



Associated Students of Glendale Community College
ASGCC Legislature Committee Minutes
September 30, 2024
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Student Center 208 – Verdugo Campus

I. Call to Order at 1:00 pm by President/Student Trustee Lilit Yerkanyan

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Present: Lilit Yerkanyan, Carlos Matute, Claris Boghosian, Iren Abelian, Isabelle Karayan, Levon Chaglasian, Alejandro Zamarripa, Lianna Avanesian, Lidiia Khanheldian, Hasmik Khachatryan, Ryan Avakian, Lena Markosian, Olivia Alatorre, Kelin Minasian, Alex Kalantaryan, Anahit Nazloyan, Masaki Sannomiya, Eric Tsaturyan, Aren Sepanian, Emily Churukian, Mane Asilbekyan, Arineh Khachikian, Tamar Chavdarian, Liana Issaian, Emily Kasumyan, Francisco Corletto

Non – voting: Dr. Tzoler Oukayan, Advisor, Claudia Juan, Advisor.

IV. Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2024

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Emily Churukian

V. Approval of Agenda – September 30, 2024

MSC: Alejandro Zamarripa / Aren Sepanian

VI. Report of President/Student Trustee – Lilit Yerkanyan

- Thanking everyone for having the second group chat being successful.

VII. Report of Administration Committee – Carlos Matute

- We're going to have an educational event happening on October 8, and it's going to have counselors and teachers presenting different types of ways to transfer and just educational advice.

VIII. Report of Finance Committee – Claris Boghosian

- In the recent meeting, the committee discussed various strategies to boost revenue, including the idea of adding an arcade on campus with games like air hockey and basketball.
- They also considered investing in weekly bonds, which offer a safe way to grow funds with flexible withdrawal options. This investment strategy is seen as beneficial for long-term financial growth

IX. Report of Activities Committee – Iren Abelian

- I'm excited to announce that the Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on October 15, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at the House of Apparel. This event will celebrate Hispanic culture through engaging activities.
- I also want to remind everyone about the "Slime Time and Crumbl Cookies" event happening tomorrow at 4:00 PM in the Student Center. It's a great opportunity to unleash your creativity while enjoying some tasty treats.

X. Report of Relations Committee – Isabelle Karayan

- In today's committee meeting, we're going to be discussing relations between educational initiative activities and the administration's educational initiative as well. And last made and posted the slime time reel on Instagram. So make sure you go check it out.

XI. Report of Organizations Committee – Levon Chaglasian

- I want to remind everyone that our first IOC meeting is today at 3:30 PM in SC 212. Additionally, we're excited to announce that we will be hosting a health fair on Thursday, October 12, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM in Plaza Back.

XII. Report of Officers - Alex Kalantaryan

- I propose that we create a Google Calendar to showcase events from our five different committees. This calendar could include details about each event, such as the responsible committee. Adding this feature to the ASGCC website would help keep everyone informed about upcoming events.

XIII. Reports of Governance/Special Committee Meetings

1. Budget Committee - Lilit Yerkanyan / Isabelle Karayan

- The budget committee meeting was brief, lasting about 27 minutes. We began by disapproving the minutes from the previous meeting and quickly moved to discuss AR 6305.
- The main focus was on finding alternative resources for recategorization, but no additional funds were available for the resource requests. Income statements, financial reporting, and cash flow statements will be discussed at the next meeting on October 10.

2. CoDe Committee- Ryan Avakian

- I want to highlight some key findings from the recent discussion on online enrollment, which has increased yearly through 2024, likely due to COVID-19. Data shows that while course success rates for non-credit classes range from 90% to 98%, credit classes have lower success rates, below 79%.
- Over 20,000 students prefer remote classes over hybrid formats. This Friday, we will review a three-year plan for online learning and discuss 51 DE agenda items, including 64 submissions related to effective online teaching
- A task force has been established to review and approve the next three years of the ERTCC.

3. Library & Information Competency Committee - Liana Issaian / Eric Tsaturyan

- So In our meeting, we reviewed the library committee's mission, focusing on information competency. Highlighting a need for better incentives to engage the larger student body. Full-time students visit more often and generally report positive experiences, but concerns include Wi-Fi reliability, furniture comfort, and printing costs.
- The primary issue is noise on the quiet fourth floor. Brian and I will tour the library to assess signage and gather student input. 100 laptops were quickly checked out, demonstrating a need for more devices.
- The library meeting addressed several resource needs, including free printing, improved Wi-Fi, additional staff, and more physical books.
- Parents requested child-friendly spaces. Goals include reducing noise, enhancing comfort, and extending library hours. There is a staffing shortage, with an unfilled position and limited public services. Over 100 devices remain unreturned, prompting plans to order 100 more Chromebooks.

4. Study Abroad Committee - Aren Sepanian

- We reviewed the summer 2024 programs in Spain and London, noting positive feedback from students in Spain about the instructors, but issues with accommodations due to vendor problems.
- For future programs, it's crucial to ensure vendors are present in-country and that agreements are documented. For winter 2025, we have 19 deposits, with 15 fully paid. Recruitment challenges were noted, emphasizing the need for faculty to promote trips in classrooms.
- Updates for summer 2025 include open applications for Bali and Armenia, with advertising underway and 16 scholarships available for the Armenian program. For Greece, vendor options are being finalized, with efforts to find more affordable pricing. Proposals for winter and summer 2026 are also being discussed.

5. Academic Senate (Title 5) - Carlos Matute / Claris Boghosian / Lianna Avanesian

- The discussion centered on unit requirements for the new DE program, which will now require 27 units instead of the previous 21. Although there was initial support for 21 units, many voted for the new requirement of 27.

- The specific classes and categories will be finalized in an upcoming meeting this Friday, focusing on institutions and lifelong learning. Currently, the general education requirements for colleges remain set at 21 units.

6. Student Equity & Achievement (SEA) - Mane Asilbekyan / Emily Churukian

- Cancelled

7. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- Cancelled

8. Curriculum And Instruction - Tamar Chavdarian / Claris Boghosian

- The committee discussed upcoming deadlines, notably the October 4 deadline for course renewals. They are planning a student-friendly workshop in November and representative training for curriculum and instruction.
- The Title V Task Force addressed minimum unit requirements, likely setting the average at around 23 units. Concerns were raised about students struggling to find necessary classes that are still listed but not offered, particularly as course availability is unclear in the catalog.
- The committee aims to improve course registration processes and is reviewing overdue classes. A motion was made for ASGCC to become a voting member of the committee.

XIV. Guest Speakers

- City of Glendale Verdugo Wash Greenway Project – Presentation

- The presentation opens with the speaker praising the professionalism of the meeting and the importance of student involvement in civic matters. They introduce the Vanguard Wash project, a 9.4-mile flood control channel in Glendale that connects various neighborhoods, parks, and schools, including Glendale Community College.

- Initially built in the 1930s to prevent catastrophic flooding, the wash plays a critical role in managing water flow. The speaker highlights that the southern part of Glendale is lacking in parks, making improved access to the wash vital for community connectivity and recreation. Currently, the wash is primarily a concrete channel for flood control.

- Examples from cities like Colorado and Burbank illustrate successful projects that have integrated recreational pathways. The project promises numerous benefits, including enhanced recreation, better transportation options, improved public health, and habitat restoration.

- The speaker encourages students to consider supporting the initiative through a letter, inviting questions and discussion throughout the presentation. The speaker explains that the original flood control channel was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, not as a WPA project.

- MD Zuhayeer – Director of Internship and Volunteer Program -- Adrin Nazarian for LA City council

- No guest speaker.

- Dr. Michael Harnett (Scholars Program Director)

- Dr. Michael Harnett introduces the Scholars Program, emphasizing that while it serves as a pathway for transferring to universities, its scope extends far beyond that. At its core, the program is built on academic excellence through honors classes, which appear prominently on transcripts.

- Participants are required to complete at least 15 units of honors courses and engage actively in committees focused on social events, fundraising, community service, outreach, and arts and culture.

- The program involves a significant commitment, with events occurring regularly throughout the semester to raise funds for various initiatives, including scholarships and donations to community organizations.

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

1. Approval of \$900.00 for Transfer Tips – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring

MSC: Mane Asilbekyan/ Aren Sepanian

2. Approval of \$1,500 for Student Halloween Party – AS Assemblies

MSC: Ryan Avakian / Claris Boghosian

3. Approval of Finance Report #4 – Action Item

MSC: Claris Boghosian/ Lena Markosian

XVII. Reports of Advisors

- **Claudia Juan**

- I appreciate you guys for leading our efforts. We've raised the standard in our areas. For activity requests, please submit them as early as possible and send me the layout. Early submissions help us prepare and avoid miscommunication with facilities. Let's support each other.

XVIII. Announcements/Information

- **Tzoler Oukayan**

- Just a reminder to use "we" instead of "they" when discussing committee work; you're all part of the team. Also, scholarship applications are due in two weeks, so make sure to apply if you've completed your 12 units.
- Lastly, mark your calendars for November 26, a Tuesday, for an upcoming ASGCC meeting at 12:30. We will participate in the Montrose Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7. Please note that we need to be there by 5 PM, so mark your calendars.

XIX. Adjournment at 2:30 pm

MSC: Tamar Chavdarian / Alejandro Zamarripa



Submitted by Lidia Khanheldian

Senator of Administration

October 3, 2024