



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, September 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members present: President Jaden Nguyen; Vice President Anthony Friis; Finance Director Kingston Hua; Vice Chair Nicolas Moshkovoy; Senators Nicholas Costello, Hudson Gates, Irene Jones, Brianna Kei, Kristi Lee, Shaila Lewis, Richard Lucas, Esteban Madriz, Samantha Nguyen, Seth Nocos, Ern Ee Ong, Mattea Park, Danalyn Silva, Abigail Sinarle, Violet Wu

Members absent: Senator Jason Caballero

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Nguyen; seconded by Senator Park. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, September 21, 2026, as presented by Vice Chair Moshkovoy; seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Nguyen reminded the Senate of the Programming Board's Apple A Day event this week and encouraged folks to sign up to volunteer via the Sign-Up Genius form that was sent out.

Vice President Friis stressed the need for volunteers at setup and clean-up at the Apple A Day event.

Finance Director apologized for being absent from last week's meeting but indicated that he was attending a College Finance Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Moshkovoy said that ICC had recommended two club proposals for funding and elected a vice chair at its last meeting.

Student Life and Leadership Manager Schaefer reminded the group that the college will be hosting a visiting team from ACCJC. The team is here to verify the information CSM provided in its self-evaluation. This is the final step in the accreditation renewal process before the ACCJC commission acts in January 2027.

Student Life and Leadership Assistant Hamadeh encouraged members of the Senate to participate in the open forum with the ACCJC visiting team on Tuesday, September 29, at 10 am. The event will be hybrid, with the in-person portion being hosted in Building 10, Room 468, and the remote portion being held via Zoom. The team will then hold an exit

report at 1:30 pm. Mr. Hamadeh also announced that the Winter 2027 ASCSM Leadership Retreat will take place between Wednesday, January 13, and Friday, January 15, 2027.

APPOINTMENTS

President Nguyen made the following appointments:

- Ariel Orlino to the Programming Board
Motion to confirm the appointment by Senator Nguyen; seconded by Senator Gates. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
- Dorothy Fung and Wyatt Curley to the Public Relations Board
Motion to confirm the appointments by Senator Silva; seconded by Senator Nocos. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

FUNDING FOR CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL EVENT

Motion to approve \$900.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (#5031) to support the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) Mid-Autumn Festival event on Monday, October 5, by Senator Gates; seconded by Senator Nguyen. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FEEDBACK REQUEST FROM ACADEMIC SENATE: CHANGES TO THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Student Senate discussed the request from the Academic Senate to strip the student members of the Curriculum Committee of their status as full voting members. Instead, the student representatives would be afforded advisory votes. The members of the Student Senate were against the idea and committed to holding each other accountable for attending participatory governance meetings.

EVENT DEBRIEF

Fall 2026 Welcome Week

Members of the Senate thought the event went well overall but that there definitely some issues around staffing and general support. However, this was the group's first event of the year and the boards, particularly the Programming Board, were not yet up and running. The Senate learned a lot from this event and will incorporate changes going forward.

Fall 2026 Club Fair

There was excellent turnout and engagement for this event. Members of CSM's administration are still talking about how many students participated on how much energy was generated. The clubs reported receiving many sign-ups. There were some issues around food ordering, but overall, the event was a success.

Fall 2026 ASCSM Leadership Retreat

Those who participated said the retreat was a great experience and appreciated the opportunity to spend time together. The group found the workshops valuable and said they learned a lot.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on Student Housing
- Club Funding Requests from ICC

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm by Senator Madriz; seconded by Senator Costello. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Fauzi Hamadeh

Student Life and Leadership Assistant