



Associated Students of Glendale Community College
ASGCC Legislature Minutes
April 23, 2024
7 AM
Student Center 208 – Verdugo Campus

I. Call to Order at 7 AM by President/Student Trustee Elin Gharibian

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Present: Elin Gharibian, Tommy Nuño, Erik Balian, Elizabeth Margaryan, Emilio Dulay, Lori Avakian, Aren Sepanian, Kelin Minasian, Pacheco Matute, Charles Hall, Chris Babayan, Claris Boghosian, Elen Mkhitarian, Jacob Petrosyan, Hakop Abadzhyan, Lilit Yerkanyan, Alejandro Zamarripa, Ania Konarki, Josephine Alvandi, Ani Isaiants, Emilia Shabane, Isabelle Karayan, Merissa Shahbazian, Tamar Chavdarian

Absent: Ani Chaglasian, Jenna Saklawi

Non-voting: Dr. Tzoler Oukayan, Advisor

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2024

MST: Emilio Dulay / Lilit Yerkanyan

V. Approval of Agenda – April 23, 2024

MSC: Alejandro Zamarripa / Isabelle Karayan

VI. Report of President/Student Trustee – Elin Gharibian

- Attended a board meeting where a few subjects were discussed, including the recognition that Wednesday, April 24, is Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, and school is closed on that day.
- Approved for Classified Employee Week and discussed all its positive impacts.
- During the meeting, Promise Plus was presented, and there was also a discussion on budget revisions.
- Attending a budget meeting today.

VII. Report of Administration Committee – Tommy Nuño

- Reminded everyone that the ASGCC bonding event is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at Dockweiler Beach. We will all gather at GCC at 1:00 pm, after which we will head to the beach.
- There will be drinks, snacks, and a tarp available for seating, but it is strongly advised that attendees bring their own necessities.
- The chair of the Governance Review Committee requested that many governance committees be sunset because of their infrequent meeting schedule.
- ASGCC members will be appointed to more governance committees.
- The Administration Committee's second educational initiative, which is Goat Yoga, will take place at Plaza Vaquero on Thursday, April 25 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- The Administration committee developed training modules for students not members of the ASGCC but will be appointed to governance committee meetings.

VIII. Report of Finance Committee – Erik Balian

- The Finance Committee is working on planning their second education initiative.

- The latest budget report is currently being awaited; upon receipt, it will be distributed to all members of the ASGCC.

IX. Report of Activities Committee – Elizabeth Margaryan

- The Activities Committee has two events scheduled. The first is a rock 'n' roll that will take place on April 30. There will be burgers and a live band during the event.
- The second event of the committee is scheduled for May 9th and will be a legal panel. There will be six different attorneys present, along with finger foods and mocktails.

X. Report of Relations Committee – Emilio Dulay

- Reminded ASGCC members to complete the availability form to organize classroom visits to inform students about the organization.
- The relations committee is organizing the APIDA Night Market, their second educational initiative. It will include a local Thai restaurant instructing people on how to make spring rolls and providing cultural information.
- The Rock'n'roll and Goat Yoga Instagram reels will be posted on the social media account.
- The Legal Panel event can now be RSVP'd for because it's been added to the link tree.

XI. Report of Organizations Committee – Lori Avakian

- The committee had its fourth IOC meeting on Monday, April 22nd, and due to the clubs' consistent absences, a few dismal emails were sent out.
- Clubs with two absences received warning emails too, reminding them to show up to get funding by the end of the semester.
- Monday, May 6th, is the day of the last IOC meeting.
- The Organizations committee is preparing their second educational initiative.

XII. Report of Officers

Aren Sepanian

- Reminded everyone to RSVP for the IDEA conference, which is scheduled for this Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.
- It is mandatory, so missing it will be considered a leadership absence.

XIII. Reports of Governance/Special Committee Meetings

1. Placement and Assessment

Elen Mkhitarian

- A Committee member provided an update on AB 1705, emphasizing the smooth transition from noncredit to credit courses.
- Some concerns with AB 540 were brought to attention, such as dreamer students who were enrolled but not attending dual enrollment classes.
- Summer support classes for math and English discussed aiming to enhance students' abilities for transferring between credit and non-credit courses. These courses will be offered at the Garfield campus, with morning in-person classes and evening online classes.
- The math division discussed their new, innovative course for calculations, which is centered around algebra and trigonometry courses for students to succeed. They hope to start offering this course in the summer or fall of 2025.
- On May 17, the English division will have a workshop in which they will work with high schools, read essays with GCC faculty members, and grade them.
- The ESL division discussed how they want to create an ESL 101 course.

2. Administrative Affairs

Isabelle Karayan / Emilia Shabane

- The committee modified 6250 budget management, which is the districts' unrestricted general reserves.

- They discussed the superintendent president's responsibilities, including overseeing the budget.

3. Open Educational Resources (OER)

Tamar Chavdarian, Alejandro Zamarripa

- The meeting discussed getting free online textbooks for students.
- For students, textbooks used to be prohibitively expensive; but, in the previous four years, that cost has significantly decreased. A section titled "Zero and low textbook cost" was created on the GCC website in response to the 75% of students who thought textbooks are too expensive.
- Zero textbook costs are said to save students almost \$7.8 million annually.

4. Multicultural and Community Engagement (MCEC)

Ania Konarki, Charles Hall

- The committee discussed the upcoming events that will take place at the MCC.
- Reminded everyone about the MCC's programs, which are rising scholars, Dream Resource Center, and Pride Center.
- To allow everybody in the city to take part in their events, the Pride Center has been collaborating with different partners. They assist in offering support to parents of students who may identify as LGBTQ+.
- The MCC is planning several events, including suicide prevention awareness.
- The Dream Resource Center hosted the Dream Student Success Conference on March 15. Four local high schools were represented there: Roosevelt, North Hollywood, East Valley, and Lincoln.
- The rising scholars had an ice cream fundraiser and a conviction clinic.
- On June 11th, the committee will host Beyond Barriers, their third annual graduation celebration. It's intended for students who identify as LGBTQ+, undocumented, and were previously incarcerated.

XIV. Guest Speakers

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

1. Approval of \$250.00 for GCC Soccer Association – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Emilia Shabane

2. Approval of \$590.00 for GCC Film Club – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Tamar Chavdarian / Alejandro Zamarripa

3. Approval of \$550.00 for GCC Veterans Club – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Alejandro Zamarripa / Emilia Shabane

4. Approval of \$246.51 for GCC Book Club – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Pacheco Matute / Aren Sepanian

5. Approval of \$250.00 for Orgullo Latine – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Tommy Nuño / Alejandro Zamarripa

6. Approval of \$600.00 for GCC Ceramics Club – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Isabelle Karayan

7. Approval of \$250.00 for GCC Veterans Club – AS Organizational Event Support Account

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Alejandro Zamarripa

8. Approval of \$1,500 for Armenian Genocide Commemoration Events –AS Educational Initiatives – Spring

MSC: Claris Boghosian / Alejandro Zamarripa

9. Approval of \$1,800 for Rock N’ Roll with ASGCC – AS Assemblies – Spring

MSC: Lilit Yerkanyan / Aren Sepanian

10. Approval of \$1,700 for Legal Panel – AS Educational Initiatives – Spring

MSC: Lilit Yerkanyan / Elen Mkhitarian

11. Approval of \$310 for GCC Scholars Symposium – Unappropriated Budget Drawing

MSC: Emilio Dulay / Charles Hall

XVII. Reports of Advisors

Dr. Tzoler Oukayan, Advisor

- Reminded everyone about the email she had issued requesting if anyone might be available on Tuesday, April 23, Thursday, April 25, and Friday, April 26 to assist in evaluating the six candidates for the role of Vice President of Student Services.
- Students' opinions on synchronous and asynchronous classes are being surveyed to determine the best way to structure the courses.
- Informed everyone that the Students of Distinction committee will be meeting on May 3rd and that she is looking for one more student to join. The task will be to use a rubric to read statements and nominations.
- About thirty of the more than 100 nominees for the Students of Distinction award are qualified.
- Expressed gratitude to Tommy, Josephine, and Aren for their excellent effort organizing the IDEA conference scheduled for Saturday, April 27.
- About 120 people signed up to attend the IDEA conference.
- The college's open house is being held on May 4th by the Student Affairs Office.
- The honors and awards banquet will take place at the college campus on Friday, May 24. ASGCC honors, students of distinction, and leadership awards are sponsored by the banquet. Requested for roughly five volunteers to assist with the event's organizing.
- Reminded everyone that the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Commemoration committee's final event is this Friday, April 26.

XVIII. Announcements/Information

XIX. Adjournment at 7:39 am

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Pacheco Matute

Submitted by Kelin Minasian

Senator of Administration

April 24, 2023