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ASCOM MEETING

MINUTES

(October 9, 2026)

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Order of Business

a. Call to Order: 12:32 p.m.

b. Roll Call:

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT VLADISLAV VERBITSCHI	X	
VICE PRESIDENT SIRAWIT (MARC) CHANSATEIN	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE HENRY GORAY	X	
SECRETARY MALISA NG	X	
TREASURER YANIS LOUAHDI	X	
SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY AMAANI CASSIM	X	
SENATOR – ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION JESSICA SCHIFFMAN	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES ANTHONY MENA	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES JAFF FEDE (Proxy: EMILIA)	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING BRIANA GONZALEZ	X	

(Proxy: YANIS)		
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING EMILIA ALIOTO	X	
STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. ISABELLA QUESADA	X	
ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE	N/A	

ASCOM ADVISORS: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Sabrina Wallace, Dean Cotten

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC: Antony Huinac, Aether Grgurina

- c. Adoption of the Agenda: Marc, Anthony
- d. Approval of the Minutes: Marc, Henry
- e. Public Comment

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the ASCOM Executive Board on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The ASCOM Board or Members may respond briefly to questions or statements, however, for more information please contact the ASCOM President or Secretary to have an item placed on the next regular meeting agenda. (Brown Act 54954.3)

I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken)

Motion: Marc, Henry

- a. Discussion/action to declare “Political Debate Club” as an official club and to award \$100.00 in seed money from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club). Need to create a new club account. Presentation by club members.

Motion: Marc, Anthony

Alisa: Hi, my name is Alisa. I’m starting the Political Debate club with Jonathan, who is the Vice President. The purpose of our club is to create a space for students to discuss different political issues, social issues as well, and encouraging overall critical thinking and respectful disagreement and exposure to different perspectives. We're not affiliated with any political party, so any student is welcome to join. Of course, we can keep all our discussions respectful, though, of all different groups of people. We do welcome students across the political spectrum, and we focus on more structured debates rather than just simply sharing opinions, and so each meeting that we have, we focus on a specific topic, basically, and then students can participate in the moderated discussions and debates, and everyone has an opportunity to speak and contribute to them.

Jess: I know a few years back, when I first started coming here, there was a Political Debate Club. Are you guys a revival of that, or are you your own separate club?

Alisa: Good question. So, that club was a sort of a discussion club, and right now it's inactive, nobody's running it. I was actually a part of it last semester. The main difference between us and their club is that their club was more just a sort of a casual discussion between peers, whereas ours is a bit more of a structured debate. I was actually running the club last semester, and I did notice that one part of it that I wanted to change was that only few people were talking and dominating the discussion. I feel like with this club, it would be a better opportunity for everyone to speak, since we would have moderators and we would have factcheckers.

Marc: How many active members?

Jonathan: I think we have over 20 people already signed up with their contact information, both email and phone number. People have been showing interest as well outside of that, and we already have the advisor to the club, who's our political science professor, Paul Cheney, and we also have another instructor here on campus as well, who's in the communications department, who's willing to get involved as a moderator. We have a pretty good structure and plans going forward. As she mentioned before, structured debates, like topics kind of in advance. Once we hopefully get this club approved and active, we'll have our first meeting sent out through email, and a form for people to decide the best time.

Vlad: I think it's great you guys are doing that, because on college campuses, there's people with different political views, right? Good to have a healthy setting where people can actually debate. I just wanted to ask, who's going to be your moderator? Do you know? Is it going to be an advisor, or is it going to be student?

Jonathan: We initially planned for a student, or one of us, but we had a good opportunity from a communications professor. I talked to him, and I have his business card. He's the one who proposed that idea to me.

Motion to Vote: Marc, Henry

11-0-0 PASSES

- b. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$110 from acct.#4500.01 (Office Supplies) to purchase candy for the ASCOM room. Presentation by ASCOM President, Vlad Verbitschi.

Motion: Marc, Amaani

Vlad: I was talking to Sadika, and she made a great suggestion, that we can have some candy in the ASCOM room to hand out to students for Halloween. I think \$110 is a good amount. I looked on Amazon, there's a 4-pound bag for \$64, but it has a bunch of random candies, but for the generic... I don't want to say generic, but the most, to me, what seems like the most common candy, like M&Ms, Snickers, Milky Way, it's \$100 for 4 bags, and I think the bags have 200 pieces each, so I wanted to see what you guys think. Is that too much candy?

Jess: Question. Would this be only handed out the room, or would this be something we hand out at our events during October?

Vlad: I think it's just for the ASCOM room.

Anthony: I think the 4 bag idea is great, as long as we're only handing it out during our office hours and not just leaving a bowl out there, so nobody hits one of, like, the "tip the bowl over" or something. It's a great idea, and the more we have, the more we can give out. We got the entire month left.

Vlad: Yeah, I mean, the 4 bag is a lot of candy, it's going to be, I think, 800 pieces of candy, but it might last for the whole year.

Motion to Vote: Henry, Anthony

11-0-0 PASSES

- c. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$70.00 from acct.#4500.01 (Office Supplies) to purchase cleaning supplies for the ASCOM room. Presentation by ASCOM Vice President, Marc Chansatein.
Motion: Marc, Emilia
Marc: I want to buy Clorox and Lysol to clean the table and clean everything. Like, it's better to live in a clean and organized room for our productivity.
Amaani: That's a good idea, Marc.
Marc: I think we're going to buy ant spray too, because we have an ant problem. Ant spray, Clorox, and Lysol for all of us.
Malisa: Were we getting a broom too? What else was in the list that you sent me?
Marc: I was thinking about a mini vacuum cleaner. Like, when we make a mess, we can clean it up immediately. And it's not that expensive, it's like a little vacuum cleaner, like, what, 35 bucks? I think it's a fair price.
Henry: I like it.
Motion to Vote: Marc, Amaani
11-0-0 PASSES
- d. Discussion/action to implement a new system for club funding requests. Presentation by ASCOM Vice President, Marc Chansatein.
Motion: Henry, Marc
Marc: So basically, I was about to email Sadika and Tea about the club fund requests. I was thinking the way to encourage people to come to the ICC meeting is, you can only request funds during the ICC meeting. That happens only twice a month. You need to enter at least one time per month. It's easier to keep track of the clubs. I think it's going to encourage the clubs to come to the ICC meeting, too, if the funding requests are involved in there. What do you think, Sadika? I need to get approval from the advisor. What do you think of this system?
Sadika: That's in the bylaws. They're required to come to the ICC meeting to get funding.
Marc: Oh, you cannot do that?
Sadika: No, it's already written that they're required to come to the ICC meeting, in the constitution. If they don't show up regularly, it's your responsibility to let the board know. And then that has to be upheld in terms of accountability for the clubs.
Malisa: I just have a question about that. If we're finding that clubs' ICC reps aren't attending any meetings, what's the first step to address that?
Tea: Marc, this is something we could talk about in our 1-on-1, but for the board to understand, it's in the bylaws, so it's an expectation that in order for a club to be registered, then they must be attending ICC meetings, and Marc, you should be taking attendance, and then contacting the club officers and the advisors to enforce that and remind them of this expectation.
Marc: A problem I'm facing, people gave me their Gmail accounts, or a COM email that's not valid anymore, so I need to deal with that thing.
Emilia: You can't send emails to Gmail accounts?
Marc: I need to send it separately, but I can deal with it.
Eloisa: On the spreadsheet I gave you, it should have their COM emails.
Marc: Some of the COM emails are not working, so I have to reach out to them personally.
Eloisa: I can find another email.
Marc: Okay, so in conclusion, it's in the bylaws, right, to enter the ICC to request funds. That's a must.
Eloisa: They have to attend it after they request it at the ASCOM meeting. They have to have active attendance at ICC meetings to maintain their club status.

Marc: In that case, that's why I built the form to keep track of clubs that enter the ICC meetings. Because most of the clubs, they just ignore my email, it's like, oh, it's up to you. Sometimes I press them up, and they're just not following. So, do you have advice for that?

Sadika: Marc, what I would do is I would go to the Constitution and bylaws. There's a section that's on ICC. In particular, there's a section that's calling out Inter-Club Council. I would pull the section from there, and I would put it in a message to all clubs that are registered to let them know what's required of them in order to receive funding from ASCOM. And if they don't comply with that, then they won't be eligible to receive funding from ASCOM.

Marc: Alright. Thank you, Sadika.

Sadika: If you need help finding it, let Tea or I know, but that is there, so you can actually pull the language directly from there, so they understand the requirements. If you want to CC Tea and I on that, you're welcome to do that, and Vlad, then we can also provide support.

Eloisa: It's on the ASCOM website.

Marc: I know that students are busy, like they cannot attend two times per month. I think just one time per ICC is active enough, right?

Sadika: Read the bylaws in the Constitution, so you can't change the expectation, because it's voted on by the college, the students. So, you have to follow what the Constitution and bylaws say, because that's already set in stone. You can't change it without an actual ballot vote each year.

Jess: I was just going to mention that the expectation of the ICC representative position in clubs is that they attend all ICC meetings, not just one per month. And second, that if the ICC rep is unable to make it to the meeting, the club should have a proxy for them sent instead.

Sadika: Correct. I mean, just like if there's an emergency or someone needs to miss that meeting, they should be contacting you about it. But there is an expectation, as Jess said, someone should go in place of an ICC rep who can't attend.

- e. Discussion/action to propose a designated ASCOM clean-up time on Fridays. Presentation by ASCOM Vice President, Marc Chansatein.

Motion: Marc, Anthony

Marc: I want to introduce to you guys a new system that, in everyone's office hours, I encourage you guys to clean the room. I cleaned the room this Monday. I spent 2 hours cleaning the room, wiping the floor, and organizing everything. I would like to encourage us to clean the room too, because we want to live in a clean and organized environment. That's it! Any questions?

Vlad: Are we going to vote on some extra time, or just encouraging everybody? Do you want to just see how that works first, or what were you thinking?

Marc: So, what I was thinking as well, if you have time and don't have anything to do in your office hours, I would recommend to clean the room.

Vlad: So basically, I guess what you're saying is we're not going to implement the vote yet, we're going to see how that works, right? So, everyone, at least for 30 minutes of your office hours, try to clean, right?

Marc: That would work too.

Henry: Also, I think if we did do a designated time, it should be before the meeting. Because after, people kind of leave to do stuff. If it's before, then we can clean it together, be focused, and we'll all be here before the meeting.

Marc: I like that.

Jess: I also just want to say I agree, because it would also be nice to have the space be clean for our meetings, as that is one of the main times when members of the public come in here.

Vlad: My suggestion would be setting a time. I know we're all really busy, right? So, how about for 2 weeks, we all in our minds just... okay, Marc brought up this issue that we were having, right? So, let's just, for 30 minutes at office hours, clean, and then maybe we can revisit it and see how clean the room is in 2 weeks, right? And then we can implement a time, right?

Marc: So, every 2 weeks?

Vlad: No, we can see how clean the room stays, and then in two weeks, if it's, like, getting... or a month, then we can actually implement a time, or try to vote on a time where people have to stay.

Malisa: Right now, we're just trying to see how it turns out, right, for like a month, and then if it ends up not working, then we can actually think of setting that time for it.

Amaani: I like the idea of Fridays before, but it would also be nice if maybe, if everyone can't do that, we had a couple different days or times throughout the week where maybe, people's hours overlap or something like that, just so that even if it's clean on Friday, it can stay clean throughout the week.

Marc: Yeah, it's like, what, one hour before the meeting? Does that work?

Vlad: Yeah, I mean, or we could do that. You guys just want to vote on a time?

Amaani: I can't that time.

Anthony: I mean, I really like the idea of having a set time, but it feels like it's doing too much. Marc honestly did the heavy lifting already, of getting the room actually clean. If we could just keep it clean, and if you know you're going to be eating in here, it should be a requirement. If you're going to be making the room messy, then it's a requirement to clean. If you're in here doing homework, obviously you're not going to be making a mess, just clean up after yourself. We can spend 10 minutes after each meeting, maybe dusting the room. But we don't need a super set time, and if you're going to be making the room dirty, or bringing in food, or something like that, you can just clean up after yourself. I don't think we need anything to set into motion just yet, like you guys said. I actually advise against it. I think it's just we're locking ourselves into something that isn't needed, and I don't think we're slobs.

Marc: And if the food smells bad, we have the spray over here. Refreshing.

Vlad: With anyone that's not working, obviously, but maybe try to just tidy up real quick after the Friday meetings, or anyone that also has an ICC.

- f. Discussion/action to create board member introduction posts for the ASCOM Instagram page. Presentation by ASCOM Vice President, Marc Chansatein.

Motion: Henry, Marc

Marc: So, basically, a lot of learning communities and clubs, they've been posting content, and they're posting their officers, right? Maybe ASCOM should do it too, they can get to know who is in which role and keep the engagement for the students to reach out to us easier. Maybe make content. What do you guys think?

Malisa: I support this, because I actually found out about ASCOM through Instagram, when I didn't really know anything about COM my first semester, so I feel like it really helps that friendly, welcoming environment.

Anthony: I think participation should be mandatory. And I agree with what Malisa says. I didn't even know what ASCOM was until I found out through word of mouth, and I still didn't know what you guys did until I joined. So, I think mandatory participation.

Amaani: Just adding on to that, I like how we come across professional and helpful figures in the COM community, but I feel like sometimes on the social media, it can help that everyone knows that we're students, too, and in a way, it humanizes us a little more, and makes us seem more approachable and friendly.

Malisa: What kind of post were you thinking, for our first one?

Marc: Introducing ourselves, like a little video.

Sadika: This really is a Senator of Technology project. So, Amaani, I'm going to request that you actually take the lead on figuring out what are the questions that need to be answered, how it should be displayed. So, if Marc, you can work with Amaani, that makes the most sense.

Amaani: That sounds great. I think we've been discussing in the group chat already, some videos in specific that we wanted to make, but I think we should meet and make that happen.

- g. Discussion/action to introduce a COM Discord server. Presentation by ASCOM Vice President, Marc Chansatein.

Motion: Marc, Amaani

Marc: The last ICC meeting, some of the members came and said, hey, a lot of UCs, like UC Davis and other UCs, said we want to move to use Discord servers to host meetings, because it's more efficient, and it's global. Not just Zoom. And like, a lot of students use Discord already, too. It's going to be convenient for us besides Zoom. What do you think, Sadika?

Sadika: This is a good question, because this came up a few years ago about using Discord. There were concerns in terms of college-level concerns around monitoring of Discord, and who would be at it or be using it. So, if you were to consider this, and I don't want anyone creating a Discord account yet, it'd be important that we understand what is the purpose of it, who's going to be joining it, and then we would certainly have to monitor it, because there have been challenges in terms of what people have posted, and there's been no accountability, or there's been safety and risk issues that have shown up on college campuses using Discord, and there was nobody to intervene. So, there's layers of this that I have a little trepidation about, but if you, Marc, can maybe consult with some of the other colleges and universities that are using it, see what their system is, that would be helpful before we make a decision on having a Discord account. Does that sound okay?

Jess: If I were to make one suggestion, that would be just limiting it to specifically student leaders on campus. Specifically, like ASCOM and club officers, instead of making it something for the general student body, as that would make it a lot less effort to moderate.

Sadika: I agree, and I'm not sure what exactly, Marc, you had in mind. So, something that I recommend is talking with Tea in a little bit more detail about that, but I do think we should do a few schools that would be basically sister schools, like other community colleges, to figure out what is their system. "What are the expectations for it?" "Who monitors it?" Those are some of the questions that would come up for me. I know our previous IT director said he did not want Discord accounts, but we do have a new IT director, and I'm open to the conversation, but I need a little bit more information.

Henry: I can put you in contact with other schools that may have it. When I went to the workshop, I met other trustees. I don't know if they use Discord, but I can put you in contact with them. I know them, so it won't be awkward.

Malisa: Just to be clear, you're thinking clubs can use it? Like, to get information about clubs?

Jess: It's specifically for student leaders, so clubs would be able to more easily coordinate with each other.

Malisa: Yeah, but I'm just wondering, do you mean members too, or just actual officers?

Jess: I think just officers, because the bigger it gets, the harder it's going to be to moderate. I want to keep it small. And also, if it's people in positions of power, it's easier to hold them accountable. I think another thing I know that I think we're going to do is we're going to make sure that when people are joining, like when people get added, we make sure we know who that account belongs to before they can be active. Just so we don't have people joining, not identifying themselves, and causing problems.

Malisa: Yeah, I think there's a way to set up a verification before you get access to the server, so we can look into that.

Jess: The only thing there is for verification, at least the ones I know, are like publicly available. Only just verify stuff like phone number or ID. One thing with Discord is you can make custom bots to do stuff. I am not tech-savvy enough to do this, but I'm wondering if someone might be. Make a bot that when you sign in, when you join the server, it asks you to give it your name and M00#, and then it checks that against the current student database.

Malisa: Do you know if anyone could make one? Or if we can only use ones that are available?

Jess: You could probably make one with Claude. I mean, I've made Discord bots that are pretty simple, like responding to messages with fun memes. But that... especially because I don't know how easy it is to access the student database for COM, it might also just be a system that needs manual approval. Maybe when someone joins, they send an email to Marc saying, hey, I'm so-and-so, I'm the president of Film Club. My Discord account is this, can you please give it access? Just a way to make sure that we know exactly who's who in the server.

Yanis: I think this could also be a system where we can just auto-remove people after a certain amount of time. When I had a club before, I had some students from COM. Then, a year after, there was an account, a former student, an account in the Discord, and it was just sending out some phishing links and just some spam. I'm guessing that eventually his account hijacked at some point. I think if we can have students tell us when they plan to transfer, so we don't just have just a list of students in the Discord stacking up. I think the integration with the COM database, if that's somewhat possible, maybe we can ask help from a computer science student to help us code some bot that can verify that they are a student with their M00#. I think that'll make it safer over time.

Jess: There are safety precautions you can put in your servers to make them reduce the risk of a phishing scam.

Anthony: Just to be clear on what this is for. This is just going to be for student leaders. Like club representatives, us, and then any other leaders?

Jess: Yeah.

Anthony: How wide are we going with that? Depending on how wide we go with that, if we're just doing club leaders and us, wouldn't it just be really easy to have a spreadsheet and ICC meeting, and be like, you guys get one account to communicate with us. "I only want to talk to the President." I don't see the need for that server to include everybody, because it should be that club's job to see how they communicate with us in that server. I don't think it's necessary to go as far as bots or anything, unless we start intaking a bunch of people, which I think, again, isn't super necessary.

Sadika: I want to encourage the group to talk offline about the details of this. Let's start with the higher-level components of oversight, and how other colleges are using it before we get into bots, or any specifics on who uses it or not. I think Anthony's also raising some important points, but I just want to encourage us to move on. If we can start with getting more information from other colleges, that's going to be the most helpful.

- h. Discussion/action to vote on ASCOM team building activity. Presentation by: All board members.

Motion: Marc, Amaani

Jess: Okay, which one was our top choice?

Amaani: I think Escape Room was voted yes, the first time.

Malisa: And then it was Haunted House or something.

Jess: And then Escape Room wasn't on the next poll, which was rigged.

Amaani: Whoever did the next poll, it was for another event, like after we complete the first one.

Jess: I don't buy the timing on that, because they put Haunted House, and Haunted House is very much a this month and this month only thing.

Amaani: What about we all put it on a post it, and then we put it in the middle and see what has the most?

Anthony: Alright, what's our top 3?

Vlad: Let's do Escape Room, Go-Kart...

Jess: Let's see how many people are here. Let's make it sure that we don't end up with a 50-50 split. 9 people. Real quick, I'm just going to put it on the whiteboard. What's the first one?

Anthony: Escape Room.

Yanis: Are we accounting people that aren't here?

Jess: If they're not here, they should have been here.

Yanis: It is what it is.

Vlad: I would do a simple one, like movies.

Jess: Go-Kart, movies.

Amaani: Karaoke. They can be together. Or karaoke and food, they can all be with a meal.

Jess: Do you guys want to just push this to an after-the-meeting discussion?

Marc: Let's get it done.

Jess: Alright, Escape Room wins!

- i. Discussion/updates on upcoming programs. Presentation by: All board members.

Motion: Marc, Emilia

Amaani: Briana and I, I thought we were meeting today, but I guess not. I'll message her after to confirm another time. I think we both came up with a plan with a budget. That was the plan, and I have mine, she had hers, and I think we were going to fully just confirm what we wanted. We were thinking maybe ice cream sundaes, so we'd get ice cream have a bunch of different toppings. And then we were also thinking a bouncy house could be fun. Then we were thinking a booth that has temporary tattoos and face paint.

Jess: Question. Do you know if a bouncy house would be able to handle college students?

Amaani: Yes, so I reached out to this bouncy house company, Astro Jump, I believe it was called, and they mentioned that they've worked with this campus multiple times. I said I'd have to measure if it was it would fit in the space, and they said, oh yeah, we've worked there multiple times.

Jess: Sadika is nodding her head, encouraging me, that's a good sign.

Tea: ASCOM has brought a bouncy house before.

Briana: Amaani and I have worked out the main highlights for the event, the main ideas for now. Our table or area with face paint and markers, stickers, temporary tattoos for people to dress up with and call in the spirit. Along with the usual pizza available at the event, we plan to have either a dessert table or a sundae bar with festive add-ons to the ice cream. To add another activity, we plan to have an area to paint miniature pumpkins. We're seeing if we can get an inflatable haunted house for the event as well.

Emilia: Pretty big event. Wait, is the bouncy house going to be like a path?

Amaani: Yeah, basically, the haunted house one, that one was way more expensive, so I don't think that one will work out. The one that I was looking at, it was like the ones where you race. There's paths and an obstacle course one, I thought that would be more fun. But yeah, I haven't confirmed that with Briana yet.

Vlad: Sounds cool! The bouncy house sounds like a good time.

Amaani: Yeah, that's what I thought, I thought it would be fun and engaging.

Malisa: Vlad, have you been working on the Honoring Indigenous Peoples Event?

Vlad: Yes, I've been working on our event, in honoring of the indigenous peoples event that's on November 18th. We have one speaker coming. I'm still waiting to get confirmation from Graton Rancheria, and I filled out a catering form for this Native American restaurant, but they haven't responded, so I'm going to call the restaurant.

- j. Discussion/action on budget report. Presentation by ASCOM Treasurer, Yanis Louahdi.

Motion: Marc, Henry

Yanis: Last week, our total ending account balance was \$73,713.18. From our event supplies account, we had a deduction of \$500 towards funding the Indigenous Speakers event. For that account, the balance is \$8,716.61. Next, for our intra-fund transfer club account, we had a deduction of \$120 towards funding supplies for Games Club. The Games Club account balance is now \$240.54. The current account balance overall is \$27,889.33. Our total ending account balance is \$73,093.18, a negative 0.84% change from last week, total decrease of \$620 from last week's ending total balance.

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken)

Motion: Marc, Henry

Officer Reports:

i. PRESIDENT REPORT:

Vlad: Everyone, please, a reminder, I want to be on time. You know, besides the fact that we're the student government, I mean, this is the way I look at it. It is a paid position, right? So, it's just as important as a job. Whatever you have to do, you know, I know we're all busy, jobs, school, but just be mindful of that. I completed my office hours. I'm continuing to conduct meetings with board members. I attended the Midterm Movement event. I helped set up for about 30 minutes, and then I volunteered and handed out pizza until about 12:30. Yesterday, I met with Dr. Eldridge and Matthew Martin, the Chief Operating Officer of Redwood Credit Union, and basically, Jonathan, the president of the school, wanted to introduce me to Matthew. He started off by saying, this isn't like a sales pitch or anything, we're not here trying to get students to open up accounts, we just want to help in any way we can. We just had a quick Teams call, and he said, "What are some ways I can help?" And I just thought from personal experience, for me, building credit, right? I've went to Bank of America many times, and I've asked bankers, "Hey, how do I build my credit?" And they tell you different answers, right? So, I said maybe something we could do a workshop where you guys just educate, like how does a college student build this credit score so that later down their life, they can get a home loan, a car loan, etc. He suggested that I provide him some times on Fridays, and he's going to have some ambassadors come out, and just talk to the board. Maybe we can have an event later on. He suggested after the new year, where we have a workshop on building credit, etc. That meeting went well. I'm going to stay after this meeting to do ICC and help tidy up a little bit and the event went really well. I talked to Emilia about it, though, you know, something that, at first, everyone was just coming to get the pizza, so we had to kind of remind them, like, hey, there's pizza, and then this is what ASCOM's about. Something Emilia suggested is that it might be a good idea to seriously consider having raffle tickets for a lot of events, because people tend to just get pizza and move on.

ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

Marc: This Monday, I spent 2 hours cleaning the ASCOM room, please keep it clean like this for the rest of the semester. I helped clean up the Midterm Movement event. I completed all my office hours. I will host the ICC meeting after this ASCOM meeting at 2 p.m. Outside ASCOM, I attended the AGS meeting, I attend the International Club meeting, I attend the HAP meeting. I'm working on a Physics Club project while dealing with my four classes.

iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Henry: I did half my office hours on Tuesday. I'm doing the other half today. I'm also going to the ICC meeting, today, just to watch and talk to people. I went to the Midterm Movement event, like halfway through, and I helped clean up, and I was talking to the dog trainers and all the dogs and playing with them. During the week, I started putting up my feedback form flyers around campus. I'm going to finish that today.

iv. SECRETARY REPORT:

Malisa: I completed all my office hours this week, and I was also at the Midterm Movement setup. It was fun. And after this meeting, I'm going to be at the ICC meeting as well.

v. TREASURER REPORT:

Yanis: I updated the club's budget balances ledger to reflect the changes from last week's funding approvals. I've also improved the currency and the transparency of it by adding a tab to view the differences in the account balances, including notes on the reason for the changes in the balances with dates attached. This will make it easier to view how the club's budget has updated over time, and why clubs received funding. I also worked with Emilia to prepare for the Midterm Movement event. I helped set up and unload supplies. Overall, it went very well.

vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:

Amaani: I completed my office hours this week. I also attended the Midterm Movement event, took photos, and helped with serving drinks and walking around, talking, and engaging with people. I think it went really well, especially the sports. I was playing some of the sports, and that was so fun, genuinely. I took photos, I uploaded them into the ASCOM drive, and I posted on the social media during the event, right at the start when I got there, telling people to show up and encouraging engagement. I saw Sadika had emailed me about another post about voting and ballots, so I need to get on that, and then I need to work on the form that Eloisa has sent me.

vii. SENATOR – ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:

Jess: First of all, I just want to echo what Vlad said about making sure you're on time for stuff like your office hours and meetings. I know it can, especially if you're the one leading these things, it can be very stressful when people who should be there aren't there. Also, I just want to remind the board that if you are going to need a proxy, or otherwise be absent from a meeting, you need to figure out your proxy. You need to communicate that with Tea, Sadika, Eloisa, and the whole board, not just Malisa. Everyone should know. It shouldn't be, oh, I find out day of the meeting. Also, on that note, I'm going to mention that I will be out next week. I have not decided on a proxy yet. But yeah, I will be unavailable for that meeting. Other than that, I've completed all of my office hours. I'm going to be doing an extra office hour after the meeting to make up for missed time from next week that I won't be able to make up during the week itself. I went to the midterm event. I was able to inform my class about it, which was good. I got a bunch of people from the class I had right before to show up. The dogs were super cute and friendly. Also, after this, I would like to have a meeting with Amaani, just to go over some things real quick.

viii SENATORS (2) – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES REPORT:

Anthony: How we doing, y'all? Honestly, a very chill week for me. I attended my office hours, completed. People walk in, you know, help them out with whatever they need. Went to the Midterm Movement. Good job, Emilia, good job, Briana, if she was here, but you know, good job. Everything went well over there, helped during the event, helped clean up, participated in it. And other than that, I know Amaani and Briana have been on top of their stuff. I was going to check in with them today. I'll probably just ask Amaani if they need anything from me or Jaff. But yeah, everything seems to go pretty smoothly.

Jaff: Hi. This week, I attended and helped out as a volunteer for the Midterm Movement. It was a really great event, and I believe we all had a fun time. I'll also be completing my office hours today, and I should be back after the meeting.

ix. SENATORS (2) – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING REPORT:

Briana: I completed my office hours, and I helped to set up as well as attend the Midterm Movement on the 7th. I also met with Amaani on Monday to keep working on the planning of the Halloween Fest. I have my second meeting with the Technology Planning Committee next week on Monday.

Emilia: I finalized the last few details of Midterm Movement, and then I went there, and I helped set up, and I was there for the majority of the time. I think it went well, and so I'm really happy about that. I was really surprised at how many people were doing sports, so that was wonderful, and then I was really glad we got four to five dogs for the whole event.

Overall, it was kind of exactly what I was hoping for, so I'm glad about that. And I also did my office hours, and I edited the poster with all our faces on it, so Amaani's in it. I still have to take a picture of her, but just changing the format.

x. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Isa: I completed my office hours for this week, and I'm waiting to attend the Region 3 delegate meeting soon.

xi. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

xii. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT:

Tea: Hey, everybody! I'm here in the office today for a couple of hours, probably maybe leaving around 2:30, but I'll be available working back at home today. Congrats on your midterm event! And just a reminder that co-leads for events are to be meeting weekly to make sure you're all on the same page. President and Vice President are meeting so everybody's on the same page at each meeting. And again, thank you, Jess, for highlighting this expectation. Have been noticing there's been a few times that the communication to Sadika and I has not happened, including at today's meeting, so, please support one another in reminding them about that, and feel free to schedule time with me to review any policy that you might need refreshers on, or turn to the returning board members, as they have a lot of knowledge around that as well. I want to make sure you have all the information you need so you are meeting the expectations because it's a reminder that three unexcused absences, that means when everybody is not informed who needs to be informed, that can be grounds of impeachment, and that has been something unfortunate that has happened in the past. It's a policy and expectation that the communication happens. And like I said, I'm happy to review that with folks to get you caught up. And then, Marc, I know you have ICC, but let's keep our meeting that we have today. If we finish in time, I do want to check in with you, and make sure that meetings that need to be rescheduled, are rescheduled that week. And thanks to folks that cleaned the office. It looks really great. The decorations look really awesome in there. It's really cool to see ASCOM's personality really showing and bringing the vibes to the college. And, one more reminder that you'll see a poster in ASCOM that's posted on your wall. We're bringing the California Community College's LGBT grant is funding to bring Sonali as a keynote speaker coming to the College of Marin next Wednesday during community hour. And there'll also be an evening event from 5:30 to 7:30. This is a really great opportunity to learn more about equity and social justice topics. This is a really renowned speaker who has a huge following on social media and is an educator. So great opportunity to have to come check it out, and it's free and open to the community. And then Monday is also our Women of Color Cafe in CS200 during community hour. Please help spread the word, or join, if you can. I just wanted to add one more thing. Thank you, Vlad, for coming to the LGBT Welcome Lunch that we had this month. It really makes a huge impact on different populations on campus when they're seeing their ASCOM board show up in solidarity and support of their identities and their experiences. So, thanks Vlad for demonstrating and modeling what inclusive, intentional leadership looks like, and it really had a huge impact. So, we hope that you all can continue to join us at other events that aren't only ASCOM events.

Sadika: Hi, everyone. I'm so glad to hear that Midterm Movement went so successfully. I'm looking forward to seeing the pictures. There was a meeting in Sacramento, so I apologize for missing it, but great job. I appreciate everybody who's been coming together to figure out just strategically how to keep your room organized, to really hold each other accountable. I'm feeling like there's really good communication happening, and so I'm appreciating you all are implementing the community flag, so I just want to name that. And Amaani, if you haven't gotten your name up there, or a little bee, please do that as well. I want to encourage everyone to come to the event on Wednesday that Tea is talking about. Amaani, it would be great if allowed which I think it is, to take some pictures at the event and post as well. It's another

great educational opportunity in showing ASCOM centering different identities, LGBT identities, but also just thinking beyond that in terms of intersectionality. So, it'd be great if you could come and do that or maybe designate someone to be able to come and do that. Besides that, let me know what you all need. I'll be in the office on Monday.

Committee Reports:

Motion: Henry, Marc

- i. CITIZENS BOND COMMITTEE (Malisa) –
- ii. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT (Vlad & Henry) –
- iii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL (Emilia) –
- iv. PLANNING AND RESOUC E ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (Isa) –
- v. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE –
- vi. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE –
- vii. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE –
- viii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE (Jess) –
- ix. GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION,
TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE (Marc) – GRIT
cancelled their meeting.
- x. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE (Briana) –
- xi. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & ACTION
COMMITTEE –
- xii. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE (Jaff & Anthony) – I
had a meeting where we all introduced each other.
- xiii. xii. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION –

III. Communications from the Floor

Motion: Henry, Emilia

- a. *This time is reserved for any member of the Board to make announcements on items that are not on the agenda. A time of limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed and the total time will not be extended.*

Yanis: I heard from a student that the stairwell in the performing arts building was very dirty and dusty. I wanted to see if we could get maintenance on it. They said it's been like that for almost a month now. If we could coordinate with maintenance, that'd be great.

Vlad: That's good to know. I have not been in that building.

Anthony: Do we know when we're going to get the box up for student recommendations, or the anonymous box?

Vlad: Yes, I'm going to ask Sadika. She told me that we have a box, and I think it's in our storage, but I'm going to, double check with her and hopefully bring that out by next week.

Emilia: I had 2 students actually come up to me and express their concerns about the pesticides that are used on campus during the weekend, because we're very close to a river, or a bank. I don't remember what the name of it is called. And the pesticides flow into the water, but that's just environmental science, like that happens, and so the fact that COM is engaging in an unhealthy environmental thing, people are concerned about that. And I also agree, it's a much bigger issue. This is out of our personal control, like who's using pesticides or not, but I'd rather the school not be using pesticides, or maybe find an alternate version.

Henry: Not saying they're lying, but is there concrete proof that it's going into the water?

Emilia: I'm not sure about the proof. I'm sure someone has that, I mean, because they told me about that, but I believe it just because I've taken environmental science, and I know how it works, like when it rains, and then even when it doesn't rain, it goes into the drains, it goes into the lakes or rivers nearby. But I can ask if they actually have proof about that. I just didn't go that far in the conversation.

Jess: I can echo what you were saying, that that is just kind of how nature works. Like, if you use pesticides near a sensitive area, like a river, they are almost inevitably going to run off into that river.

Emilia: I don't remember the name of it. There's a creek.

Vlad: One suggestion. That's good that you're getting feedback from students. I get a lot of feedback from students. One thing you definitely want to do is some digging and get your facts straight and stuff like that, which it sounds like you might do, and then maybe partnering with Jessica, right? See if alternatives are available.

Emilia: But I'm happy to help, because I care, and I know a good amount of stuff. I took AP Environmental Science, but I remember it and it's interesting to me.

Jess: You know, this is also something that we can leverage the student efforts on campus for, like talking to some of the environmental clubs on campus.

Emilia: I think it's the city that's spraying the pesticides. But if we end up needing a vote, or like a number of signatures, so it's actually brought to the city board, or whoever's controlling it, that could definitely come from students, because I'm sure there's enough.

Henry: Let's first find out who's doing it to see if it's the city or College of Marin. We can talk to the director of facilities here. We'll just find out who's doing it first, and then they'll go in and take initiative.

Jess: I know that there is also the Environmental Actions Committee here on campus, which I am proxying in. But I'm wondering if someone would want to go to that meeting to bring it up directly.

Emilia: I am going on Monday. One of the leaders of the EAC brought it up to me. They are aware of it, and then someone else, one of the COM journalists, he also brought it up to me. I'm going to go to the EAC meeting on Monday, so I'll see what they say about it.

Vlad: I was just going to say I heard a lot of good feedback about the event. Like, in class, people were happy about the sports day. Everybody had a really good time playing sports, so thank you.

Amaani: I don't know if this is for the anonymous box, but at the event, someone came up to Anthony and asked us... They said they had an idea, and they thought that it would be nice to have blankets that you could lend out, so people could sit around the AC quad on the grass. We said that we would keep that in mind, and we encouraged them to, I'm not sure if we have a box or the QR code yet, but we encouraged them to stop by the room or do it in the anonymous box.

Vlad: Yeah, I'll try to actually get that set up today after the meeting, and then I think Henry's working on... he has the QR code, I think he's working on putting up the flyers, right, Henry?

Henry: Yeah.

Sadika: Hi folks, just a quick reminder that we have yoga mats, and I believe we do have some blankets that are in the shed. We have a lot, actually. So, if you wanted to have them available for people to take to put on the grass and sit, they're welcome to use them. It'd just be a matter of having them available. So, if you wanted to share that with folks, and you could have them at every event. There's a lot. I think there was close to 40 that we got. I don't know if we have all 40, but we have a lot, so anytime you have an event outside, you can have yoga mats and people can check them out.

Anthony: Would I be allowed to set up a system where students can leave contact info and who they are, in order to check out stuff like that from here?

Sadika: Of course.

Anthony: If there's no vote needed or anything, I can take charge of that, and I think that's something very worthy of doing, because that's what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to encourage people to be here.

Sadika: A couple of other things that you can do is just write with a Sharpie "Property of ASCOM" and just lay them around the campus. Someone collect them, put them out in the morning, somebody collect them in the afternoon on those warm days. That's just also another easy way to do it. But thank you, Anthony, for taking the lead.

IV. Public Comment

Marc, Anthony

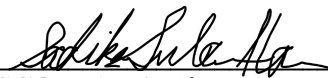
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Eloisa: Good job on Midterm Movement. It was a success. I think it's a really good system to have more interactive activities than we've done at the last few events, and I think it's really good at getting people to participate, not just get food and leave, so good job on keeping that up. For the poster table, I left the post it, but I noticed people from the community are just dropping off posters there to put up. That still needs to get approved by us, either me or Sadika, so if anyone hands those or drops those off in the poster table there, make sure that gets taken to us. And if it doesn't have any contact information, if they come in, make sure to get their contact information in case I need additional information, or I need them to edit it. But I do recommend just having that poster table be an ASCOM-specific poster table, so it doesn't kind of get jumbled between our departments. But if you do see random posters in there, please give them to us so we can post them. And then at ASCOM events, there's the information about ASCOM, let's try to bring these to all of us so people can learn more about ASCOM if they're interested in joining next year. They can kind of get an understanding. There's QR codes that can also be used for social media, so that'll also be a social media thing, so let's just advertise what you guys do at the events as well, but that's all I got.

V. Adjournment: Marc, Anthony 1:43 p.m.



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