



## Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, April 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 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, Maylani Fiel, Alfonso Villalvazo, Thiri Thu, Finola Miqailla, Maylani Fiel, Ameer Dababo, Hanna Sevilla, Aung Phone Kyaw

Members Absent: Senator Justin Gomez

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

Others Present: None.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Senate meeting by Senator Jose, seconded by Senator Lee. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Representatives from Umoja expressed their disappointment with the Associated Students of College of San Mateo regarding the limited number of events, posts, and overall acknowledgment of Black communities, particularly in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Black History Month. While they acknowledged the existing limitations related to budget and capacity, they emphasized that the significance of Black History Month represents a missed opportunity to educate students on the intersectionality of Black history within American and global contexts. Umoja highlighted the strong presence and influence of African American and Black culture on campus, from academic programs to contributions in music and popular culture, and stressed the importance of recognizing and celebrating this impact, even through simple forms of acknowledgment such as social media posts. They shared these concerns not out of frustration, but with the hope that the student body will continue to uplift, support, and better represent Black students and communities moving forward.

### REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that the events organized last week by the Equity Affairs Board and Programming Board were both very successful. He also acknowledged the statement shared by Umoja, expressing an apology for their experience and noting that their concerns will be taken into consideration for future events.

Vice President Ee Ong reported that ASCSM Elections applications are 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 announced that the Campus Leadership Awards will be presented at the

Campus Life and Leadership Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bayview Dining Room (College Center Building 10). Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Friday, April 25, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Vice President Ong also congratulated the Equity Affairs Board on the success of the Drag Show and the Programming Board on the success of Snoozefest. Additionally, she reported that the last Senate meeting will take place on May 4th.

Secretary Santos reported that Senator Miqailla and Finance Director Thanzin Cho will be cleaning the Senate room this week.

Senator Hong reported that the Drag Show was a very successful event and thanked everyone who contributed. She also noted that the final Equity Affairs Board meeting will take place on April 23rd, during which new board leaders will shadow her and Hanna.

Senator Real reported that the Hackathon will take place between April 17th and April 24th, with the closing ceremony held at the CSM campus. All are welcome to attend.

Senator Lee reported that the Case Competition Grand Finale and Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in Building 10.

**Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, reported:**

- Alex Guiriba is currently attending a conference and apologizes for not being able to attend the Senate meeting.
- A reminder that ASCSM Elections applications are due on Wednesday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m.

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

- A reminder that 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.
- Construction for student housing has begun, and one of the parking lots is now closed.
- Commencement is approximately six weeks away, with more information to be shared next week.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**FUNDING FOR CUPCAKE WARS – CSM CULINARY CLUB**

Motion to fund \$500 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Cupcake Wars first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Sett. The club elected to purchase the necessary items in advance and request reimbursement afterward. Approximately 20 to 30 attendees are expected, and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Jose, who opposed.

**FUNDING FOR THRIFTING EVENT #2 – SAGE CLUB**

Motion to fund \$570 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Thrifting Event #2 first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Villalvazo. The event will take place on April 28th and 29th and is planned to be similar to their first thrifting event, which had over 100 attendees. Incentives such as bamboo straws will be provided, and boba will be available for attendees who bring their own cups. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Lee, who opposed.

**FUNDING FOR END-OF-SEMESTER & GRADUATION/TRANSFER CELEBRATION – BRAZILIAN CLUB**

Motion to fund \$480 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the End-of-Semester/Transfer Celebration first by Senator Villalvazo and second by Senator Hong. An additional \$120 will be contributed from the club's account. The

event will take place on May 7th, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., with approximately 40 to 50 attendees expected. The motion carried with eight members voting in favor: Senators Sevilla, Thu, Dababo, David, Dominguez, Hong, Miqailla, and Hin; Seven members opposing: Senators Alfonso, Kyaw, Jose, Lee, Real, Farzaneh, and Sett; One abstention: Senator Fiel

#### **FUNDING FOR WORLD GALA – CHINESE STUDENT SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION**

Motion to fund \$1000 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the World Gala first by Senator Lee and second by Senator Sett. The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CSM College Center, Building 10, Room 390. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### **ENDORSEMENT OF ASCSM ADVOCACY BOARD LEGISLATIVE BILL RECOMMENDATIONS – ADVOCACY BOARD**

Motion to endorse the recommendations from the Advocacy Board legislative bills for the Washington, DC, advocacy trip first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Sett. Senator Farzaneh presented and explained the bills to the Senate. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### **FUNDING FOR ASCSM 2026 BANQUET – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO**

Motion to fund \$5000 from the Hospitality (5080) account for the ASCSM 2026 Banquet first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Dominguez. The event date is to be determined and will take place at College Heights.. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### **FUNDING FOR ELECTION OUTREACH AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO**

Motion to fund \$3500 from the Student Representation fund account for the Election Outreach and Promotional Events first by Senator Lee and second by Senator Hong. The funding will support two events, one taking place this week and the other the following week. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### **PAST EVENT DEBRIEF**

##### **a. Drag Show:**

- The event was described as highly successful, with strong engagement from the public.
- Appreciation was expressed to all who contributed, with special recognition given to Mondana and the Public Relations team for their support before and during the event.

##### **Area for improvement:**

- A lack of participation and assistance from Senate members was noted.

##### **b. Snoozefest:**

- The event was well received, with positive feedback on both the giveaways and food. Appreciation was expressed to all who assisted.

##### **Area for improvement:**

- Attendance was lower than expected, possibly due to the event taking place on a Thursday.
- There was a minor issue with food pickup, which caused a delay in food availability.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

- Spring Fling is coming up soon, taking place on April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** 🚫

Motion to adjourn at 2:59 p.m. by Senator Lee; seconded by Senator Hong. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos  
ASCSM Secretary