



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 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; Mondana Bathai, Student Life Staff Assistant

Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of January 26th, 2026, Senate meeting by Vice Chair Dominguez, seconded by Senator Jose. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that the District Council meeting took place on Friday with representatives from Cañada College and Skyline College present; the meeting went well. A possible event was discussed, and an Associated Students Olympics is currently being planned. The location for the Olympics is still to be decided and may be hosted off-campus.

Vice President Ong reported that Reboot Week begins tomorrow, February 2nd, and the Club Fair will take place next week on February 10th and 11th. She asked those present to assist with these events when possible. She also reported that the photo booth has been set up and clubs are welcome to use it via form request. There is no fee for digital copies, but a fee of \$50 will be charged for physical copies. Clubs are required to purchase their own film; any remaining film from events will be stored for the club's future use.

Vice Chair Dominguez reported that the Club Fair will take place next week, February 10th and 11th. The SignUpGenius link will be sent out tomorrow, February 3rd.

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

Senator Jose reported that Reboot Week activities will take place tomorrow, February 3rd, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Senator Real reported that an Open Education event is being planned for early April. More information will be provided soon.

Vice President Ong (Reporting for Alex Guiriba, VP of Student Services):

- There will be a feedback open forum on Thursday, March 12th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; the location is to be decided.
- There is a need for student input regarding policy and services for student housing, specifically to discuss counseling services, the shuttle, and the number of enrolled units required to be considered for housing.

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, reported on the following:

- The accreditation report has been returned, necessitating an emergency meeting; further details regarding the meeting discussions will be available soon. He emphasized that the report does not mean the College will lose accreditation, but rather that it serves as an opportunity for improvement and valuable feedback.
- Student Housing has been delayed as grants for housing funding have not yet been distributed; more information will be forthcoming.
- There is a strong need for student input. Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, will lead the district team to review Student Services, discussing procedures for student selection and conduct. Student input will be highly considered in this process. The first meeting will take place on Friday, February 20th, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- He thanked everyone who participated in the protest, noting that it was a peaceful and productive march.

APPOINTMENTS

None

FUNDING FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR – CHINESE SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CSSA)

Motion to fund \$1250 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Chinese New Year Celebration event first by Senator Hong and second by senator Yuan. Approximately 150 to 200 people are expected to attend. The event is planned to take place on February 18th, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

CLARIFICATION OF FILM CLUB FILM FESTIVAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Motion to allow the Film Festival submissions to be District wide, allowing any SMCCD student to participate in the competition first by Senators Villalvazo and second by Senator Hong. Approximately 9 submissions have been received so far. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR A HOLI CELEBRATION – EQUITY AFFAIRS BOARD

Motion to fund \$5500 from the Equity Affairs (5050) account for the A Holi Celebration event first by Senator Lee and second by Senator Dominguez. An additional \$100.00 was added to the fund for cleaning purposes, bringing the total to \$5,600.00. The event will take place on March 4th in front of building 10; Traditional snacks and drinks will be served. Approximately 150 people are expected to attend. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

ADOPTION OF SPRING 2026 ASCSM GENERAL ELECTION TIMELINE

Motion to adopt the timeline for the Spring 2026 ASCSM General Election to fill seats for the 2026-2027 student government first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Lee. Candidate filling period begins on Monday, April 6th, Mandatory Candidates meeting happening on Friday, April 17th, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; campaigning begins on Monday, April 20th; election polls open on Monday, April 27th and goes through Wednesday, April 29th; election results will be posted on Thursday, April 30th. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

DISCUSSION ON FUNDING FOR CLUB END OF YEAR/ GRADUATION EVENTS

The Senate discussed options for funding End-of-the-Year and graduation events held by student clubs and organizations. The Senate decided on a timeframe of two weeks to present a framework and further discuss the topic. Senators Farzaneh, Lee, and Dominguez, along with Vice President Ong, volunteered to hold a meeting to discuss options.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Proposals from ICC

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT 🌸

Motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Lee. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary