



Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 23, 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. Appointment of Election Commission Members

The Senate shall discuss and consider appointments to the ASCSM Election Commission for the 2026-2027 ASCSM Election. Possible action to take place.

9. Funding for World Gala 2026 – International Education Program

The Senate shall discuss and consider the proposal to fund the World Gala 2026 event organized by the International Education Program. Possible action to take place.

10. Funding for Swift Workshop – Data Engineering Club

The Senate shall discuss and consider the proposal to fund the Swift Workshop organized by the Data Engineering Club. Possible action to take place.

11. Funding for CSM Drag Show (EA Additional Contribution) – Equity Affairs Board

The Senate shall discuss and consider the proposal to fund the CSM Drag Show event (EA Additional Contribution) organized by the Equity Affairs Board. Possible action to take place.

12. Resolution in Support of SB 968 (Becker)

The Senate shall discuss a possible resolution in support of SB 968 (Becker). Possible action to take place.

13. Past Event Debrief

The Senate shall discuss and provide feedback on the following events and/or activities:

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, 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

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: Appointment of Election Commission Members

The Senate shall discuss and consider appointments to the ASCSM Election Commission for the 2026-2027 ASCSM Election. Possible action to take place.

Form Name: ASCSM Funding Application for College Departments and Programs
Submission Time: March 18, 2026 9:50 am
Browser: Chrome 145.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address: 207.62.238.127
Unique ID: 1442895271
Location: 37.5742, -122.325

ASCSM Funding Application for College Departments and Programs

College Department or Program Name International Education Program

Event or Request Title World Gala 2026

Application Contact Name Ariel Chang

Application Contact Email changijou@smccd.edu

Event or Request Description The International Education Program is hosting our 9th World Gala on Friday, May 1st, 2026, from 5:00-7:30 pm.

For those who may not be familiar, the World Gala is a vibrant celebration of cultures from around the world, featuring incredible student performances, delicious international cuisines, and an unforgettable evening of cultural appreciation.

Event Date and Time May 01, 2026 05:00 PM

Event Location Building 10 Bayview Dining Hall

Estimated Attendance 350

How does this event support the mission and purpose of CSM and the Associated Students? Our World Gala event strongly aligns with the mission and purpose of CSM and the Associated Students by creating a space that fosters celebration, collaboration, and growth within the campus community.

The event supports celebration by highlighting the diverse cultures, identities, and backgrounds represented at CSM. Through elements like cultural performances, fashion shows, and shared experiences, the World Gala allows students to express pride in their heritage while also learning about others. This directly reflects CSM's commitment to inclusion, community engagement, and creating a welcoming environment where all students feel seen and valued. This year, we also collaborated with various international student clubs to showcase our international student culture and identity to the CSM community.

What do you want to students and the campus community to take away from this event?

We hope the campus community will take away a genuine appreciation for the diversity that exists at CSM. By experiencing different cultures through performances, fashion, and cuisines from different cultures, students can better understand and respect perspectives beyond their own. We hope the event fosters a sense of belonging and community for our international students as well.

Please explain how you will promote and market this event.

We have been actively collaborating with the Marketing Department to promote our World Gala performance auditions, and we will continue working closely with them to ensure strong visibility for the event. In addition, we are creating and distributing a flyer to the campus community to encourage attendance and engagement, including an RSVP component to help us reach a wider audience and effectively plan for participation.

Please upload a copy of a flyer promoting this event.

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19296993238>

Please upload an agenda for the event (it is OK if this is in draft or outline form).

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19296993243>

Item #1 - Description

Food

Item #1 - Requested Funding Amount

1500

Total Funding Request

1500

Form Name:
Submission Time:

ASCSM Funding Application for Student Clubs and Organizations
March 19, 2026 1:56 pm

ASCSM Funding Application for Student Clubs and Organizations

Club or Student Organization Name	Equity Affairs (ASCSM)
Event or Request Title	CSM Drag Show (EA Additional Contribution)
Application Contact Name	Lauren Hong
Application Contact Email	laurenhong1@my.smccd.edu
Event or Request Description	<p>Adding an additional \$2,000 to our food budget just incase. Originally did \$3,000 for food and drink but catering for dinner is more expensive. Updated total would be \$5000.</p> <p>Food: San Mateo Catering, Pepsi family/water, chocolate fountains, fruit trays</p>
Event Date and Time	Apr 08, 2026 05:30 PM
Event Location	Building 10 Dining Hall
Estimated Attendance	100
How does this event support the mission and purpose of your club?	Supports mission and purpose of EA, promoting: inclusion, representation, education, and community-building on campus. The event creates a welcoming space where diverse gender identities and expressions are celebrated, helping students feel seen and valued. Amplifies underrepresented voices, encourages cultural awareness and education, builds community and connection, and advances equity through collaboration (Pride Center x AANHPI).
What do you want to students and the campus community to take away from this event?	Enjoy an evening of performances by the Rice Rockettes and explore and learn about drag culture.
Please explain how you will promote and market this event.	<p>It is currently being heavily promoted by PR. There are already flyers posted around campus, an instagram post and stories, A-frames outside of B10, and tik toks.</p> <p>Expecting: More videos, Bulldog Briefing, Bulldog Breakdown, etc</p>
Please upload a copy of a flyer promoting this event.	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19303168515
Item #1 - Description	Additional Food Budget

Item #1 - Requested Funding Amount	2000
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Total Funding Request	2000
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO
SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 968 (BECKER), LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FREE COLLEGE PROGRAM PERMANENT**

ASCSM Senate Resolution #202526-001

WHEREAS, The San Mateo County Community College District launched the Free College program in 2023 under Senate Bill 893 (Becker, 2022), eliminating tuition and registration fees for eligible San Mateo County residents; and

WHEREAS, Since its implementation, Free College has benefited more than 33,500 students and increased districtwide enrollment by 24 percent; and

WHEREAS, Many students at College of San Mateo have directly benefited from Free College and can attest to its positive impact on their academic journey, financial stability, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, More than half of Free College participants are first-generation college students and many face financial barriers that would otherwise prevent them from pursuing higher education; and

WHEREAS, Free College reduces financial stress, allows students to focus more fully on their studies, and supports persistence and degree completion; and

WHEREAS, Access to affordable higher education strengthens students, families, and the broader San Mateo County community; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 968 (Becker) would remove the program's sunset date and allow the District to continue offering Free College permanently;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of College of San Mateo formally expresses its strong support for Senate Bill 968; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Associated Students of College of San Mateo urges members of the California State Legislature to support SB 968; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Josh Becker; Assemblymember Diane Papan; Assemblymember Marc Berman; the Governor of California; and the San Mateo County Community College District.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Jaden Nguyen
President
Associated Students of CSM

Jing Ee Ong
Vice President and Student Senate Chair
Associated Students of CSM