



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Jaden Nguyen, Vice-President Jing Ee Ong, Finance Director Moe Thanzin Cho, Secretary Geiziane Santos, Senators Jeremiah David, Alia Ejiri, Ryan Farzaneh, Honey Hin, Lauren Hong, Alyssa Jose, Juna Lee, Lukas Real, Nyam Simm Sett, Ameer Dababo, Maylani Fiel, Alfonso Villalvazo, Justin Gomez, Thiri Thu, Finola Miqailla, Maylani Fiel, Ameer Dababo

Members Absent: Vice Chair Leticia Dominguez, Senators Aung Phone Kyaw, Hanna Sevilla

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

Others Present: Alex Guiriba, CSM Vice President of Student Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2026, Senate meeting by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Farzaneh. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SCLCC) took place from Friday, March 27th to Sunday, March 29th, and noted that additional information about the event will be shared later in the meeting.

Vice President Ee Ong reported that ASCSM Elections applications are now open and due on Wednesday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m. She emphasized that the Mandatory Candidates Meeting is required for all applicants and will take place on Friday, April 17th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. She also congratulated the Equity Affairs Board on the successful Women's History Month event, and noted that the CSM Drag Show will take place on Wednesday, April 8th. Additionally, she reported that Campus Life and Leadership Awards nominations are due on Friday, April 10th at 4:30 p.m., and that the last Senate meeting will take place on May 4th.

Secretary Santos thanked Senators Lee and Fiel for cleaning the Senate room last week. She also reported that Senator Miqailla and Finance Director Thanzin Cho will be cleaning the Senate room this week.

Senator Hong reported that the final Equity Affairs event of the semester will be the CSM Drag Show, taking place on Wednesday, April 8th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Building 10, Bayview Dining Hall. A SignUpGenius is available, and significant assistance will be needed.

Senator Jose reported that the Snoozefest event will take place on Thursday, April 9th, and requested assistance from those available. She also noted that APACC is currently seeking vendors for an upcoming event and encouraged members to share recommendations.

Senator Gomez reported that the Professional Development Committee met on Friday, March 27th, where topics such as the upcoming Flex Day were discussed. A ceramic mud painting workshop is being planned to encourage communication between faculty and students about campus improvements. Members interested in participating were encouraged to reach out.

Senator Villalvazo reported that there are plans to allow students to major in Data Science. He also noted that one art degree will be removed from applicable degrees, and that there are plans to introduce new AI-related classes.

Senator Miqailla reported that the Sustainability Department will host Earth Fest on April 15th and is seeking volunteers. The volunteer link is available through SMCCD Sustainability, and the event offers a strong networking opportunity.

Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, reported the following:

- Welcomed everyone back from Spring Break.
- Noted that he will be unable to attend the Senate meeting next week due to participation in a panel representing CSM.
- Announced that the Open Forum for the Vice President of Instruction will take place this week and emphasized the importance of student voice in this process. Members were strongly encouraged to attend.
- Reported that one parking lot has been closed due to the start of the student housing project, and emphasized the importance of student input.
- Shared that SamTrans has reached out to explore ways to better support the college, including the possibility of providing shuttle services between district campuses.
- Noted that eligibility requirements for student housing are still under discussion and have not yet been finalized.

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, reported:

- Welcomed everyone back from Spring Break.
- Noted that there are five weeks of Senate meetings remaining and encouraged support for upcoming events.
- Reminded members running for office that attendance at the Mandatory Candidates Meeting is required, regardless of prior experience.
- Announced that the Campus Leadership Award application is now available and due on Friday, April 10th, emphasizing quality over quantity.

Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reported the following:

- Applications for the Student Commencement Speaker are due on Friday, April 10th. Only graduating students participating in commencement are eligible.
- ASCSM Elections applications are due on Wednesday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m.
- The Mandatory Candidates Meeting will take place on Friday, April 17th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

FUNDING FOR CUPCAKE WARS – CSM CULINARY CLUB

No club representative present. Tabled until next meeting.

FUNDING FOR THRIFTING EVENT #2 – SAGE CLUB

No club representative present. Tabled until next meeting.

FUNDING FOR SMCCD HACKATHON – CSM GIRLS WHO CODE

Motion to fund \$600 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the SMCCD Hackathon first by Senator Gomez and second by Senator Hong. The event will take place between April 17th and April 24th, with the closing ceremony held at the CSM campus. Prizes will be awarded by category and distributed among winning teams. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR SPRING FLING – PROGRAMMING BOARD

Motion to fund \$11600 from the Programs (5150) account for the Spring Fling first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Lee. The event will take place on April 29th at 12:00 p.m. at Building 10, Bayview Dining Hall, with approximately 300 attendees expected. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

a. Women of the Past: Interactive Wax Museum:

- The event was reported as a success, with strong participation and positive engagement. Appreciation was expressed for the level of support and collaborative effort.
- There were minor challenges involving facilities; however, staff were flexible and responsive despite short notice. Special recognition was given to the Public Relations team for their work on flyers and posters, as well as to Fauzi for ensuring all materials were printed in time.
- The event was described as one of the best of the year, with high engagement and positive feedback regarding the food. Overall, it was considered a meaningful experience.

Area for improvement:

- Last-minute layout changes created challenges in organizing the exhibition flow for attendees.

b. Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCC):

- The overall experience was described as disorganized and inefficient, particularly on the first day. Workshops were noted as less engaging and not fully aligned with the event's purpose.
- The **resolutions and debates** were identified as the most valuable component, providing structured discussion and decision-making opportunities.
- Participation during sessions was at times chaotic, including unclear nomination processes, disruptions during motions, and repeated unsuccessful proposals. Additionally, networking opportunities were limited despite expectations.

Recommendation:

- Consider attending only the resolution sessions in the future, as they were the most meaningful and may be accessible without full conference participation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Advocacy Bills from Sacramento Trip

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- On **Wednesday, April 8th**, an District **Chancellor** Moreno will be attending the Advocacy Board meeting. Those interested in speaking are encouraged to attend the advocacy meeting at **2:10 p.m.**

- No new club applications are being accepted for the **Spring 2026 semester**. Applications for **Fall 2026 clubs** are now being accepted.

ADJOURNMENT 🎀

Motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. by Senator Hong; seconded by Senator Fiel. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary