



Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 02nd 2026, 2:15 pm

In-Person: Center for Equity, Leadership and Community Building 17, Room 146
College of San Mateo; 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.; San Mateo, CA 94402

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The public is invited and encouraged to attend ASCSM Student Senate meetings. All meetings are open to the public and are accessible to those with disabilities. Start times are approximate. The public may address the Student Senate on non-Agenda items during the Announcements and Hearing of the Public items on the agenda. Members of the public may participate in discussions only when recognized by the chair. The Student Senate reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

5. Announcements and Hearings of the Public

During this time, members of the public may address the Senate on non-agenda items. Limit of 15 minutes per topic and 3 minutes per speaker.

6. Reports

a. Officers

- i. President Jaden Nguyen
- ii. Vice President Jing Ee Ong
- iii. Finance Director Moe Thanzin Cho
- iv. Vice Chair Leticia Dominguez
- v. Secretary Geiziane Da Silva Dos Santos
- vi. District Student Trustee Michael Llanell

b. Senators

Including reports from ASCSM boards and committees, ASCSM task forces, college and district participatory governance committees, and other boards, committees, or organizations.

c. College of San Mateo Administration

Including the college president, the vice president of student services, members of the executive leadership team, deans, and any other college administrators wishing to report to the Student Senate.

d. Advisors

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant
- iii. Mondana Bathai, Student Life Staff Assistant

7. Appointments – President Nguyen

The Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Student Senate, ASCSM Boards and/or task forces, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary. Possible action to take place.

8. Update on College Budget

The Senate shall review and discuss information about the College's budget presented by Vice President of Administrative Services Gerardo Ramirez. No action to take place.

9. Funding for Chinese New Year Celebration – Chinese Scholars and Students Association (CSSA)

The Senate shall discuss and consider the proposal to fund the Chinese New Year Celebration event organized by the Chinese Scholars and Students Association. Possible action to take place.

10. Clarification of Film Club Film Festival Submission Guidelines

The Senate shall discuss and consider providing clarification regarding the submission guidelines for the Film Club's Summit Film Festival. Possible action to take place.

11. Funding for A Holi Celebration – Equity Affairs Board

The Senate shall discuss and consider the proposal to fund the A Holi Celebration event organized by the Equity Affairs Board. Possible action to take place.

12. Adoption of Spring 2026 ASCSM General Election Timeline

The Senate shall discuss and consider adoption of the timeline for the Spring 2026 ASCSM General Election to fill seats for the 2026–2027 student government. Possible action to take place.

13. Discussion on Funding for Club End of Year/Graduation Events

The Senate shall discuss options for funding end of the year and graduation events being held by student clubs and organizations. No action to take place.

14. Future Agenda Items

During this time, members of the Senate may suggest agenda items for consideration for future meetings.

15. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public

During this time, members of the Senate and the public may voice any concluding comments. Limit of 15 minutes per topic and 3 minutes per speaker.

16. Adjournment



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Monday, January 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Jaden Nguyen, Vice-President Jing Ee Ong, Secretary Geiziane Santos, Vice Chair Leticia Dominguez, Finance Director Moe Thanzin Cho, Senators Jeremiah David, Alia Ejiri, Ryan Farzaneh, Honey Hin, Lauren Hong, Alyssa Jose, Juna Lee, Finola Miqailla, Lukas Real, Nyam Simm Sett, Thiri Thu, April Yuan, Ameer Dababo, Aung Phone Kyaw, Alfonso Villalvazo, Maylani Fiel

Members Absent: None

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

Others Present: Alex Guiriba, CSM Vice President of Student Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Hong, seconded by Senator Kyaw. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of January 12th, 2026, Senate meeting by Vice Chair Dominguez, seconded by Senator Sett. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that the Career Fair will take place on January 28th. He also reported that on February 4th, CSM will be hosting a Black History Month event celebrating 100 years, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and encouraged all Senate members to attend if possible. President Nguyen further reported that Aliyah is no longer a member of the Student Senate; therefore, there is an open Senate position. Interviews for the position will begin soon, and the selected member will be appointed as soon as possible.

Vice President Ong reported that all boards began holding meetings as of last week. She also reported that board applications have been updated and suggested that board chairs check for any appointments. Vice President Ong highlighted that participating governors who are unable to attend existing appointments should notify leadership as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to ensure student representation at meetings. She also noted that Welcome Week and the Club Fair are approaching and asked those present to assist when possible.

Vice Chair Dominguez reported that the first ICC meeting will take place tomorrow, January 27th, at the same time as last semester, in North Hall, Building 18, Room 308, at 1:15 p.m.

Secretary Santos reported that Senators Dominguez and Dababo will be cleaning the ASCSM Office this week.

Senator Jose reported that Reboot Week will take place on February 3rd, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The main goal of the event is to promote the boards. She also stated that if any board members are available to table at the event, they should inform her as soon as possible.

Senator Hong reported that the first Equity Affairs meeting took place last week on January 22nd. She also noted that the Equity Affairs Vice President, Hannah, was present at the meeting and is a potential candidate for the open Senator position. Senator Hong further reported that planning has begun for their first event of the semester, which may take place at the beginning of March.

Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, reported the following:

- Acknowledgement and gratitude in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- The College will be hiring for the Vice President of Instruction position and is encouraging the inclusion of a student representative on the committee. Orientation for the position will take place on Monday, February 9th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interviews will occur in early March, with final interviews and forums planned between March 20th and March 23rd. Compensation for the student representative is still under discussion.

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, reported:

- Appreciation and thanks to everyone for being present.

Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reported the following:

- January 26th is the official end of the add/drop period for the Spring semester.
- Eligibility checks will begin on January 27th to ensure that all members are enrolled in at least 6 units at CSM, maintain a GPA above 2.0, and are not on any form of probation.
- Students now have free access to Canva Premium. To access the platform, students must log in through OneLogin.
- On Wednesday, January 28th, CSM Personal Counseling Services will host “Take a Paws Break”, with therapy dogs present. The event will take place in the CSM Wellness Center Waiting Room and Student Lounge, Building 5, Rooms 302 and 323, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Equity Affairs	
Hudson Gates	No objections
Appointments motioned first by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Dababo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	

FUNDING FOR SPRING CLUB FAIR – ICC

Motion to fund \$11500 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Spring Club Fair event by Senators Dababo and Villalvazo. Approximately 350 people are expected to attend. The event is planned to take place on February 10th and 11th or February 11th and 12th, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair Dominguez announced that she will be using SignUpGenius for the Club Fair, as significant assistance will be needed for event setup and food. The SignUpGenius will be available by Wednesday, January 28th. More information will be provided next week once the event date is confirmed.

Vice President Ong announced that board chairs will need additional assistance for upcoming events, especially for Welcome Week next week.

ADJOURNMENT 🌸

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Lee. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary

Agenda Item #7: Appointments

The Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Student Senate, ASCSM Boards and/or task forces, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary. Possible action to take place.

Agenda Item #8: Update on College Budget

The Senate shall review and discuss information about the College's budget presented by Vice President of Administrative Services Gerardo Ramirez. No action to take place.



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Funding Proposal

For the meeting of Student Senate: Monday, Feb. 02, 2026

Title of Proposal Chinese New Year Celebration

Being Proposed by Chinese Scholars and Students Association (CSSA) Lead Coordinator Jing Ee Ong

Event Date(s) 02/18/2026

ASCSM Account 5031 - ICC / Club Assistance

DESCRIPTION

This event introduces the traditions and cultural significance of the Chinese New Year, highlighting its customs, symbolism, and meaning.

The event will feature various cultural activities such as calligraphy, traditional games such as Mahjong, and traditional Chinese food will be served. The event will be located at B10-380 Center of Global Engagement on Wednesday, February 18, from 11:30 am-1 pm.

Item Description	Cost
1. <u>Food & Drinks</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>
2. <u>Activities & Decoration</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
3. <u>Photobooth</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
Total Funding Request	<u>\$1250.00</u>

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Motion by _____ Second by _____

Result of Vote In Favor _____ Opposed _____ Abstained _____ Passed _____ Failed _____

Agenda Item #10: Clarification of Film Club Film Festival Submission Guidelines

BACKGROUND

On Monday, November 24, 2025, the ASCSM Student Senate approved funding for the Film and Production Club's Summit Film Festival. The Student Senate did not address any eligibility requirements for those submitting films to the festival. However, as is past practice, because the funding for the event is being provided by ASCSM, submissions would only be accepted from CSM students. The club is requesting clarification on this point and would like to allow students from Cañada College and Skyline College to submit entries as well.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Student Senate discuss and consider the request from the Film and Production Club and decide whether to allow entries from Cañada and Skyline students.



Associated Students of College of San Mateo

Funding Proposal

For the meeting of Student Senate: Monday, Feb. 2nd, 2026

Title of Proposal A Holi Celebration

Being Proposed by Equity Affairs Board Lead Coordinator Lauren Hong

Event Date(s) 03/04/2026

ASCSM Account 5050 – Ethnic Cultural Affairs

DESCRIPTION

A Holi Celebration will be hosted by the Equity Affairs Board of ASCSM on Wednesday, March 4 from 12-2 pm. The event will take place in the quad outside of Building 10, with most activities happening on the lawn.

This event aims to educate and celebrate Holi, a major Hindu celebration known as the “Festival of Colors”. Attendees will learn about the cultural and spiritual significance of Holi, including the meaning of colors, traditional snacks and drink, and the triumph of good over evil.

Participants can take part in activities such as throwing vibrant powdered colors (gulal), creating art with colorful chalk, designing T-shirts, and engaging in “good vs. evil” activities. At 1:00 pm, everyone will gather on the lawn for a colorful powder toss. Traditional snacks and drinks will be available in the courtyard away from the activities.

Target: 150 People

Food: Traditional snacks and drink (sweet dumplings, samosas, roti, sweets, mango lassi, chai)

Activities: Throwing of colorful powders, T-shirt designing, colorful chalk, whiteboard for good & evils

Decor/supplies: Tablecloths, Holi centerpieces, disposable masks, white t-shirts, fabric markers, tie-dye, etc.

Item Description	Cost
1. <u>Activities</u>	<u>\$2000.00</u>
2. <u>Food</u>	<u>\$3000.00</u>
3. <u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
4. <u></u>	<u></u>
5. <u></u>	<u></u>
Total Funding Request	<u>\$5500.00</u>

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Motion by Second by

Result of Vote In Favor Opposed Abstained Passed Failed



ASCSM General Election & Student Trustee Nominee Election Timeline – Spring 2026

Monday April 6, 2026	CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD BEGINS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Candidate information packet and online candidate registration form will be available at ascsm.org/election.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ASCSM Student Senate<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President (1)▪ Vice President (1)▪ Finance Director (1)▪ Senator (**)○ Student Trustee Nominee from College of San Mateo▪ No campaigning may take place until after the Mandatory Candidates Meeting.
Friday April 17, 2026 1 pm – 2:30 pm	MANDATORY CANDIDATES MEETING (ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All candidates must attend this meeting or be subject to disqualification.▪ Review of the election process, including the election guidelines and campaigning rules.▪ Discuss plans for open forum(s), debate(s) or other campaign activities.
Monday April 20, 2026 8 am	CAMPAIGNING BEGINS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Eligible candidates may not campaign prior to this day/time.▪ Any campaigning prior to this day/time shall result in sanctions against a candidate.
Monday, April 27, 2026, through Wednesday, April 29, 2026	ELECTION POLLS OPEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Election will be conducted via online polls▪ Only College of San Mateo students currently enrolled in the Spring 2026 semester may cast ballots
Thursday, April 30, 2026	ELECTION RESULTS POSTED <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Results will be posted by the Center for Student Life.▪ This date is subject to change based on availability or other circumstances.

Agenda Item #13: Discussion on Funding for Club End of Year/Graduation Events

The Senate shall discuss options for funding end of the year and graduation events being held by student clubs and organizations. No action to take place.