



Associated Students of Merritt College Incorporated



October 4, 2023 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

12500 Campus Dr, Oakland, CA, 94619

ASMC Meeting MINUTES

Merritt College Mission: The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the community we serve by helping students to attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and the values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society and a global economy.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Associated Students of Merritt College will hold a **Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 12:00 PM.**

The meeting information is noted below:

The ASMC Inc. Council reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business. All Associated Students of Merritt College meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other reasonable accommodation may be provided upon request. Persons requesting such accommodation are requested to notify the Director of Student Activities and Campus Life, Doris Hankins dhankins@peralta.edu no less than two (2) working days prior to the meeting. Efforts will be made to meet requests made after that deadline. Contact the President at asmcpresident@peralta.edu for agenda related items.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL 12:19

Position & Name	Present	Absent
President Zuni Moon	X	
Vice President Marco Loza	X	
Vice President of Communications [Vacant]		
Vice President of Finance Dave Rivera	X	

Vice President of Inter-Club Council Akaasha Ziya		X - Arrived at 12:20 PM
Vice President of Participatory Governance [Vacant]		
Senator [Vacant]		

³/₄ Quorum is met.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VP Loza moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. With 2/2 in affirmative, motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 26, 2023

VP Loza moved to postpone the approval of the minutes of September 26, 2023 to the following agenda. Seconded. With 3/3 affirmative, the motion passes unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT {BROWN ACT §54954.3}

Received

VI. APPOINTMENTS & REMOVALS (10 Minutes)

None

VII. GUEST SPEAKERS (10 Minutes)

None

VIII. REPORTS were received from

Advisors

President

Vice President

Vice President of Finance

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Latinx Heritage Month Events

VP Loza moved to approve Latinx Heritage Month Events with a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded by VP Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

Parliamentarian Dunning was asked to chair the meeting.

B. Back to School BBQ/Multicultural Event

The Board discussed planning the Back to School BBQ and Multicultural Event.

The chair was returned to President Moon.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget

The budget was discussed.

B. Spirit week

VP Loza moved to approve spirit week with a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Seconded by VP Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

Tami Dunning, Parliamentarian takes the chair

C. LGTBQ History Month Event

President Moon moved to approve LGTBQ History Month Event with a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Seconded. President Moon moved to adopt the proposal. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Veterans Day Event

President Moon moved to approve Veterans Day Event with a cost not to exceed \$200. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Diwali Event

President Moon moved to approve Diwali Event with a cost not to exceed \$200. Seconded. President Moon Moved to amend the motion to adopt the proposal. Seconded. With President Moon and VP Loza in favor, and VP Rivera and VP Ziya against, the amendment failed. With President Moon and VP Loza in favor, and VP Rivera and VP Ziya against, motion failed.

President Moon resumes the chair

F. Snow Ball Prom

VP Ziya moved to approve the snowball prom with a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded. VP Rivera moved to postpone this item until there is a proposal with the target audience, target budget, date and logistics for this prom. Seconded. Item is postponed to the next agenda.

With no objections, the meeting extended to 1:45 PM

G. Flyers for outreach

With no objections, the meeting extended to 1:55 PM

VP Rivera moves to approve the flyers for outreach for ASMC events with a cost not to exceed \$150. Seconded. VP Ziya moved to use WGN graphics as a vendor. Seconded. With 2/3, amendment passes. VP Rivera moves to reconsider the amendment. Seconded. With 3/3, the board will reconsider. With VP Loza in favor of the amendment, and VP Rivera and VP Ziya against, the amendment fails. With 3/3 in favor, motion passes unanimously.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserved for members of ASMC Inc. Council to make announcements and no discussion will occur and no action may be taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT 1:56

Minutes by Zuni Moon

Event proposal form

Event details

Event title	LGBTQ history month
Target group	Merritt College students;LGBTQ students
Proposed by	ASMC
Event date(s)	Hang posters ASAP, hand out stickers 10/24/23
Event duration	A month
Expected attendees	100
Amount requested	\$200

Event description

ASMC would like to give out stickers, and hang posters to celebrate LGBTQ history month. We would like to hand out stickers and hang posters in the student lounge.

The objective of this event is to celebrate LGBTQ history month, and raise student engagement.

Proposed program

October 9, 2023	Hang posters of LGBTQ icons
October 24, 2023	Hand out LGBTQ stickers
October 25, 2023	Possible event

Pricing

(please include items your organization already owns. If you already have an item, put the price as \$0)

Activity/Item (please include where we are getting the item from)	Hourly rate/flat fee	Estimated hours/quantity	Price
Daniel Quasar "Progress Pride" Heart Stickers (250 per Roll) 1 rolls	\$8.99		\$8.99
Everyone Is Welcome Here	\$49		\$49

Next Steps

Task	Person responsible
Order stickers	
Order posters	
Print posters	

Event proposal

Event details

Event title	Diwali
Target group	Merritt College students; Indian students
Proposed by	ASMC

Event date(s)	November 13-16
Event duration	4 days
Expected attendees	40
Amount requested	\$200

Cultural significance

1. Dhanteras: On the first day of Diwali, people will perform rituals called puja or pooja, place tea lights around the balconies or entryways of their homes, and purchase kitchen utensils, which are believed to bring good fortune.
2. Narak Chaturdashi: Different regions celebrate this day in various ways, but many people will spend time at home and exchange sweets with friends or family. They may also decorate the floors of their home with rangolis—intricate patterns made from colored powder, rice, and flowers.
3. Lakshmi Puja: The main celebration is believed to be the most auspicious day to worship the goddess Lakshmi. Families will dress up and gather for a prayer to honor her, which is usually followed by a delicious feast, spectacular fireworks displays, and more festivities.
4. Govardhan Puja: This day is associated with Lord Krishna and the Gujarati new year. A mountain of food offerings are prepared for Puja.
5. Bhaiya Dooj: The last day is dedicated to celebrating the sibling bond. Traditionally, brothers will visit and bring gifts to their sisters, who honor them with special rituals and sweets.

Event description

ASMC would like to celebrate Diwali. Diwali is celebrated on November 12 this year. We would like to place lights around the campus to honor Diwali. We would also like to give out Diwali related sweets in honor of Diwali.

The objective of this event is to celebrate Indian culture. This will benefit the students by helping us raise student engagement.

Proposed program

November 13, 2023	Placing tea lights around the campus
November 14, 2023	Give out sweets
November 15, 2023	Keep the lights out
November 16, 2023	Give out sweets

Pricing

(please include items your organization already owns. If you already have an item, put the price as \$0)

Activity/Item (please include where we are getting the item from)	Hourly rate/flat fee	Estimated hours/quantity	Price
24pcs, LED Tea Light Candles, Flameless Electronic Fake Candles			\$7.28
Haldiram's Classic Indian Gulab Jamun -	\$11.99	3	\$35.97
2.2lb			
Haldirams, Motichor Ladoo (Indian Sweet), 360 Grams(gm)	\$15.30	3	\$45.9

Next Steps

Task	Person responsible
Order from the sweets	
Pick up tea lights	
Make rangolis	