



Student Government General Session Minutes

Date / Time: April 16, 2013 at 12:30 - 1:30

Location: Room 604 LRC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Executive Board Meeting will be held in the LRC, room 604. The meeting times are noted above. If you have any questions please contact ASB Office at (760) 384-6353. *Please refer to our notice re: Meetings for more info and disclaimers.

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order by- Gianna James at 12:37pm in room 604 LRC
- b. Roll Call- Quorum Meet.
- c. Adopt/correct or ratify minutes- April 02, 2013 minutes. April 02, 2013 minutes adopted.

2. **Main Session** (Agenda Items)

- a. Old business

i. **Food Pantry Update -**

- The Food Pantry is on temporary hold and is awaiting approval from Heather Ostash. Heather Ostash, Vice President of Student Services, is investigating if there are any conflicts of funding that have occurred for the Food Pantry. Heather will inform the Student Government of the status in continuing the pantry when it becomes available.

Approval of \$300.00 for the start of the food pantry was allocated by the Student Government. Bonnie Moir will be spear heading the startup of the non-profit food pantry that will co-exist with the Access Program's student assessable food area when approval is granted by administration.

ii. **Cerro Coso Open House, April 6, (Saturday) Review -**

- Cerro Coso conducted a College Campus Open House on April 6, 2013; from 10am to 3pm. The Student Government hosted a barbeque in the fountain area from 11am to 2pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chips were served at no cost. Clubs were encouraged to represent themselves or set up fund raising activities for this event. Volunteers performed tours from; 11am; 12pm; 1pm and 2pm. This event was hosted and organized by Paula Suarez, director of Student and Counseling Services (Access Program). This event was deemed successful by the Student Government. Turnout for this event had meet all expectations.

iii. **April Elections for Student Government and Faculty Spring Awards -**

- Student Elections for the month of April, 2013 have been reinstated on the Student Government schedule. Elections for the Fall Student Government will be done via student's "InsideCC" accounts. Vacant positions that are still in need of applicants will be left open until qualified applicants our found. Clubs are encouraged to inform their members of openings within the Student Government.

Election for the Faculty Spring Awards will also be conducted by online student voting, via "InsideCC" accounts.



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b. New Business

i. **Open Forum/ Mary O'Neil Guess Speaker -**

- Open forum was moved to the beginning of New Business to accommodate guest speaker Mary O'Neal, professor and department chair for Child Development & Education at Cerro Coso Community College. Professor O'Neal addressed the Student Government regarding some concerns and objectives of administration and students of Cerro Coso Community College. Discussion was focused on questions given to Professor O'Neal by student body President Gianna James. Topics included but not limited to the following:

- College Council- Review of the duties and responsibilities of College Council were discussed.
- Cerro Coso Student Parking Fee- The potential student parking fee of \$20.00 dollars for the fall semester was discussed. The purposed fee to students would be for the resurfacing and upkeep of the parking lot and access road; inquiries of how the parking lot fee money would be used have come into question. Bond measure "G" has been approved for the funding of the resurfacing of the Cerro Coso parking lot, because of this bond measure and the allotment of funds, the parking lot fee comes into question. Why a student parking lot fee is being implemented to students when there has already been fund approval for repairs and resurfacing of the parking lot is an issue. How the fee money will be used and were it will be kept has also being asked. The concern that there has been no inquiry to charge faculty for parking has also been called into question. Money that is needed for the staffing to enforce the parking lot and ticket fees and revenue that will be generated are all particulars and issues that have not been addressed to the Cerro Coso student body.

On May 2, 2013 the Board of Trustees will meet at Cerro Coso Community College. Student Trustee, Angelo Sanchez will bring up this issue, but he encourages students that are concerned with these questions and issues to join him in representing the student body at this upcoming Board of Trustee Meeting. Mr. Sanchez welcomes participation and representation by the student body.

- Increase Costs of Units- As of date, increase of units have been frozen.
- Budget Plans- Proposition 30 was passed by the citizens' of California; the results have been budget constraints being decreased and a positive fiscal outlook. Professor O'Neal encourages the student body to be proactive in the discussions and decisions that are being decided in regards to classes being added or removed from the college catalog and the availability of campus and online classes.
- Kern River Valley (KRV) Remodel- The KRV Student Government expressed concern of summer classes that have been cancelled due to the remodel of the KRV campus. A specific plan for the remodel and how long it was going to take was in question.



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- Kern River Valley (KRV) Harassment and Safety Concerns- Concerns of safety and harassment was discussed; administration was informed of these issues and “student conduct” informational pamphlets were handed out to students. The idea of a harassment or bully prevention workshop was discussed as an event for KRV.
 - California City land purchase by The Board of Trustees- Purchased land acquired by the Kern Community College District was discussed. Kern Community College District has purchased land in California City for the future use in developing an educational site in that area. Development plans have been in place for over a decade and the question of validity of this plan by the Board of Trustees. Accountability and fiscal responsibilities were also discussed regarding this issue.
- ii. **Club recognition(s) -**
- The following clubs will be officially indoctrinated and recognized as clubs of Cerro Coso Community College with the approval by the Student Government after submitting proper paperwork and possessing the required qualifications: Kern River Valley; Chemistry Club; and Glee Club.
 - Chemistry Club- Motion to activate: 1st Angelo Sanchez, 2nd Mike KinKennon; Approved.
 - Kern River Valley’s GSA Club- Motion to activate: 1st GSA representative Jennifer, 2nd Rex Winters; Approved.
- iii. **Diversity Speaker Shakti Butler, April 18th -**
- Cerro Coso Community College will be hosting a free diversity speaker on April 18th, 2013 (Thursday) at 7:00pm in the Lecture Center. Speaker Shakti Butler is an educator, filmmaker, speaker, social justice activist and healer that will speak about “Cracking the codes: The system of racial inequity.” This event is funded by the Cerro Coso Student Development funds and is open to the public.
- iv. **Rape Prevention Workshop April 19th -**
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Student Government of Cerro Coso Community College is sponsoring Rape Prevention Workshops. The April 19th workshop will be held from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the Student Lecture Center at Cerro Coso Community College. Admission is free and open to the general public.



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v. **Earth Day Event April 23rd -**

- Cerro Coso will be conducting its annual Earth Day event on April, 23rd (Tuesday), from 10am to 2pm. All clubs are invited to participate in this year's event. Students and the local community will be invited to partake in activities and speak with vendors that promote ecological and environmental practices.

A suggestion of planting a tree to represent the students of Cerro Coso has been cancelled due to the complexity of logistics that are involved in planting a tree on campus. Bring your own bowl for soup has been decided as one of the activities for this event. Water bottles for students have been approved as a giveaway for this event. A purposed faculty speaker in the science field has been suggested for this event. Kim will look into any volunteer speakers that can speak for this event. There have also been purposed event activities of: Eco Swap; Earth Day related video to be played in Student Center; Dirty Sock Contest (car exhaust test) with prize of a free tune-up. Fund Approval of \$500.00 has been allocated for this event (see fund approvals). See advertisement for details and particulars for this event.

Cerro Coso clubs are encouraged to participate in this year's Earth Day event.

v. **April 25th New Date for April's Movie Night -**

- April's Movie Night that that will be sponsored by the International Club has changed the date from the 18th to the 25th (Thursday). There will be two showings for students; First showing will be at 4:00pm and the second movie showing will be at 6:00pm. Please see advertising for particulars for this event.

vi. **Spring Awards for Faculty from Students, May 2nd (Thursday) -**

- Cerro Coso Spring awards ceremony for faculty from the students of Cerro Coso Community College will be held on May, 2nd (Thursday) in the Cerro Coso Student Center.

vii. **Pam Coward Memorial Scholarship -**

- Deadline for applying for the Pam Coward Memorial Scholarship is April 19th, 2013 at noon. This is a \$1,500 dollar scholarship awarded to a full-time Cerro Coso student that has been accepted to a four year university. Inquire at financial aid office for further information.

c. **Office Reports**

- i. **President**
- ii. **Vice President**
- iii. **Secretary**
- iv. **Finance Manager**
- v. **Region IX Rep-**
- vi. **Communication Officer**
- vii. **Student Trustee**
- viii. **President of the Senate**
- ix. **Senator(s)**



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d. Club Reports

- **Students Services United-** Ice Cream social is being planned and will be announced. Note: List of new members has been requested by the Student Government for its records.
- **Political Science Club-** The newly formed Political Science Club will start meetings and activities this fall semester.
- **Phi Theta Kappa-** Phi Theta Kappa will have representation at Cerro Coso's Earth Day Event.
- **Kern River Valley (KRV)-** Open elections for faculty of the year will be conducted on April 22nd and 23rd. In recognition of Earth Day, KRV will conduct a clean-up of trash on its campus.
- **International Club-** International Club will host April's movie night (See Movie Night April 25th).

e. Public Comment

- **Traian Morris, Region IX Representative-** Announcement that the purposed 90 unit cap for students has failed. Also, financial aid will have new guidelines that students need to be aware of.
- **Gianna James, Student President-** Announcement that if any student would like to become a Student Senator is more than welcome to join the Student Government's Elected-board (E-board) meetings that are held every Thursday at 12:00pm at the Student Activities office located in the Cerro Coso Student Center.

f. Meeting Adjourned-

Called by Gianna James at 1:26 pm.



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Officers:

() **President:** Gianna James

() **Vice President:** Marissa James

() **Advisor:** Kim Kelly

() **Region IX Rep:** Traian Morris

() **Secretary:** Michael A. Lelis

() **Finance Manager:** Open

() **Communication:** Open

() **Photographer:** Open

() **President of the Senate:** Open

() **Student Trustee:** Angelo Sanchez

() **Student Activities Assistant:** Anna Sue Eldridge

Guests: