

The Associated Students of Copper Mountain College

Regular Meeting Minutes | 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 | 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. | Zoom# (97376598874)

6162 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**1. Order of Business**

**a. Call to Order | 11:06 AM**

**b. Roll Call**

- i. President Leila Smith **(she/them) Present**
- ii. Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria **(he/him) Present**
- iii. Secretary Jenn De Falco **(they/them) Present**
- iv. Treasurer Shane De Falco **(he/him) Present**
- v. Student Trustee Steve O'Donoghue **(he/him) Present**
- vi. Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies **(he/him) Unexcused Absent**
- vii. Senator Joshua Heard **(he/him) Unexcused Absent**
- viii. Senator Tiffany Aflaki **(she/her) Present**
- ix. Senator Jeordyn Diesel **(he/him) Present**
- x. Senator Nicky Barraza **(she/her) Present**

**c. Confirmation of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda by Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria Treasurer Shane De Falco. Second by Treasurer Shane De Falco.**

**d. Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion to approve the minutes by Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria Second by Senator Jeordyn Diesel.**

**e. Public Comment**

Dr. Supinda Siri expressed to ASCMC, in any educational institution every opportunity is a learning opportunity right, and she really commends all of us who are student leaders in our service, as we know, representatives of our peers. And that is basically why she would like to run for a Copper Mountain College's Board of Trustees. She does see herself as a member of the community. And she truly believes that it is important that any elected official regardless of their belief go out into the community and really listen to the community and see what the concerns for the community are. And ever since the 29 palms farmers market opened up a booth for candidates she stats she has been the only candidate out consistently listening to the community and finding out more about their experience, not just with Copper Mountain College, but the community as a whole. And it is great to hear the positive experiences that people have with copper Mountain College. She states she has also heard some not so positive experiences as well. And there are many different ways that we can listen to the public. One is to put yourself out there just like she is doing right now at the farmers market, but also with these meetings as well. She thanks, Joe for inviting her. She also expressed she has attended the board meetings as well. And loves that during the board meetings they do hear a lot of great things that Copper Mountain College is doing for its community and folks are really congratulatory about all the wonderful things that they do and that's obviously very important is to celebrate their achievements, however, she also noticed that when suggestions for improvements have come up there has been a lot of silence and she will look through the board policy to see it was that is the protocol. But it was partly so it was disheartening to participate or to be a part of the board meeting, and here they know lots of concerns, particularly they had one part time faculty member read a statement about how part time faculty do not feel like their voices are heard. Do not feel like they are valued, but there was absolutely no discussion at all from anybody, and that was disheartening. And also, she been reading the accreditation documents and also, she noticed that in the last year's students survey 30% of students did report that they were discriminated against. And since then, she has not really seen any movement on what the college is

doing to you know combat that or find out you know what this is all about. So, if elected, she would very much like to get into the community, very closely and find out. You know what really the experience of Copper Mountain College students is and the learning, it is a learning environment and should be supportive should be nonjudgmental should be inclusive. That is what she believes and if elected. That is what she will consistently bring to the table is making sure that all stakeholders are at the table, and their having conversations about these opportunities to grow and learn. As you all know, there is five members on the board of trustees. She will be the first person that does not fit what a board of trustee looks like. She thinks that she represents, or a look like, us and she will definitely make sure that representation matters across the college. She wants to make sure that they bring representation of all our students, whether you're a veteran, whether you're a single mom, whether you're a returning students, whether you're fresh out of high school, she wants everybody at the table to express their views and concerns because everybody's experiences are valid. We stepped up to be a student leader students step up to, to take control of our life and benefit ourselves and our family and as elected officials, it's their responsibility that they provide a learning environment that leads to success and there should be no obstacles, you know, towards learning, especially if we have already stepped up and told ourselves that we want to better ourselves. She wants to better the community so if we are not registered to vote by midnight tonight it is the deadline to register. So. go to she will type it in the chat box to register go to [vote.ca.gov](https://vote.ca.gov), make sure we register, and we do not know what is going to happen. Right. But the power is in our hands. Once we register to vote.

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria asked, something that really attracted me to you as a person and wanting to work with you was your idea of a college that works for the community. President Lily brought up a good point. At the beginning of this year that food insecurities, a very real thing and the Morongo Basin and you independently of this also were talking about how you love to get some kind of community pantry started because you had worked with that in your previous position. Could you speak a little bit more on that?

Dr. Supinda Siri responded, so she did work at a community college for five years in the Bay Area. And for those of us who may not know the city that I worked in Redwood City is very similar to the Morocco basin working-class small-town pride.

And because of Silicon Valley pushing into the community, lots of homelessness and food insecurity was definitely threatening the citizens of Redwood City. So, they partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank and had a food bank on campus and this food bank was not only for students. Obviously, the majority of people who took advantage of it were students, but it was open to the community as well. In addition to that, their campus was an open campus community college with public facilities. So, whenever there were homeless people on their campus, they did have designated bathrooms and showers that were open during certain hours of the day for the homeless population to utilize as well. So, you know, she knows that Copper Mountain College is a little bit out of the way. She knows that we have partnered with MBTA to offer free rides for students. But for some people, you know, that might be the only option for folks to have healthy food and a clean shower. Thank you for that question. Joe. She also states she is the only candidate at the farmer's market who actually has voter registration forms there and we know educating the public about the importance of voting. We do not know what the results will be, but we will continue to see her in the community working hard to make sure that everybody who wants to better themselves has the opportunity to do so. So, keep up the good work, everyone, and thank you so much for your service.

Jason was following up and asked, the authorization to participate in like the kingdom hammers are other race events. He was just wondering if any of us followed it up with the president since he did indicate his support at that meeting last semester.

Vice President Joseph expressed he did not follow up with President Otten.

President Leila Smith expressed she will be bringing this up next week to College Council.

Jeff Tedtaotao expressed he has had interest in the Rock-Climbing club and would like to know where the club is standing at on terms of the constitution and bylaws.

## II. Old Business

- a. Discuss Clubs (which ones are running, and who are their officers) |Action/Discussion

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria

Vice-President Joseph Newton-Candelaria expressed the only clubs he knows are active are Paranormal Society and Auto Club.

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed they ad a meeting with Vice President Jane Abell and te clubs can have a co-advisor. However, the advisor must be present for all matters dealing with elections, financial, and event/trips. The advisor is the only one tat can sign off. Vice President Jane Abell also expressed that for regular meeting the clubs can meet on zoom without an advisor.

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria expressed he thought we suspended our entire bylaws and constitution.

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed, no that is an incorrect, we only suspended the clubs needing to bring in their paperwork and contact us within thirty days. We cannot and did not suspend the bylaws and constitution in its entirety.

Secretary Jenn De Falco motioned to amend the bylaws and constitute to reflect clubs can meet via zoom until the pandemic (Covid) is over, without an advisor but cannot handle any financial situations, elections, and events/trips without the advisor being present. Second by Student Trustee Steve O'Donoghue.

**b. Social Media platform and CMC Website | Action/Discussion**

President Leila Smith

President Leila Smith asked to postpone this until next week when Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies is present on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**c. How to help students during Covid | Action/Discussion**

President Leila Smith

President Leila Smith expressed Campus Experience's Joshua King has not heard anything back yet on the Food Bank, she will be reaching out to him today to work on a detail list and plan to present to Vice President Jane Abell.

Advisor Jeff Drozd expressed again we need to encourage students to get tested for Covid 19.

**III. Reports**

**a. Executive Officer Reports**

**i. President Leila Smith**

President Leila expressed she and Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria went to a planning meeting and discussed what 100 percent student success is and discussed a survey on do you feel successful and what does it mean to you.

**ii. Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria**

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria expressed he is going to put a link in the chat for free food, there will be five distribution centers and asked for all to spread the word. He also expressed to look into Measure J and Measure K.

iii. Secretary Jenn De Falco

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed they have exciting news: Bonnie Bilger from Human Resources will be joining our meeting next week to discuss the idea of a student member from ASCMC being allowed to participate and sit in on the hiring of new faculty members. The document is AP 7140 and will be sent to all members to view.

iv. Treasurer Shane De Falco

No Report!

v. Student Trustee Steve O'Donoghue

No Report!

vi. Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies

No Report!

**a. Senator Reports**

i. Joshua Heard

No Report

ii. Tiffany Aflaki

No Report!

iii. Jeordyn Diesel

No Report

iv. Nicky Barraza

No Report

## **b. Participatory Governance Reports**

### **1. Academic Calendar**

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria

The Academic Calendar approved the calendar for the next two years. Also, students will have an extra 24 ours to drop a class with a refund.

### **2. Academic Senate**

Secretary Jenn De Falco

They have a new president, Melynie Schiel.

### **3. Budget Advisor**

President Leila Smith

They spoke about a relief fund and different ways to use it. Next meeting will be on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### **4. Technology Committee**

Senator Tiffany (TJ) Aflaki

Nothing was done and it was very confusing for her. They also did not have enough members to start them meeting.

## **Advisor Jeff Drozd Announcements**

Advisor Jeff Drozd expressed everything is great and we are done on time.

## **Communication from the floor**

No communication at this time.

**Adjournment 12:05**