



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, May 04, 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 Alia Ejiri, Honey Hin, Lauren Hong, Alyssa Jose, Lukas Real, Nyam Simm Sett, Ameer Dababo, Alfonso Villalvazo, Thiri Thu, Finola Miqailla, Maylani Fiel, Ameer Dababo, Aung Phone Kyaw, Justin Gomez, Hanna Sevilla, Jeremiah David, Ryan Farzaneh, Maylani Fiel, Juna Lee

Members Absent: Senator Lukas Fiel

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

Others Present: Chancellor Melissa Moreno, J.D.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of April 27th, 2026, Senate meeting by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Sevilla. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reported that the Transfer Tribute will take place on Wednesday, May 6th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He also reported that the Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month event will take place on Tuesday, May 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additionally, he announced that the Disability Resource Center (DRC) will host an End-of-Year Celebration on Tuesday, May 5th, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Building 10, Room 120. President Nguyen also noted that this was the final Senate meeting for the 2025–2026 academic year and thanked and congratulated everyone for an outstanding year.

Vice President Ee Ong reported that the Senate Elections concluded on Thursday, April 29th, with strong student participation. Additional discussion regarding the elections will take place during the Election Debrief. She also reported that the World Gala event, held on Friday, May 1st, was highly successful and had strong participation. Vice President Ong further reported that the International Student Graduation event will take place on May 5th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Building 10, College Heights. She also announced that the CSM Commencement Ceremony will take place on May 22nd, and that the deadline to RSVP is May 8th. Vice President Ong thanked everyone for the successful year and reflected on how much the Associated Students members have grown and evolved since the beginning of the academic year.

Secretary Santos thanked the ASCSM members for the welcoming environment and support throughout the year. She also thanked Senators Villalvazo and David for cleaning the Senate office last week and noted that it was the final Senate office cleaning of the school year.

Vice Chair Dominguez reported that the final ICC meeting took place on April 12th and thanked everyone for a great year.

Senator Jose reported that the Spring Fling event was a success and highlighted the support the Programming Board received during the event. She noted that additional details would be shared during the event debrief.

Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager, reported:

- Thanked everyone for an amazing year and reflected on the growth and development of Senate members throughout the academic year.
- Highlighted the success of the elections, noting the strong student participation and high number of votes cast.

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

- Reminded members to remove any personal belongings from the Senate office, noting that access will remain available through finals week.
- Thanked everyone for an excellent year, complimented the Associated Students group, and mentioned that he would speak more about it during the event on Monday.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR MELISSA MORENO, J.D.

Chancellor Melissa Moreno, J.D., led a discussion and open question session regarding Student Housing. It was reported that the groundbreaking for the housing project has officially begun, with an estimated timeline of approximately two years for completion. Current discussions indicate that housing will likely prioritize low-income students experiencing housing insecurity. It was also noted that international students may not be eligible; however, additional information is still being gathered. Further discussion is also needed regarding staffing and support services for the student housing program. It was suggested that a list of prepared questions be developed for the Chancellor's return visit in the fall to encourage deeper discussion and provide more meaningful student engagement.

FUNDING FOR LABYRINTH ISSUE No20 – WRITERS PROJECT CLUB

Motion to fund \$1800 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Labyrinth Issue No20 first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Lee. 150 copies will be printed and distributed at the HonorsCon event. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING KAPWA CELEBRATION – KATIPUNAN

Motion to fund \$1250 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Kapwa Celebration first by Senator Jose and second by Senator Hong. It was noted that 20% of the initial requested amount will be covered through the club's account funds, resulting in \$1,000 funded through the ICC/Club Assistance account and \$250 funded through the Club Account Funds. The event will take place at the Village Space, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with approximately 40 attendees expected. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Lee, who abstained, and Senator Dababo, who opposed.

FUNDING FOR CELEBRATION – PUENTE LATINX CLUB

Motion to fund \$220 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Celebration first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Sevilla. It was noted that 20% of the initial requested amount will be covered through the club's account funds, resulting in \$176 funded through the ICC/Club Assistance account and \$44 funded through the Club Account Funds. Approximately 10 members are expected to attend, and the event will be open to the public. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Lee, who abstained.

FUNDING FOR OFFICER ELECTIONS (FALL 26 – SPRING 27) – COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB

Motion to fund \$840 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Officer Elections (Fall 26 – Spring 27) first by Senator Sett and second by Senator Hong. It was noted that 20% of the initial requested amount will be covered through the club's account funds, resulting in \$480 funded through the ICC/Club Assistance account and \$120 funded through the Club Account Funds. The club will purchase the necessary items independently and request reimbursement afterward. The officers will be announced during the event, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 11th. Approximately 30 attendees are expected. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senator Thu, who abstained.

FUNDING FOR FIGMA TO FUNCTION: WEB DESIGN WORKSHOP & SHOWCASE – GIRLS WHO CODE

Motion to fund \$600 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the Figma to Function: Web Design workshop & Showcase first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Lee. The event will take place on May 12th from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Approximately 40 people are expected to attend the event. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR END OF SEMESTER THANKS – MIDNIGHT T.O.R.Q.

Motion to fund \$1500 from the ICC/ Club Assistance (5031) account for the End of Semester Thanks first by Senator Hong and second by Senator Sett. It was noted that 20% of the initial requested amount will be covered through the club's account funds, resulting in \$1,200 funded through the ICC/Club Assistance account and \$300 funded through the Club Account Funds. The event will take place on May 13th at 3:00 p.m. at the Library Makerspace, with approximately 40 attendees expected. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, except Senators Lee and Thu, who opposed, and Senator Villalvazo, who abstained.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

a. Advocacy Washington DC Trip:

Senator Farzaneh presented a slideshow highlighting both the positive and challenging aspects of the Washington, D.C. Advocacy Trip, alongside photos of the group visiting the Capitol. Emphasis was placed on the level of attention, professionalism, and recognition received by the Advocacy members throughout the trip. It was noted that the experience provided valuable exposure to the legislative process and offered members an important opportunity to represent the College of San Mateo at a national level. Advocacy members also shared their experiences presenting legislative bills and speaking with representatives about issues impacting community college students. Members reflected on how the trip helped strengthen their communication, leadership, and advocacy skills, while also creating meaningful experiences that may positively influence their academic and professional futures. Overall, the trip was described as an impactful opportunity for both the students involved and the representation of CSM.

b. Election Committee:

This year's election was reported as a major success, with approximately 500 ballots submitted, representing over a 15% increase compared to last year's election. Appreciation was expressed to the Election Committee for their efforts in organizing both election outreach events. It was noted that hosting one event before the

elections and another during the voting period helped increase awareness and educate students on the voting process.

c. **Spring Fling:**

The Spring Fling event was described as one of the most successful events hosted by the Programming Board. Despite some challenges prior to the event, including difficulties placing orders for event equipment, the event was ultimately very successful due to the collaborative effort of members. Special recognition was given to President Nguyen and Vice President Ee Ong for personally purchasing needed items to support the event. Senator Jose also thanked everyone who assisted with event setup and contributed to the success of the event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Nguyen announced that the Athletic Center is hiring for a Front Desk position for the summer. Those interested are encouraged to contact him for more information.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Aaron Schaefer announced that Student Life is hiring for the ASCSM Secretary position for the Fall 2026 semester.

ADJOURNMENT 🏠

Motion to adjourn at 2:51 p.m. by Senator Sett; seconded by Senator Villalvazo. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Geiziane Santos
ASCSM Secretary