I. Call to Order

10:31 am

II. Request for Remote Participation:

1 minute

The Student Senate will consider member requests for remote participation under the provisions of [California Assembly Bill 2449](#).

Shazil approved for remote participation

III. Roll Call

1 minute

- *President Kevin Hill - present*
- *Vice President Joseph Bly - present*

- *Director of Finance Jerry Kennedy - present*
- *Director of Legislative Affairs Samaya Caraveo - present*
- *Director of Public Relations William Robey - present*
- *Senate Whip Max Yeremuk - present*
- *Senator Rayan Naseem - present*
- *Senator Shazil Mahmood - present*
- *Senator Justin - present*
- *Senator Brock - present*
- *CAEB Rep Kimberly Bossman - present*
- *11/11 Quorum is met*

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

adopted

Moved by Jerry and seconded by Samaya

V. Approval of the Minutes

adopted

Moved by Kim and seconded by william

VI. Chair's Message

5 minutes

- Happy fourth week of school
- Hope well in courses
- Have Lindsie and Hannah in support

VII. Advisor's Message

5 minutes

- Hannah speaks
 - Huge thank you for work regarding Davies Hall closure
 - Has lots of experience

- Let her know if there are any questions

VIII. Public Comment

5 minutes

- Seesaw is not on the agenda
 - Passed last meeting
- No further public comment

IX. Appointments/Swearing-In

0 minutes

This time will be reserved for the appointment and swearing-in of current members to ASB Senate and/or committees.

- David Martinez
 - For the hiring committee of the Associated Vice President of Guided Pathways
 - Appointed
- Prisha Singh
 - For Associated Vice President of Guided Pathways
 - Appointed

X. Unfinished Business

0 minutes

10.1 September Advocacy Project

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action deciding a working topic of student advocacy for the month of September

- We need a space
 - Senate members with a town hall
 - Push voter registration for this semester and next semester
- Voter registration is next tuesday
 - Tabling out, if anyone wants to add feel free
- Jerry instigates a need to advocate for trans students
 - Advocate on behalf of current students who identify as trans
 - Many students are affected current situation
 - References dry creek
- Samaya is in contact with other organizations
 - They have agreed to join for an event
 - She needs a timeline and more information to relay to them

- Ultimately will coincide and go great together
- Presidential election has one topic to show support in
 - Putting a trans flag on the flagpole
 - Reaching out to Senator Ashley to speak for Lobby day
 - Comments on this are discussed
 - We cannot favor any politician
 - We would not specifically this politician just this individual as an example
 - Any person with different walks of life can be requested
 - Senators legally cannot accept payment

All in favor for youth civic engagement for advocacy project (hands raised

XI. New Business

62 minutes

11.1 F23-R01: Senatorial Stipends

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action on a resolution draft submitted to the Senate for Senatorial Stipends.

- The Senate is understaffed and a stipend would be an incentive. The maximum that could get paid is \$600 per semester.
 - This is reduced by rank
 - Amount is outlined per rank and determined in expectation of full senate
 - Will be enacted as bylaws after the funding is passed
- One example, public statements of reasons for excused absences is problematic
 - i.e. medical issues, private matters
 - Topic of moving public matters to private was discussed
- If joined halfway would they get paid?
 - yes
- Triumph bonuses

- Up to 600 dollars for the entire semester
- If someone wants the triumph, they need to request it
- One would need to make sure that everyone is doing the work outside the meeting
- ASB needs to vote on the approval of the stipend itself
 - Triumph can be open for voting
 - Voting for attendance can be open to abuse
 - If an individual does not show up anyway, will be dropped
- Voting on emergencies
 - there should be a deadline on the determination of excused absences
 - Strict deadlines would cause problems
- Two things
 - Why is this stipend just for the senate?
 - Max comment is planning on getting rid of CAEB
 - This is an extremely long process and needs to be voted upon first
 - Why make a resolution that is based on another resolution that has not been passed yet?
 - Max - senate does more work than CAEB
 - Comments on this are discussed
 - Many say it is not fair for CAEB to be excluded

Vote for passing this resolution

- *Vice President Joseph Bly - no*
- *Director of Finance Jerry Kennedy - no*
- *Director of Legislative Affairs Samaya Caraveo - yes*
- *Director of Public Relations William Robey - no*
- *Senate Whip Max Yeremuk - yes*
- *Senator Rayan Naseem - no*
- *Senator Shazil Mahmood - no*

- *Senator Justin - no*
- *Senator Brock - no*
- *CAEB Rep Kimberly Bossman - no*

2/10 resolution has not passed

Amendments will be made and brought to board next time

11.2 F23-06 Funding for Senatorial Stipends

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action on Bill F23-06 which would be used to fund resolution F23R01: Senatorial Stipends.

- Tabled as it references previous item

11.3 Davies Hall Updates

This time is reserved for the ASB Senate President to give students relevant Davies Hall related updates and answer any questions presented.

- Davies hall was condemned
 - Many classes were erected
 - Some were forced online
- Senate needs to advocate students to be relocated to other classrooms
 - Students paid for classes in person
 - Those who chose classes in person prefer it over online
- Example of problem:
 - Some psych courses has a lab
 - Cannot be accomplished online
- ELT
 - Faculty concerns
- No one focused on student concerns
 - Graduation is postponed

- Student should be the main focus on campus and not the perspective of faculty centered
- It has been known that Davies hall has been crumbling for ten years
- The right decision was made to get everyone out and tear it down
- Board of trustees has known the entire time
 - Senators will attend the board of trustees meeting and show up for public comment
 - For ten years, the students were not the main focus
- Emphasis for our presence to be known
- Emphasize students position
- Start advocating for students on a district level

11.4 ASB Apparel Bill F23-XX

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action the passage of \$10,000 for the acquisition of items to include but not limited to: ASB Uniforms, T-Shirts to be passed out at events, keychains, lanyards, etc.

- One concern
 - Postpone to next session to outline how the items are selected as per ethical sourcing funds
- Max motion to table the discussion
- Jerry seconded to table the discussion
- Jerry would be doing the research for funding

1 to 9 hands raised to table the discussion

Motion to amend bill by max seconded by jerry to amend

- At least surface level research for ethics
 - Motioned to amend "Senate Director of Finance will be in charge of sourcing ethical and environmental materials in bill, when applicable"
- New formal amendment
 - That the Associated Student Body of American River College Student Senate (ASBARCSS) allocate up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be used for the acquisition of items to include but not limited to: ASB

Uniforms, Name Tags, T-Shirts to be passed out at events, keychains, lanyards, and other promotional item. The Senate Director of Finance will be put in charge of sourcing ethical and environmentally conscious materials when applicable.

Motion to amend,
Roll call vote

- *Vice President Joseph Bly - yes*
- *Director of Finance Jerry Kennedy - yes*
- *Director of Legislative Affairs Samaya Caraveo - yes*
- *Director of Public Relations William Robey - yes*
- *Senate Whip Max Yeremuk - abstain*
- *Senator Rayan Naseem - yes*
- *Senator Shazil Mahmood - yes*
- *Senator Justin - yes*
- *Senator Brock - yes*
- *CAEB Rep Kimberly Bossman - yes*

9 in favor one abstain amendment has been adopted

11.5 Lobby Day

This time is reserved to potentially discuss and take action on drafting Lobby Day topics to be further researched by the Senate and the Legislative Committee led by the Director of Legislative Affairs.

- Samaya moved
- Seconded by Jerry
- We need to get different representatives

- We need to make the event a big thing
- This time is used to discuss areas of bills or items of bills
- Lobby day is February 9th
 - Bring ideas to the capital for lobby day
 - Ex: lobby for housing
- Need time to discuss
 - Each member needs to bring back one bill to discuss at the next meeting.
Will be no exceptions.
 - Earlier the better
- Hannah discusses details of lobby day

XII. Committee Reports

0 minutes

This time is reserved for committee chairs to provide the board with a brief report on the current standing of active committees.

XIII. Board Member Reports/Announcements

5 minutes

This time is reserved for board members to inform the board about relevant campus-wide events, and to report any pertinent committee progress/activities. A time of three (3) minutes per report shall be observed.

- Joe references governance committee activity and reiterates the importance of ASB stamps for posters
- Max asks for constructive feedback on resolutions drafted
 - Jerry instigates the importance for more equity
 - Communication is needed for both parts of CAEB and Senate
 - Equity between CAEB and senate
 - CAEB would disrupt partnership
- Jerry is interested in promoting the LGBTQ community
- Samaya working on getting a video up and running showcasing the American River College
 - Maybe hire someone to record this
- New senators clarify expectations on what to work on
- William picnic day is moved

- Voter registration day
- Make website updated and more including
- Kim
 - Voter registration day is coming up
 - Club day is october 3rd
- Shazil
 - Promoting more halal options for food on campus
 - Trouble from dismissal from admissions and records office

XIV. SSCCC & Region 2 Updates

3 minutes

This time is reserved for appointed board members, members of the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) to provide updates about state and regional initiatives.

- Individual forgot to post the agenda 72 hours in advance and canceled according to the Brown act

XV. Public Comment

- Michael will be candidate for Legislative affairs board
 - Will email for further information

XVI. Adjournment

11:56 am

Kevin Hill

ASB Senate President

Brett Sawyer

Advisor