



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, February 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Jaden Nguyen, Vice-President Jing Ee Ong, Finance Director Moe Thanzin Cho, 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, Maylani Fiel

Members Absent: Senator Alfonso Villalvazo

Advisors Present: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant; Mondana Bathai, Student Life Staff Assistant

Others Present: Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Lee, seconded by Vice Chair Dominguez. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2026, Senate meeting by Senator Hong, seconded by Senator Jose. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

Vice President Ong reported that today, February 23rd, all members will be appointed to their respective committees based on the schedule previously provided. She also reported that there is currently a lack of a student representative for the Academic Senate, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. She emphasized the importance of filling this position and reminded members that it is acceptable to serve as a student representative on more than one committee.

Vice President Ong further emphasized that once members begin attending committee meetings, they should bring reports back to Senate meetings so that the Senate remains informed about what is happening across committees. She also reported that the Club Fair was a success and thanked everyone who helped. Additionally, she noted that discussion regarding the End of the Year Celebration will take place this week. A Google Sheet was sent in the Senate group chat, and she asked those who have not yet responded to please do so.

Vice Chair Dominguez reported that the Club fair was a success and thanked everyone for their assistance.

Secretary Santos reported that Senators Real and Yuan will be cleaning the ASCSM Office this week. She also asked Senate members to help maintain cleanliness in the Student Life common area and assist in organizing the Senate prep room.

Senator Hong reported that Equity Affairs has several upcoming events:

- The Holi Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 4th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Setup and cleanup will occur one hour before and after the event, with some preparation taking place the day prior. A SignUpGenius will be distributed in the coming days.
- Equity Affairs and the Programming Board will collaborate on a Women’s History Month event on Wednesday, March 25th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Equity Affairs has officially confirmed a collaboration with the Pride Center for the Drag Show on Wednesday, April 8th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Senator Yuan expressed concerns regarding possible smoking on campus, noting that CSM is a smoke-free campus. The topic will be monitored closely to discuss the potential need for additional signage reinforcing the smoke-free policy.

Senator Lee reported that the Entrepreneurship Club, in collaboration with the CSM Business Club, is hosting the CSM Case Competition. The information session will take place on March 2nd from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Building 10, Room 195. Senator Lee welcomed anyone interested in contributing to assist.

Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, reported:

- Thank you for welcoming Vice President Gerardo Ramirez at the previous meeting.
- The Rice Rockettes are potentially being booked for the Drag Show organized by Equity Affairs and the Pride Center.
- Black History Month and Lunar New Year celebrations have been very successful. On Wednesday, February 25th, there will be a Lunar New Year activity in collaboration with the Child Development Center.
- Student Housing is currently in the process of identifying staffing needs and services that will be offered. Student voice is vital in this process, and Senate involvement is highly encouraged. CSM will be the first of the three campuses to offer student housing, which is significant given that cost of living remains one of the biggest barriers students face. Other California Community Colleges with existing housing programs are being consulted for guidance and best practices.
- Forum dates for the Vice President of Instruction Hiring Committee will be announced soon. The screening process is ongoing. Student Senate feedback is critical, as this is a major decision for the college.
- The college is currently in its accreditation cycle, which occurs every eight years and ensures the college can offer degrees, certificates, and financial aid. The forum will take place on March 12th. Student voices are especially important, as Cabinet members are not permitted to attend. The forum link will be shared soon.
- The Campus Life and Leadership Awards are approaching, and nominations will open shortly.
- Commencement will take place on the Friday following finals; the location will be confirmed soon.

Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reported:

- A reminder to ensure all members are signed up for the Alert system.
- A Violent Intruder Drill will take place on February 24th at 10:45 a.m. and again at 6:45 p.m.
- The Accreditation Open Forum will take place on March 12th. Students are strongly encouraged to participate and share any concerns or needs. The forum will include members of the visiting Accreditation team, and student feedback is highly encouraged.

APPOINTMENTS

Equity Affairs Board	
Miles Lim	No objections

Appointments motioned first by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Jose. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	
Programming Board	
Tiffany Ma	No objections
Appointments motioned first by Senator Dominguez, seconded by Senator Lee. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.	

DISCUSSION REGARDING LOCATION OF MAY 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Vice President of Student Services Alex Guiriba provided an update regarding the location of the May 2026 Commencement Ceremony and ongoing efforts to improve accessibility. He explained that the previous location was not fully accessible for individuals with disabilities and required shuttle transportation.

With a focus on safety and accessibility, the proposed location is the amphitheater in front of Building 36, near Student Parking Lot N. A meeting with Public Safety is being arranged to discuss the possibility of installing benches and seating in the area.

Attendance at commencement has increased significantly in recent years, and the college is working to ensure a meaningful celebration while accommodating all guests. Feedback and concerns regarding the proposed location are welcomed.

The ceremony is scheduled for May 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION OF SENATE INVOLVEMENT AND DECORUM

There was a broad discussion regarding Senate member involvement in events and collaboration during meetings.

Vice President Ong expressed concern regarding the lack of engagement and responses within the Senate group chat and asked members to be more attentive and responsive to forms and polls.

Vice Chair Dominguez noted that the limited assistance during the Club Fair was concerning, emphasizing that even ten minutes of help makes a meaningful difference. She thanked those who contributed and encouraged greater participation moving forward.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh emphasized that the Student Life team is available to provide support and assistance when needed.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

Spring 2026 Reboot Week

Senator Jose reported that the event was successful, with strong public engagement. The layout differed from previous years and resulted in increased board interest and involvement. Senator Gomez added that the intent of the event was for students to relax and engage with boards, and it achieved that goal successfully.

Areas for improvement:

- Equipment arrived on the day of the event, resulting in a rushed setup.
- Limited assistance from Senators.

Spring 2026 Club Fair

Vice Chair Dominguez reported that the event was successful, with strong club engagement. She thanked those who assisted and emphasized the positive impact of their help.

Areas for improvement:

- Limited assistance from Senate members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Proposals from ICC meeting

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT 🌸

Motion to adjourn at 3:48 p.m. by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Dominguez. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary