



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 9, 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, 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: Finance Director Moe Thanzin Cho

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Mondana Bathai, Student Life Staff Assistant

Others Present: Gerardo Ramirez, Vice President of Administrative Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of February 2nd, 2026, Senate meeting by Senator Jose, seconded by Senator Hong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that the Reboot Week event was a success. He also thanked Board Chair Jose and Programming Board for their hard work and commitment.

Vice President Ong reported that scholarship applications were due on **February 9th**. She also reported that funding for the End of Year Celebration is currently being discussed. Vice President Ong further noted that Leticia will need assistance with the Club Fair and asked those who are available to help as much as possible. She also reminded members that there will be no Senate meeting next Monday, **January 16th**.

Vice Chair Dominguez reported that the Club Fair will take place on **February 10th and 11th**. She noted that assistance will be needed to assemble the goodie bags and that she will require as much help as possible both before and during the event.

Secretary Santos reported that Senators Hin and Sett will be cleaning the ASCSM Office this week.

Senator Jose reported that the Reboot Week event was a success and thanked everyone who was involved.

Senator Hong reported that she, Hannah, and Mondana met with the Pride Center to discuss potential collaboration and to learn about their upcoming plans. The Pride Center has confirmed an event date of **April 8th**, from **4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Once additional information becomes available, the topic will be brought to a board meeting.

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

- Requested assistance for Vice Chair Dominguez with the Club Fair event.
- There will be no classes on Friday, February 13th and Monday, February 16th.

APPOINTMENTS - President Nguyen

President Nguyen appointed Justin Gomez to fill the vacant senator position on the Student Senate. Motion to approve the appointment by Senator Lee and second by Senator Jose. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Welcome, Justin!

Equity Affairs Board	
Tanat Alberts and Ethan Lim	No objections
Appointments motioned first by Senator Dominguez, seconded by Senator Sett. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	
Programming Board	
Anthony Friis and Tatsuya Nakamura	No objections
Appointments motioned first by Senator Hong, seconded by Senator Lee. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	
Advocacy Board	
Victoria Silva	No objections
Appointments motioned first by Senator Farzaneh, seconded by Senator Jose. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	
Public Relations Board	
Jaycee Yee, Abigail Sinarle, Clarissa Gonzalez, and Anne Tria	No objections
Appointments motioned first by Senator Dominguez, seconded by Senator Hong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	

UPDATE ON COLLEGE BUDGET – VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GERARDO RAMIREZ

Vice President Gerardo Ramirez provided an update on the college’s financial situation and ongoing efforts to improve transparency and communication. He began by expressing appreciation for the Senate’s continued commitment to supporting boards and clubs.

Moving forward, the goal is for Finance Director Moe Thanzin Cho to regularly present financial updates during Senate meetings. The administration is working to ensure greater transparency regarding how funds are being allocated and used. One way this is being accomplished is through public forums and committees. Budget forums are open to everyone, and the slides and recordings are available online under “budget form,” ensuring access to financial information for the campus community.

Vice President Ramirez also explained that in recent years, the college has experienced more expenses than revenue. As a result, funds have had to be drawn from savings to cover operational costs. Due to these financial challenges, some resources have been reduced.

Enrollment remains lower than desired, which has led to the need to compress certain classes. In making these decisions, the college is prioritizing courses that are required for graduation. Secondly, opportunities to consolidate classes are being evaluated. Third, consideration is being given to which student populations are being prioritized, full-time students as an example, acknowledging that these decisions directly impact students.

Questions and input are welcomed throughout the year. Members of the campus community may direct questions to Finance Director Cho or the financial committee. All related meetings are public, and dates and times are posted for those who wish to attend and stay informed.

FUNDING FOR KTPAMILY SOCIAL MIXER – KATIPUNAN

Motion to fund \$40 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for flowers supplies for the KTPamily Social Mixer event first by Senator Dominguez and second by Senator Hong. Approximately 20 to 30 people are expected to attend. The event is planned to take place on February 12th, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING TO ATTEND CA YOUNG DEMOCRATS NOMINATING CONVENTION – CSM DEMOCRATS

Motion to fund \$1523 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the California Young Democrats 2026 Endorsing Convention first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Jose. The convention will take place on February 20th and 22nd, this is the major event for young democrats in California for colleges, 4 club officers and 6 club members will be attending. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Lee, who abstained.

FUNDING FOR ART AND SCIENCE LECTURE RECEPTION – PROFESSOR MOHSEN JANATPOUR

Motion to fund \$700 from the College Program Assistance (5032) account for the Arts and Science Lecture Reception first by Senator Jose and second by Senator Lee. The event is planned to take place on March 20th, between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR ASCSM WASHINGTON, DC ADVOCACY TRIP – ADVOCACY BOARD

Motion to fund \$16,000.00 from the Student Representation Trust for flowers supplies for ASCSM Washington, DC Advocacy Trip first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Jose. Senator Farzaneh and 5 advocacy members who were selected by an application and essay selection will attend. The trip date is still to be decided. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS MICS – PUBLIC RELATIONS BOARD

Motion to fund \$74.97 from the Publicity (5051) account for the Public Relations Mics first by Senator Dominguez and second by Senator Hong. After discussion, the funding was rounded up from \$74.97 to \$100. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Debrief for Reboot Week and Club Fair events for next Senate meeting.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:06 p.m. by Senator Dominguez; seconded by Senator Farzaneh. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary