



Associated Students of Santa Monica College

A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting

08/31/2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Cayton Center Computer Lab Conference Room #209 (2nd Floor)

Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405

The Public may join via Zoom/Telephone: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/89893070926>

Associated Students Office Phone Number: (310) 434-4250

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 3:00 PM

II. Roll Call

President, Paula Cortes **P**

External Affairs, Viktoriia Oberderfer **P**

Vice-President, Gabriel Sánchez **P**

Activities, Gregory Hawthorne **P**

Secretary, Zoe Linkins **P**

Publicity, Samantha Jauregui **A**

Budget Management, **Vacant**

Sustainability, Muhammadjon Usmonzoda **L**

Basic Needs, Annabelle Garcia **A**

ICC Chair, **Vacant**

Instructional Support, Jiale Ma **P**

ICC Vice-Chair, Matt Frankel **P**

Student Outreach, Daria Zharkova **P**

Equity and Diversity, **Vacant**

ICC Communications Officer, **Vacant**

Student Trustee, Audrey Liljegren **A**

Dean of Community and Academic Relations, Dr. Kiersten Elliott **P**

III. Public Comments (2 Minutes Per Speaker) – None

IV. Approval of Minutes – 8/24-8/26/2026 (AS RETREAT)

- Motion to table the approval of the retreat minutes by Vice-President, seconded by ICC Vice Chair
- Vote: No objections, motion passed

V. Committee Reports & Informational Items – None

VI. Minor Action Items (Under \$1,000) – Consent Agenda - None

VII. Major Action Items (\$1,000 and over) – None

VIII. Other Action Items

8.1 Confirmation of interim appointments and ad hoc selection committee

- A.S. Director of Budget Management (Confirmed already at the A.S. Retreat Day 3)
- Motion to table Item 8.1 until next meeting by Vice-President, Seconded by Instructional Support
- Vote: No objections, motion passed.

8.2 Confirmation of Vacancy, interim appointments and ad hoc selection committee

- A.S. Director of Equity and Diversity
- Motion to confirm the vacancy by ICC Vice Chair, Seconded by External Affairs
- Vote: Item 8.2 was approved unanimously

IX. Discussion Items

9.1 Stipend Discussion (Vice-President)

- Discussion of A.S. director and commissioner stipends.
- Commissioner stipend amounts are based on when the individual joined and are not cumulative.

9.2 Trustee Voting Rights (President)

- The president introduced discussion regarding whether the Student Trustee should have voting rights on the A.S. Board of Directors Meetings.
- A.S. Board. No action was taken.



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9.3 Student Survey (External Affairs)

- Introduced a student survey designed to identify students' interest and concerns.
- The board also discussed potential survey questions and advertisements of the survey.

9.4 Constitution Committee (Vice-President)

- Discussed the purpose and responsibilities of the Constitution Committee.

9.5 A.S. Fall Planning (Dean Elliott/Full Board)

- Homecoming (Student Outreach)
- CCCSAA Conference- Assess participation interest
- Club Awareness
- Other upcoming obligations

X. Director Reports (2 Minutes Each)

- Activities: Raised the possibility of reinstating Spirit Week.
- Publicity: Reminded Directors to check A.S. emails regarding proposals.
- Vice-President: Reminded Directors to promote open Commissioner and Director positions.
- External Affairs: Reminded Directors to provide input for the student survey for the next meeting.
- President: Discussed meeting procedures and a future proposal.

XI. Student Trustee Report

XII. Advisor Reports

10.1 SMC Start Up: Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Quad

- Dean Elliott reminded the Board of SMC Start-Up, a mini VIP Day/resource event and encouraged the Board's participation and promotion of A.S. involvement.

XIII. Adjournment at 4:03 PM