ASO BEGINS CONSTITUTION REVISION PROCESS

“We, the students of Los Angeles Southwest College, do establish this Constitution…”

So might begin the revised Associated Students Organization (ASO) Constitution for LASC. In late November, ASO began the process of revising its Constitution and Bylaws. A committee of six ASO officers and two staff advisors will continue its work to draft an updated version of the ASO Constitution and its Bylaws, which were last revised in 2007. The ASO will present the revised Constitution and Bylaws to the LASC student body in early April of the Spring 2011 semester. As part of this process, the ASO is taking a close look at its own Constitution and Bylaws as well as those of its sister schools within the LACCD system. For its Constitution, the ASO is reviewing statements about its officers, duties for those officers, committee membership, election procedures, the financing of ASO activities, and other organizational matters.

For the Bylaws, which deal more with the day-to-day operations of ASO, the committee will make any needed revisions to meeting times and places, committee duties, ASO membership policies, and any election policies not covered in the Constitution, such as the filling of any vacant positions.

ASO officers plan to meet with various campus groups and committees during the month of March to gather input about these documents. ASO will also hold a public forum in April to present a draft of its revised Constitution and Bylaws and to gather student, faculty, and staff input. A final vote by the students is needed to approve the new Constitution and Bylaws.

DSPS STUDENTS FINISH THE SEMESTER AND LOOK AHEAD

All students busy studying as the end is near
While DSPS folks offer support during this busy time of the year
DSPS special courses a buzzin’ with excitement,
While students are patient awaiting LD assessment
And LS 41 classmates plan short and long term goals
All while discovering future educational roles
Picking themes for their final projects of “Life Line”
While using their strategies to complete the task that’s fine
Time management, motivation, test-taking, and reading techniques

All were included in the previous weeks
November 10th being the start of the DSPS workshop series,
DSPS and EOPS students attended with heaps of queries.
With the coming of spring semester brings anticipation
DSPS actively planning with exhilaration
More workshops, guest speakers, walk-in hours, and outreach
DSPS geared up and chock-full of thoughts and dreams to teach.

" by Celeste Phelps & Roxanna Sanchez

Thanking LASC for a wonderful semester... we had a ball!
Many, many happy holiday wishes to you all!
Effective December 1, 2010, students may now order official transcripts online through the Student Information System. Students may request official LASC transcripts from anywhere in the world, 24/7!

**NEW SERVICE!**
**Online Transcript Request for Students**

**How To Order a Transcript Online**

The National Student Clearinghouse charges a $2.25 convenience fee (in addition to any regular transcript fees) for processing an online order.

1. Log on to the [Student Information System](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/

2. Select “Main Menu” from the left bar menu.

3. In the **Transcripts & Enrollment Verifications** box, select **LA Southwest College students**

4. Select **Los Angeles Southwest College** from the drop down menu

5. Click on the “Submit” button

6. You are now on the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) website. Once you are on the NSC website, read the information and select the "Order or Track a Transcript" option and carefully follow the instructions for ordering transcripts.

Students can expect the same great processing time of 3-5 working days, plus mailing time. Rush processing is not available with online transcript requests—rush transcripts must still be submitted in-person and require the additional $7.00 rush fee.

**Students may also order transcripts online 24/7 directly through the National Student Clearinghouse website at** [http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/) (Click on ‘Order or Track a Transcript’ and Select ‘Los Angeles Southwest College’) or by clicking here.
Important Information for Community College Students

“Join us and learn how to control your financial destiny!”

Wednesday December 8, 2010 - Room SSC 301B

A Series of 2 Important Workshops…

Personal Money Management 1:00-2:10p.m.

Credit Management 2:15-3:00p.m.

Sponsored by:
- Los Angeles Southwest College Department of Workforce Development and Corporate Relations
- Society for Financial Education and Professional Development, Inc.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FEATURE: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

International Students Xavier Graham and Kenisha Berotte talk about their Caribbean home, Trinidad and Tobago

About Trinidad and Tobago

It’s a Caribbean island with lots of festivals, beaches, white sands, and palm trees. Tobago has gorgeous green water and the famous Buccoo Reef, the second largest coral reef in the world. Trinidad and Tobago is a British Commonwealth - this means that certain rulings in the high court must still go through Great Britain. Some benefits of this status include access to other commonwealth countries, and great deals on trade and exports. The population is very diverse, with many people from France, Britain, China, East-India, Spain, and also many people from Latin-America. Languages spoken are English, Hindi, and Creole.

What is Carnival?

In the late 1700s the slaves were freed. Upon receiving this freedom the people took to the streets and began celebrating. This tradition continues to this day, though with less clothes. I love carnival because you are free to be yourself without the care of others’ thoughts...inhabitations run wild.

What about the Food?

My favorite dish is Roti. Imagine a large pie or burrito and inside you find curry chicken or other meats, and potatoes. Because I grew up around Indian culture my entire life I became accustomed to this dish. I also love Bakenshark, a large sandwich filled with shark meat fried. Oh! I also love curry chicken skewer.

Things I miss about home?

I miss Labour Day sports. On Labour Day people of Trinidad and Tobago partake in a variety of sports such as football, cricket, track and field, lime and spoon, crab races, goat races, and potato sack races. I also miss Tobago Heritage Festival. This is when villagers from various communities dress up in traditional costumes that depict early life. There is a lot of singing, dancing, and telling of folk tales that takes place. I also miss youth group activities. Oh! I also love Independence Day. It’s a time when everyone comes together and cooks, celebrating the Independence of our country.

~ by Xavier Graham and Kenisha Berotte

On December 1, 2010 the International Students Club hosted a Chanukah celebration. It was an opportunity for LASC students to not only learn about the origins of this holiday, but to also gain a better understanding of how Chanukah is celebrated differently worldwide. This event featured a guest a speaker, a dreidel tournament, traditional foods and drinks, arts and crafts, music, and general information about the Hebrew language and history of Chanukah. If you missed this event but would like to learn more Chanukah, feel free to stop by our office, Room 116 in the Student Services Building, to take a look at our informational board.
# Student Services Event Calendar

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