

# TIMELINE: District attempt at Seizing ASB Funds and students reaction

## Reference:

**CA EDU Codes:** <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=edc>

**Board of Trustees Policy Page:** <http://web.peralta.edu/trustees/bps-aps/>

**ASMC By-Laws:** [http://www.merritt.edu/wp/asmc/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2014/01/asmc\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.merritt.edu/wp/asmc/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2014/01/asmc_handbook.pdf)

**Board of Trustees Minutes/Agendas:** <http://web.peralta.edu/trustees/2011-2012-agendas-minutes/>

**Procedure 5400 (associated student organizations - board):**

<http://web.peralta.edu/trustees/files/2011/04/AP-5400-Associated-Students-Organization.pdf>

**Procedure 5420 (associated student finance -**

**Board):** <http://web.peralta.edu/trustees/files/2011/04/AP-5420-Associated-Students-Finance.pdf>

**Board minutes, March 11th, 2014:** <http://web.peralta.edu/trustees/files/2011/04/3-11-14-Board-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

**District Financial Audit:**

[http://peraltacccl.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view\\_id=&clip\\_id=595&meta\\_id=69760](http://peraltacccl.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=&clip_id=595&meta_id=69760)

## Resources:

**FCMAT Student Gov't Guide:** <http://fcmat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2014/02/ASBManual2012finalprint.pdf>

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**2012, November 13** - Board of Trustees approves policy 5420 to control ASB funds, to be "administered in accordance with District accounting procedures."

**2014, October XX** - Senator Tachaka Moore went before the board of trustees to discuss an unreplied letter that was sent to Merritt Administrators from the ASMC senators regarding ASMC funds and balance sheets. The ASMC wanted to be certain of their streams of revenue,

and therefore made this request which was totally ignored. It is vital that the ASB is 100% aware of their sources of income. It is also vital that the ASB is aware of the type of accounts they have, so that they can be managed and protected for the students, by the students.

**2014, November XX** - The BSU scheduled a meeting with President Ambriz-Galaviz Dr. Chavez, and Dr. Del Rosario to discuss concerns about ASMC funds and why ASMC is always claiming broke, although financial statements says otherwise. Dr. Del Rosario explained the idea of augmenting our budget, yet lacked to provide the full procedure in writing. BSU rescheduled for a second meeting with just Dr. Del Rosario and other clubs such as Puente, the Business Club, and Chemistry Club. During this meeting, Dr. Del Rosario broke down the balance sheets, and also broke down a few of the revenue streams of ASMC. A third meeting was set strictly for the students to receive the documents previously requested. This meeting was set for December 17th.

These revenue streams are vital to our knowledge as an ASB, especially if we are forced to upkeep the R-Building in order to maintain our nonprofit status.

**2014, December 9** - ASMC and club reps attend the district meeting and address the Board as a unified front stating that we understand our right to retain our money as a nonprofit. Insist the Board and District communicate with us regarding future decisions.

**2014, December 17** - ASMC Vice-President, Terry Malbrough, and Chemistry Club rep Marquita Price and BSU rep Marcos attended a meeting with Dr. Dettie Del Rosario to receive documents such as balance sheets of ASMC funds and a breakdown of how ASMC receives income, which were previously requested by email

**2015, January 16** - BSU representatives Marquita Price, JR Valrey and Dr. Brown attended a meeting with the District Chancellor to receive update regarding the ASB fund seize and the legalitie of ASMC being a non-profit. The Chancellor stated that he wasn't very knowledgeable about the issue, and that he appointed Susan Rinne to lead and "fix" the problem. So he appointed Susan to attend the first ASMC meeting of the year. The Chancellor also stated that he supports the choice of the students, yet he thinks the students should be fully aware of the liabilities of what we are requesting. He also mentioned that he believes that all the ASB's of Peralta should be on the same page, so if Merritt remains as 501c3, than he suggested we find out how to make the other ASB's a non-profit as well.

**2015, January 26** - Susan Rinne meets with ASMC with the intent of clarifying what would happen if ASMC money moved to District accounts. Hardly any questions are answered completely and ASMC asks for a follow up email from Susan to clarify.

**2015, January 27** - The day of ASMC/ICC Club Rush. Dettie DelRosario approaches Drew Beesley to ask if ASMC is going to move funds and states that there are many benefits to doing so. She also states that the deadline is coming up and that we'll need to make a decision soon.

This is problematic because in doing this she bypassed ASMC as a whole and disregarded addressing us collectively. After Drew responded unfavorably, Dettie proceeded to talk with Marquita Price, but using a different approach and stating different opinions than the ones expressed to Drew.

**2015, January 28** - ASMC reps recognize that Susan Rinne inaccurately stated at the Board meeting on January 27th that ASMC agreed to new procedures she had proposed during her meeting with ASMC on Jan 26th.

**2015, January 29** - Having not heard back from Susan Rinne, Drew Beesley received permission from Tracey Christian (ASMC President) to talk with Susan Rinne directly to clarify responses in the email that Dr. Lilia Chavez sent to Susan. Drew stated that he was not able to answer questions for ASMC as a whole, but did say that on behalf of ASMC he wished to address the inaccurate statement that Susan Rinne made at the Board meeting when she stated that ASMC had agreed to the new procedures she had suggested.

**2015, February 2** - During the Jan. 26th ASMC meeting Susan Rinne mentioned that she contacted the risk manager of Peralta, Greg Valentine, to receive the general breakdown of liabilities students would face as an independent non-profit. Marquita Price requested that Susan Rinne forward Greg's response to Dr. Chavez, so that Dr. Chavez can forward it to the student leaders involved.

Having not heard back from Susan Rinne regarding this email, Marquita Price directly contacted Greg Valentine via email requesting this liability breakdown. Marquita's email has yet to be replied by Greg as well.

**2015, March 13** - Due to the lack of cooperation at the district, Marquita Price emailed Dr. Del Rosario a request of documents that would help students better recognize the magnitude of financial responsibility we would face as an independent entity. Among these request was the combined upkeep bills of the R-Building. Dr. Del Rosario immediately replied that we can schedule a meeting. So Marquita then replied to clarify that the documents will be expected at the set meeting.

We have been verbally warned/threatened about the financial responsibility of having complete control of the R-Building and our ASB, yet at this point still haven't been given any formal list of liabilities and concerns as if they, the District, wants us to forget about the situation or make us hunt for the proper information.

**2015, March 24** - Marquita Price, Delise Monroe, and ICC Secretary Ayla Bennett met with Dr. Del Rosario to receive requested documents. The only documents received was the overdue balance sheets of Jan and Feb. Mr. Kim's contract, the R-Building Upkeep Bill, and the income from Student Lounge rentals were not produced. Dr. Del Rosario advised us to contact Susan Rinne, general Services, and general council, because she could not produce the documents.

This now puts students back at square one, because we started off talking to Susan Rinne, and have gotten anywhere, although there have been several attempts.

**2015, April 7 -** VPSS Dr. Cedillo met with Marquita Price to further discuss unresolved concerns around the liability issues. Dr. Cedillo stated that he sent an email to Dr. Sadiq B. Ikharo regarding a copy of the upkeep bill. He mentioned that he could get us a copy of Mr. Kim's contract with no problem, just not at the moment of the meeting. He kept repeating that he was willing to talk to and work with the students, yet he didn't propose a time, date, nor any descriptive ways how he plans to do so.

**2015, April 14 -**