

The Associated Students of Copper Mountain College

Regular Meeting Minutes | 26th October 2020 | 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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6162 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

1. Order of Business

a. Call to Order | 11:04 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) Present**
- vii. Senator Joshua Heard **(he/him) Present**
- viii. Senator Tiffany Aflaki **(she/her) Unexcused Absence**
- ix. Senator Jeordyn Diesel **(he/him) Excused Absence**
- x. Senator Nicky Barraza **(she/her) Present**

c. Confirmation of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Secretary Jenn De Falco.

Second by Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria.

d. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the change of the date for the minutes of 12th, October 2020 by Treasurer Shane De Falco. Second by Student Trustee Steve O'Donoghue.

Motion to approve the minutes by Student Trustee Steve O'Donoghue.
Second by Secretary Jenn De Falco.

e. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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 there is no news on clubs at this time but there is tentative good news.

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

President Leila Smith

Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies expressed there was an email error, and he will be sending the information to Advisor Jeff Drozd today. After doing some research he has decided to go with a FB page because it will be able to be accessed from Instagram and FB. It will allow us to connect with the already established Copper Mountain College pages that are official. This will also allow Advisor Jeff Drozd and Public Relations Jolie Alpin to be the Administers for the page and it will allow them to do all the necessary approvals for the page as well.

Great job Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies!

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

President Leila Smith

President Leila Smith expressed she had spoken with College Council about this last week. Vice President Jane Abell expressed if we just write up a game plan of how we would follow these procedures and what are our plans for this event, we then can submit this back to her for review. President Leila Smith also expressed she had spoken with Campus Experience Joshua King on Friday, and they started typing up a thing and he spoke to EOS because they had held a food drive. So, they got some ideas on how this has already been done safely and how we can copy some of that itinerary. President Leila Smith will be typing it up and finishing it today and then will be emailing it back to Vice President Jane Abell so, we can hopefully get it approved.

III. New Business

a. AP 7120 Recruitment and Hiring: Faculty

Human Resources Bonnie Bilger

Human Resources Bonnie Bilger was absent, and this item had to be postponed until our next meeting on November 2nd, 2020.

b. Endorsing a Candidate

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria expressed this item was shut down. Secretary Jenn De Falco and Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria both had spoken with Public Relations Jolie Alpin and she explained that as a student government body we have constituents, and we have to represent all of those constituents. So, there is no way we can say that we are representing every voice if we are endorsing a candidate directly.

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed we can support propositions, such as Proposition 16. Anything that can affect our students, funding, scholarships, grants, and loans. Something that ties directly to their education with the propositions we can support. However, with everything else we have to remain neutral.

IV. Reports

a. Executive Officer Reports

i. President Leila Smith

President Leila expressed she sent out an email on Friday, there is a thing that the school is doing, and she and Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria have been involved with it with the planning of it. It is called, “100 Percent Student Success,” and there is a meeting that is being held this Thursday at 3:00 P.M. Academic Senate was able to get seven faculty members to volunteer for this and with the four of us, President Leila Smith, Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria, Secretary Jenn De Falco, and Student Trustee Steve O’Donoghue, we are outnumbered. They would like for there to be seven of us, are there any volunteers?

Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies expressed he is down for the following meeting on November 9th, 2020; however, he will also volunteer for this Thursday’s meeting.

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed Treasurer Shane De Falco has a Fire class this Thursday, but he would like to volunteer for the November 9th meeting. As would also Secretary Jenn De Falco.

Senator Nicky Barazza would like to volunteer; however, she was not a student last semester and is ineligible.

ii. Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria expressed everyone please vote it is important.

iii. Secretary Jenn De Falco

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed as their colleagues have already expressed, please get out there and vote, if you do not use your voice you cannot be heard and therefore, you cannot make a change.

Your voice is the difference!

iv. Treasurer Shane De Falco

No Report!

v. Student Trustee Steve O'Donoghue

There is a Board of Trustees special meeting this Thursday. Next week he will have a full report.

vi. Ambassador Kristian Murin-Nies

No Report!

a. Senator Reports

i. Joshua Heard

No Report

ii. Tiffany Aflaki

No Report! (Unexcused Absent)

iii. Jeordyn Diesel

No Report (Excused Absent)

iv. Nicky Barraza

Senator Nicky Barraza expressed she understands that food insecurity has been an issue and she would like to point out something that happened to her last week. She was on campus and at Bruce's Café, if you are student in need of food you are able to get a free meal or a soup or something, so they did not have soup that day, she was given a free plate and the food was moldy. She felt the employees did not handle the situation with care and she felt like she was made to feel like she was bothering them, a nuisance, out of place. Fortunately, she does not have food insecurities, however, it made her sad to think if there are students that do have food insecurities and relied on that meal it would have been something they could not even eat. She wanted to bring it to our attention for advice on how she can resolve this issue that Bruce's Café could be more aware of the food they have in stock.

President Leila Smith asked Senator Nicky Barraza if she had told them at the time of the incident?

Senator Nicky Barraza replied no, she had taken the food back to her vehicle, there was some vegetables in it like peppers and carrots and these vegetables had a mold overlay on them, but she did not realize this until she was already driving away.

Advisor Jeff Drozd expressed he always tells people to document, document, document. So, take a picture of the item if something like that happens in the future. Next time email him or Dr. Otten, or whoever, you want to move it up the ladder because that is not acceptable. He understands that they are really slow and hardly any students going in there but still that is not an excuse.

President Leila Smith expressed to reach out to Dr. Otten's assistant Crisandra Kauffmann because Dr. Otten tends to be extremely busy and she is the one that filters out his emails and stuff.

Advisor Jeff Drozd expressed also maybe email Sandy Smith because the Foundation is the one that provides the food.

President Leila Smith expressed they may be just less busy so maybe they had the vegetables longer, but you still need to check the food.

Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria expressed he is aware that Bruce's Café has set up a Go Fund page. He believes there is another issue at play here. There also may be not a lot of funding because Bruce's Café is a private business. That rents out the college space. So, though he feels the issue should not have happen and we have to figure it out, he thinks part of the problem may be they might not have access to the same type of capital they once did.

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed that there has been issues in the past, Bruce's Café has some awesome workers, but they sometimes have student workers that are not as friendly. I know Bruce is a very generous man who has always been supportive of our events and our students. I am sure if there is an issue and he is notified he will resolve it immediately. The foundation has worked very hard in obtaining donations for the free

soup to be available for our students. I myself have had to take advantage of the free soup and there as been on some occasions that I have been treated like I am inconveniencing them and have presented themselves with an attitude. This is not from Bruce or the regular workers, but student workers in the past. I understand that sometimes they get overwhelmed because there is a lot of business in there, but this is not and should not be an excuse. We are at a time where they are not receiving as much business, the fact that Nicky was treated rudely and given moldy food is unacceptable. I would advise getting ahold of Sandy Smith and the Board of Trustees if need be, and express Bruce needs to get on his employees student or not, and that our students when they go in there regardless if it is for free soup or their buying something, they are treated with the respect their entitled to and they receive quality food. We have quite a few homeless students that are on campus and they rely on that cup of soup, if they are made to feel belittled they will not ask for the food anymore, then they are not eating and I do not want that.

Campus Experience Joshua King expressed he as had instances with Bruce's Café similar to where he noticed student's health not being prioritized by Bruce's Café. Through-out this Covid pandemic there are requirements you have to adhere to such as, you have to wear masks, while you are working in the kitchen. He has seen people be allowed back into the kitchen wo are not employees and not wearing a mask and be allowed to hang out in there. He has seen the employees themselves not wearing a mask. He has seen employees take a vegetarian order and cook it directly next to meat. He feels some type of discussion is needed. Bruce's Café is such an important resource for our students.

President Leila Smith will reach out and email Bruce's Café.

V. Participatory Governance Reports

1. Curriculum Committee

Senator Jeordyn Diesel

Senator Jeordyn Diesel is absent, and this item is postponed until November 2nd 2020.

2. College Council

President Leila Smith

President Leila Smith spoke with College Council in regard to Automotive interest in King of Hammers, the school needs a proposal on would it be like regards of a risk factors and advises to reach out to Professor Dean Pieper for the liability form. Also, students can use their prefer name, and teacher's attendance sheets will have their prefer names, but for legal reasons the office will have their legal names.

VI. Region IX Report

Secretary Jenn De Falco

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed an election was done for Communication Officer and is happy to announce our Vice President Joseph Newton-Candelaria is the new Region IX Communication Officer.

Congratulations Joseph!

There was also a Town-Hall created, and Secretary Jenn De Falco will be holding Head Chair! Thank you, Campus Experience Joshua King and President Leila Smith, for attending the Region IX meeting!

We had four people attend from Copper Mountain College.

VII. State Student Senate of California Community Colleges Report

Secretary Jenn De Falco

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed Proposition 16, look at it, read it, and tell your friends and families about it. It is something very important and it will affect us directly and our students.

Advisor Jeff Drozd Announcements

Advisor Jeff Drozd asked about the Bylaws and Constitution Committee and how is it going.

President Leila Smith expressed it is going but slow. We just finished the member duties.

Secretary Jenn De Falco expressed our last meeting was very productive.

Communication from the floor

Secretary Jenn De Falco wanted to add that during this meeting Human Resources Bonnie Bilger called and will be here on November 2nd, 2020 meeting.

Senator Nicky Barraza expressed the I Desert Nature Museum will be doing the hunt for the Yucca Man on Halloween and it is a scavenger hunt and it is free.

Adjournment 12:04