



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, March 16, 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, Lukas Real, Nyam Simm Sett, Ameer Dababo, Aung Phone Kyaw, Maylani Fiel, Alfonso Villalvazo, Justin Gomez, Thiri Thu, Finola Miqailla, Hanna Sevilla

Members Absent: Senators Ameer Dababo, Maylani Fiel

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2026, Senate meeting by Senator Villalvazo, seconded by Senator Gomez. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that, unfortunately, Senator April Yuan has stepped down from ASCSM. A new Senator will be appointed at today's meeting.

Secretary Santos thanked Senators Farzaneh and Jose for the excellent job cleaning the Senate room last week. She also reported that Senators Hong and Thu will be cleaning the Senate room this week.

Senator Lee Reported that the Entrepreneurship Club will host a Guest Speaker Event on Thursday, March 19th, from 2:10 p.m. to 3:10 p.m., where a Google Product Marketer will share insights about their career and provide advice to students.

Senator Hong reported that the Women of the Past: Interactive Wax Museum event, organized by the Equity Affairs Board and Programming Board, will take place on Wednesday, March 25th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Building 10. She also noted that the CSM Drag Show will take place on Wednesday, April 8th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Building 10, Bayview Dining Hall.

Senator Jose reported that CSM APACC will be hosting a Women's History Month Workshop on Tuesday, March 17th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Building 17. She emphasized that everyone is welcome to participate in the event.

APPOINTMENTS

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

FUNDING FOR BURMESE THINGYAN NEW YEAR – BURMESE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Motion to fund \$800 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Burmese Thingyan New Year Event first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Sett. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 14th. It will be open to the public and advertised through flyers. The goal of the event is to showcase cultural performances and promote cultural awareness, aligning with CSM values of celebration, solidarity, critical reflection, empowerment, and growth. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR POST-MIDTERM BYTE – COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB

Motion to fund \$415 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Post-Midterm Byte first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Sett. The event will take place in Building 18, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., with approximately 25 attendees expected. The event will be promoted through flyers and posts on the club's Instagram page. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Lee, who abstained.

FUNDING FOR HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT – CSM ROBOTICS

Motion to fund \$1100 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for Hardware and Equipment first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Villalvazo. The equipment will be used during club meetings to build projects such as robots and will remain available for club use in upcoming semesters. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR SWIFT WORKSHOP – DATA ENGINEERING CLUB

The proposal was tabled for the next Senate meeting.

FUNDING FOR CSM CASE COMPETITION FINAL PT EVENT – CSM ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

Motion to fund \$2500 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the CSM Case Competition Final PT Event first by Senator Lee and second by Senator Farzaneh. The event will take place on Thursday, April 23rd, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with approximately 100 attendees expected. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. The event may also serve as a networking opportunity, with potential recruiter attendance. An information session was held on March 4th, during which prompts were released. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. A second motion to fund \$700 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the CSM Case Competition Final PT Event first by Senator Dominguez and second by Senator Lee. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING WORKSHOP – GIRLS WHO CODE

Motion to fund \$650 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for The Future of Engineering workshop first by Senator Gomez and second by Senator Hong. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 24th, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., with approximately 40 to 50 attendees expected. Guest speakers will participate via Zoom. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR THE TRANSFER BLUEPRINT WORKSHOP – TRANSFER CLUB

The proposal was tabled for the next Senate meeting.

FUNDING FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN CULTURE EVENT – CULINARY CLUB

Motion to fund \$500 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Mediterranean Culture Event first by Senator Sett and second by Senator Hong. The event will take place on Friday, March 20th, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will be

open to the public, with approximately 40 attendees expected. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR HACKATHON PREP – OPEN EDUCATION INITIATIVE TASK FORCE

Motion to fund \$4100 from the Open Education Initiative - OEI account for the Hackathon Prep first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Villalvazo. The event will take place on April 24th, with approximately 60 attendees expected. Prizes will be awarded to winners, and professors will serve as judges. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR SNOOZEFEST – PROGRAMMING BOARD

Motion to fund \$5600 from the Programs (5150) account for the Snoozefest event first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Dominguez. The event will take place on April 9th outside the Learning Center and is intended to help students relax before midterms. It will be a small, pajama-themed event. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

- a. A Holi Celebration: Members expressed overall satisfaction with the event. However, challenging weather conditions, particularly strong wind, created some difficulties.

Feedback included:

- The event layout could be improved by making it more compact, as elements were spread out.
- Appreciation was expressed to the Public Relations team for their support with marketing efforts.
- A briefing document outlining tasks before and after the event was created, which helped clarify responsibilities and coordination.
- Special recognition was given to Ms. Bathai for her significant contributions to the event.

Members congratulated the team on successfully organizing and completing the event despite the challenges.

- b. Advocacy Trip: Appreciation was expressed for the Advocacy Board, recognizing their hard work and strong efforts.

Feedback included:

- It was noted that there is currently no shuttle transportation available between campuses, and discussion included what type of bill could be proposed to address this issue.
- The visit provided an opportunity to hear directly about the impact of community college experiences from students

It was also announced that SMCCCD Chancellor Moreno will be attending the Advocacy Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8. Members interested in speaking with her are encouraged to attend.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Proposals from ICC meeting
- Proposals tabled at today's meeting
- Advocacy Bills from Sacramento Trip

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- We are two weeks away from Spring Break.
- Senate elections will start after Spring Break.
- The last Senate Meeting of the Spring Semester will take place on Monday, May 4th.

ADJOURNMENT 🌸

Motion to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Lee. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary