



**Associated Students  
Glendale Community College**

**October 10, 2023**

ASGCC Legislature Minutes

7:00 am

Location: GCC Verdugo Campus, Student Center (SC 208)

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**I. Call to Order at 07:00 am by President/Student Trustee Elin Gharibian**

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

**Present:** Elin Gharibian, Lilit Sarkisian, Erik Balian, Elizabeth Margaryan, Emilio Dulay, Lori Avakian, Ani Chaglasian, Mehdi Hosseini, Emily Alvarez, Mary Papazyan, Moses Fanadzhyan, Areg Hovhannisyan, Emily Khechumian, Jenna Saklawi, Elen Mkhitarian, Emilia Shabane, Hakob Petrosyan, Lilit Yerkanyan, Inesa Wenn, Ania Konarki, Andrew Dimas, Angelina Ruvalcaba, Tommy Nuño, Lori Mehdikhani, Colette Hovsepian, Dalita Tahmassian

**Non-Voting:** Gerardo Zarate, Advisor; Dr. Tzoler Oukayan, Advisor; Andre Manukyan, Advisor

**IV. Approval of Legislature Agenda – October 10, 2023**

**MSC:** Emilia Shabane/Elen Mkhitarian

**V. Approval of Legislature Minutes - October 3, 2023**

**MSC:** Emily Khechumian/Emilia Shabane

**VI. Report of President/Student Trustee - Elin Gharibian**

- College executive meeting at 2:30 it was moved to this month for the 16th social student mixer for student representatives, where students can engage with each other to address concerns
- During Executive meeting they talked about their goals, talked about having another international thanksgiving event

- Applications for senator in the spring are opening up October 16, currently developing a way to reach out to many students. Expecting a lot of applicants and senators right now will be viewed upon performance on current term.
- Thanks everyone for their hard work in governance committees.

**VII. Report of Administration Committee - Lilit Sarkisian**

- Go over minutes please make sure there are no mistakes
- Turn on cameras during governance and wear AS hoodie or polo during the meeting as it is important. Be engaging because we represent students.
- Doing great with attendance so keep it up!
- Senator applications- everything will be taken into consideration for the reapplicants
- Educational initiative tomorrow from 12:30-1:30 in SC212

**VIII. Report of Finance Committee - Erik Balian**

- Finance report number 5 to cover today
- September report by this week will be received either by email or group chat

**IX. Report of Activities Committee - Elizabeth Margaryan**

- Paint night coming up on Thursday (RSVP)
- Friendship bracelet event coming up on October 23, 12pm-1:30pm; will be getting boba for event

**X. Report of Relations Committee - Emilio Dulay**

- Planning 1st educational initiative Fitness Fair
- Met with scholars on Friday October 19th; will be accrediting fundraising. Negotiated with them to get money for buying food.
- Reschedule of ASGCC photo retakes; updated pictures of everyone. Sign up genius will go out today with three Saturdays to choose from for a day to retake.

**XI. Report of Organizations Committee - Lori Avakian**

- 3rd IOC meeting yesterday. Clubs are very active on campus.
- Talks with the health center to settle all details for the Health series which is in November.

## **XII. Report of Officers**

- Ani Chaglasian: Academic senate hearing, both amendments failed. Pay attention to future meetings and see if we can be a part of it and have a say in it when something is important to us.
- Part of the finance committee did outreach to some of the colleges to find out if they pay for attending governments and found out that for LA city college they pay a stipend of \$400 per semester. Not only for governances but also for regular AS activities. There is a request form in order to receive the payment there are requirements and needs to follow strict rules in order to qualify for the stipend.

## **XIII. Special Reports/Governance Committee**

### 1. Governance review: Areg Hovhannisyan

- Talked about the recent senate voting that we discussed last leg, and discussed how to move forward around this potential vote.
- Discussed ZTC and LTC committee. These are policies and procedures we put together for courses that have no or low textbook costs. We want to set these committees up.  
Would have two AS reps and would report to academic affairs
- Some concerns would be funding and finding cost effective ways of cutting down these costs for textbooks
- Another concern is that some people feel like this is bureaucratic red tape that will harm students more than it helps
- Other colleges addressed these issues but we haven't
- Elected new governance review chair
- Was told to bring this action item back to allow people outside of AS to be in governances such as black scholars and La comunidad

- I told them that anyone who paid the SRF is an AS member and so they can join. Need to check on ledge what the process is

## 2. Campus Development: Areg Hovhannisyan

- The meeting started with the discussion of the Reintroduction and Refurbishment of the bulletin boards on the Verdugo Campus. Some of the suggested locations were the bridge elevators, hallways of SV, and the downstairs lobby. The downstairs lobby closest to the elevators would be chosen. The bridge elevators on the bottom floor would be the best to present the other bulletin boards. Another proposed location would be alongside the SG location by the White Hut. There is another existing bulletin board in the SR building that could be another proposed location. The recommendation would be to reintroduce and refurbish the six bulletin boards. Students didn't have access to put out advertisements, announcements, or club information throughout the campus. Bulletin boards would be a sufficient idea to present this information to students. Some concerns of the reintroduction of the bulletin boards would be the exposed materials of possible hate speech crime or vandalism. As a possible solution, ASGCC/facilities could be looking out every now and then to make sure that all the bulletin boards have no hate speech presented. We motioned to approve the reintroduction and refurbishment of the bulletin boards in order for students to get adequate access to new information around campus. The removal of the sand box could possibly be replaced by a music technology/recording studio. Some of the concerns of the new music technology could be the noise and if it could possibly affect the learning environment. The list of equipment needs to be envisioned and what structural layout would be beneficial to

create the space. The largest concern would be the noise and how we can prevent it from happening.

### 3. Environment and Sustainability: Ani Chaglasian

- Michael Reed initially started up the environment and sustainability committee, being a division chair, then later passing that role onto the facilities chair, Patrick Shahnazarian. He discussed how we are all facing a climate crisis, and his history teaching climate change, emphasizing the importance of it. Michael Reed proceeded to do a presentation discussing potential solar panels at GCC. He showed a comparison of Glendale High, considering how they have gone solar, and saying that we are behind on this. Furthermore, he spoke on the heat records in LA and how they've significantly risen in the recent years. He discussed the expenses as well as the process of his home system with solar panels when he bought a house, and compared it to the potential prices that Glendale College would be facing and the ratio of cost effectiveness. He additionally spoke on how much solar panels exponentially decreased his carbon footprint, by reducing fossil fuel. He discussed the inflation reduction act and how it opens solar opportunities for schools.

#### **XIV. Guest Speakers**

#### **XV. Old Business**

#### **XVI. New Business**

##### **1. Finance Report #5 - Action Item**

**MSC:** Areg Hovhannisyan/Emilia Shabane

##### **2. Approval of additional funds for \$700 for Paint Night - AS Educational Initiative**

**MSC:** Lilit Yerkanyan/ Elen Mkhitarian

##### **3. Approval of additional funds for \$500 for Trustee Conference - Student Rep Fee**

MSC: Ania Konarki/Emily Khechumian

**4. Approval of \$750 for Meet and Greet - Student Rep Fee**

MSC: Erik Balian/Areg Hovhannisyan

**5. Approval of \$1800 for Fitness Fair - AS Educational Initiative**

MSC: Ania Konarki/Inesa Wenn

**6. GCC Police Department Community Advisory Committee Student Representative -**

**Discussion Item**

- Required to make a committee since we have our own police.
- Need representatives, one from AS, one from the general student body.
- They meet quarterly and their first meeting will be October 27

**7. ASGCC Polos - Discussion Item**

- Exec decided that ASGCC will wear polos the entire day of Tuesday to increase visibility and advocacy.

**XVII. Report of Advisors**

**Tzoler Oukayan**

- Putting a task force together with faculty and staff that is Armenian as a support group. Would love AS representation tomorrow at 11am.
- December 2nd college is participating in the Montrose Christmas parade. Will organize our float.
- Part time off campus job as a loan agent, looking for students.

**Gerardo Zarate**

- Tomorrow the latin X heritage fiesta from 12:30 - 1:30 two clubs and AS are doing this collaboration.
- Tentative \*\* Bonding event December 1st in the afternoon (Friday) possibly a holiday theme, might do christmas cookie since it is close to the holidays
- We have 61 clubs, want to make it to 70. Support if possible by advocacy

**Andre Manukyan**

- Leadership is canceled this week since next week we have an in-person leadership class.
- Thank you to everyone who came to the UC essay help, everyone should have gotten an email.  
Send me your samples so that he can give feedback.

**XVIII. Announcements/Information**

- **Lilit:** Intra organizational events which in short means preparing something exclusively just for AS. Administration committee is in charge of making sure we have that event therefore we came up with a few ideas. We are doing something for thanksgiving and we are hoping to do something for October and December as well. A google form will be sent out with the ideas to see votes and decide which one is the most popular. Based on that we can choose a date and time.

**XIX. Adjournment at 7:57am**

**MSC:** Areg Hovhannisyan/Jenna Saklawi

**Minutes by Emily Alvarez  
Senator of Administration  
12 October 2023**