

Report of the Associated Students of Mills College (ASMC)

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Committees

The ASMC Executive Officers, with the exception of the President and Historian, chair student committees of ASMC Senators and work on initiatives and awareness about key campus issues. These committees are Finance, Academic Affairs, Student Services, Social Justice & Diversity, Judicial, Internal Affairs/Elections, and Publicity. These Committee Chairs also serve as student representatives on institutional committees as well as regular meetings with the departments and services of their designated areas.

In fall 2012, the Finance Committee revised many funding forms for more effective student use and ASMC documentation as well as granting a number of special funding requests for student organizations. The Academic Affairs Committee created the successful Resolution 103 based on student surveys expressing a desire for professors to be mandated to use the Blackboard technology in order to streamline access academic information. They will also be leading the recruitment of submissions for the Mills Academic Research Journal (MARJ). The Student Services Committee received reports from the Health Senator on the search for a Wellness Outreach Coordinator as well as working on updating dining policies with Bon Appetit. The Publicity and Internal Affairs Committee ordered ASMC t-shirts and helped promote the ASMC branding across campus via the new Facebook page in addition to planning the Social Retreat for the Full Board. The Social Justice & Diversity Committee had many discussions about inclusivity for multiple genders and International Students.

Joining All Mills (JAM)

This annual event is held to connect student affinity groups and organizations to collaborate on campus initiatives in addition to facilitating a space for social justice dialogues about the state of Mills in relation to concerns of equity, opportunity, and justice. All are welcome to attend on March 4 at 6:30pm. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Senate Shout-Out

Senators representing various areas and populations on campus, hosted multiple Senate Shout-Out sessions via tabling in Adams Plaza. Students were able to have their concerns and ideas documented by ASMC members while getting to know their representatives. We hope to continue this form of reaching out to the student body publicly in the spring.

VPSL Search Committee

As a student representative on the VPSL Search Committee, the ASMC President had the privilege to meet various qualified candidates and offer a student perspective. ASMC has plans to welcome the new VPSL, Eloise Stiglitz in February including a “Mills 101” manual of letters as well as offer our heartfelt gratitude to our interim dean, Kathleen Rice. We look forward to collaborating with and connecting students to Dean Stiglitz.

Student Proposition Form

The Full Board also voted to approve the creation of a process for proposing legislative measures to the ASMC for discussion and voting. This will assist in gathering details and research on the items that are brought forward as well as provide documentation for future boards.

Personal Note

I am very excited for the possibilities of the spring semester. Many Senators have expressed new and innovative ideas stemming from their discussions with students across campus and in the Strategic Planning forums. We will have a Community Meeting in February and host elections for a new board and Class Councils in April. It is certainly a momentous time to be a student leader at Mills. As the ASMC theme for this year states, we truly hope to be “with all, for all” in weaving all voices into the actions of the Mills community.

Blessings in 2013 for a legacy of light at Mills and in our world...

Rebecca Freeman

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