



**Associate Student Government**  
Barstow Community College  
ASG Board Meeting – MINUTES  
August 31, 2023  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: ASG Office

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by President S. Davis.

**II. Roll Call**

- a. **Present-** Sakiya Davis, Mia Torres, Rebecca Seymore, Julissa Beck, Tiffany Florendo-Salinas, Axelle James, Vhanyk Covarrubias, Sherimara Johnson
- b. **Guests-** Jessica Tainatongo, Andrew Church, Isabella Rodriguez

**III. Approval of the Agenda (Action)**

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the agenda. 1<sup>st</sup> - S. Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup> - R. Seymour (8, 0, 0). Motion passes.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes (Action)**

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the minutes from the 8/17/2023 meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> – V. Covarrubias / 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Beck (8, 0, 0). Motion passes.

**V. Public Comments (maximum of three speakers/limited to 2 minutes each) (Discussion)**

Andrew Church asked the team to partner with the Promise Program for our Halloween festivities. HE would like to theme the day, possibly Monster Mash, and would like to provide games, food, and prizes in conjunction with our costume contest. Mia suggested a Zombie scavenger hunt and Sherimara offered to take the lead. Further discussion will take place to get this planned.

**VI. New Business**

- a. **Approval of Isabella Rodriguez as the ASG Senator of Social Media & Marketing (Action)**  
– Sakiya Davis

S. Davis told the group that she was in support of this student being added to ASG as she was impressed with her interview and felt she would do a very good job in this position.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the item as submitted. 1<sup>st</sup> – S. Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup> – V. Covarrubias (8, 0, 0). [Motion Passes.](#)

- b. **Undocumented Students Week; \$600 for gift cards, snacks, and drinks (Action)** – Sakiya Davis

J. Tainatongo explained that ASG was asked to sponsor gift cards totaling \$300 for the event as well as snacks and drinks for one day of the event that will take place in October.

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the item as submitted. 1<sup>st</sup> – M. Torres 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Beck motion passes (8, 0, 0) [Motion Passes.](#)

- c. **2<sup>nd</sup> 9-Week WOW Event; (Discussion)** - Jessica Tainatongo

J. Tainatongo explained to the group that some students will be coming to campus for the first time during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-week session that starts after fall break. This event does not need to be as large as the Week of Welcome, but some events should be planned. J. Tainatongo asked the group for two volunteers to take the lead on this event. A. James asked if she could get donuts from Frosty's as they offered to donate. J. Beck offered to help plan this event.

**d. SolveCC (Discussion) - Jessica Tainatongo**

J. Tainatongo talked to the group about the importance of SolveCC and their participation was not required but definitely encouraged. SolveCC encourages students to get more involved in their community by identifying a problem and working with a community organization to possibly find a solution to that problem. The deadline is about three months out so there is time to come up with some ideas. M. Torres spoke about homelessness and let the group know that she sits on the local Homeward Bound committee and can talk to them about assisting the group. J. Tainatongo told the group that homelessness is a big problem and that it might benefit the group to look at it in smaller areas, maybe focusing on the different reasons for homelessness.

**e. Ontario Reign Field Trip (Discussion) - Jessica Tainatongo**

J. Tainatongo spoke to the group about Ontario Reign, a hockey team in Ontario, and that the trip would include a tour of the facilities, including the VIP area and offices, as well as a Q&A session with the training staff, accounting department, or whoever we felt the students would be interested in speaking with. J. Tainatongo already spoke with the Athletics staff to see if this was something they were interested in partnering with us on and they are. J. Tainatongo will contact the Athletic Director to figure out financial responsibility and bring that back to the team.

**f. Friendsgiving; \$1000 (Action) – Sakiya Davis**

A motion was made and then seconded to approve this item. 1<sup>st</sup> - / 2<sup>nd</sup> - (0, 5, 3) **Motion does not pass.**

**g. Switch Tiffany Florendo-Salinas to the Senator of Student Relations (from Senator of Participatory Governance Committees) (Action) – Sakiya Davis**

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the item as submitted. 1<sup>st</sup> – R. Seymour / 2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Johnson (8, 0, 0). **Motion passes.**

**h. Mardi Gras Parade Float-Supplies; \$1000 (Action) – Sakiya Davis**

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the item as submitted. 1<sup>st</sup> – V. Covarrubias / 2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Seymour (8, 0, 0). **Motion passes.**

**i. Constitution Day Event; \$1500 (Action) – Sakiya Davis**

J. Tainatongo explained to the group that the planning for this event started in the spring semester when she reached out to the Dean to see if any instructors would be interested in doing a debate. Two instructors agreed to do it and discussed debating a current hot topic and relating it to the constitution. More recently, the two instructors have said they will create 10 questions that can be asked by someone else and they will take turns answering the questions. The group said that this sounded boring and not something they would be interested in attending. J. Tainatongo will reach out to the Dean to see if there is a chance of changing this back to a debate and if not, then the event will be canceled.

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the item as submitted. 1<sup>st</sup> – J. Beck / 2<sup>nd</sup> – T. Florendo-Salinas (8, 0, 0). **Motion passes.**

- VII. Participatory Governance Committee Report Outs** (limited to 2 minutes each) *(Discussion)*
- a. All reports are attached in the meeting packet; verbal reports are given if a vital item needs to be discussed/voted on.
  - b. J. Tainatongo reminded the group which Committees they were on and asked if everyone had received an invite to their meetings. J. Beck, S. Johnson, and S. Davis were all confused by the invite from the CGC Committee as they did not realize that it was an in-person meeting. Going forward, the students were asked to let the Advisor know if they are unable to attend a meeting so that a replacement can be found.
- VIII. Other Committee Report Outs** (limited to 2 minutes each) *(Discussion)*
- a. **ICC:** Julissa Beck  
J. Tainatongo explained that J. Beck is the lead for the ICC which is a meeting for all of the Vice Presidents from the campus clubs to get together and discuss items. As the clubs are still in the process of getting members, this meeting won't start yet.
- IX. Officer Reports (limited to 2 minutes each)** *(Discussion)*
- a. **President/Student Trustee:** Sakiya Davis  
S. Davis reported to the group that she created a Microsoft Forms for students to document their questions and concerns and will hopefully have this out on a flyer soon.
  - b. **Vice President:** Julissa Beck  
No report.
  - c. **Secretary:** Axelle James  
No report.
  - d. **Treasurer:** Sherimara Johnson  
S. Johnsons reported to the group that in the Business and Finance meeting there are going to be a lot of budget cuts.
  - e. **Region IX Delegate:** Mia Torres  
M. Torres let the group know that she got in touch with Stephen Kodur at the SSCCC and that her Region IX meetings should be starting at the end of September.
  - f. **Senators:** Rebecca Seymour, Vhanyk Covarrubias, Tiffany Florendo-Salinas  
No reports.
- X. Campus Life Staff Reports** (limited to 2 minutes each) *(Discussion)*
- a. **Advisor:** Jessica Tainatongo  
J. Tainatongo reported to the group that Academic Senate President, Melissa Matteson, would like to attend at least one of the ASG meetings a month to see if she can be of any help to the group.  
Reminded the group that while the ASG Office can be used for homework and just hanging out, when the required ASG hours are being completed, ASG work should be focused on. There are a lot of events that have been discussed but need someone to sponsor it and get it planned.  
The group was given several swag items to look over and a decision was not made. It would be nice to have two or three items on hand to pass out to students when we have tabling events or

are asked to assist with an event. M. Torres suggested choosing from the list that J. Tainatongo provided so that could be purchased soon.

M. Torres was in charge of finding shirt and jacket options for the group and everyone was pleased with her choices so she was going to find one polo, one long sleeve shirt, and one jacket to purchase for the group. Additional funds will be requested from the group to cover this cost and be placed on the next agenda.

ASG has been asked to help at the annual Scare Fair Event on 10/14 from 12p-4p. There will be games for kids that will need to be manned by the ASG members. We were also presented with the opportunity to have a fundraiser on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> to host a haunted house that we could charge an entrance fee. Sakiya and Becky offered to plan this. A discussion about purchasing an inflatable screen, fog machines, and additional decorations was had as well.

**XI. Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**XII. Next Meeting**

a. Sep 7, 2023

**XIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made and then seconded to adjourn the meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> – J. Beck / 2<sup>nd</sup> – M. Torres. The meeting was adjourned by ASG President S. Davis at 5:39 pm.