



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Monday, October 05, 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; 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; Vice Chair Nicolas Moshkovoy (excused, Senate business)

Advisors present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Mondana Bathai, Student Life and Leadership Staff Assistant

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

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 28, 2026, as presented by Senator Madriz; seconded by Senator Silva. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Brittney Sneed, CSM Umoja Program Coordinator, announced that the California Community College to HBCU Caravan will visit Skyline College on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The event will help students explore transfer pathways and opportunities at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

REPORTS

President Nguyen provided an update on Spark Point and discussed plans to change the Spark Point room. He also reminded the Senate about Flex Day this Wednesday and encouraged students and staff to participate in the Strategic Enrollment Management group. The group will focus on areas such as class scheduling and supporting students when classes are canceled. The group is expected to meet from 11:20 AM to 12:20 PM. President Nguyen also congratulated the Senate on the successful Apple A Day event held the previous week.

Vice President Friis congratulated the Senate on the successful Apple A Day event. He also provided updates regarding SparkPoint, the new refrigerator, student housing, and the Bond Committee. He reported that approximately \$1.9 million remains available and discussed plans for Building 12, a new library and gym, and three new buildings at CSM.

Finance Director Hua provided an overview of the budget and discussed the student-to-faculty ratio at CSM. He noted that the ratio is currently less favorable compared to other colleges and that CSM has a relatively high number of faculty. He discussed the importance of maintaining an appropriate balance between faculty staffing, enrollment, and the College's budget.

Vice President of Student Services Alex Guiriba reminded the Senate that Latin American and Hispanic Heritage Month is ongoing and that October is Filipino American History Month. He congratulated the Senate on the successful Apple A Day event, encouraged students to participate in the Strategic Enrollment Management group, and announced upcoming housing updates. He also provided an update on SparkPoint's plans to transition to a more efficient grocery-style model. He apologized for missing the previous meeting due to the accreditation site visit, which received positive feedback with no major findings. He reminded the Senate about the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 17, and encouraged members to volunteer and participate.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

FUNDING FOR OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING (KATIPUNAN)

Motion to approve \$153.00 from the Ethnic Cultural Affairs account (5050) to support the October General Meeting by Senator Lewis; seconded by Senator Gates. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB MIXER (ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB)

Motion to approve \$230.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the Entrepreneurship Club Mixer by Senator Nguyen; seconded by Senator Sinarle. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR KAHAPON TO NGAYON ("YESTERDAY TO TODAY") EVENT – EQUITY AFFAIRS BOARD

Motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the Ethnic Cultural Affairs account (5050) to support the Kahapon to Ngayon ("Yesterday to Today") event on Thursday, October 22, from 2:00–4:00 PM, by Senator Gates; seconded by Senator Silva. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT REFRIGERATOR FOR ASCSM OFFICE

Motion to approve \$500.00 from the Small F.F. & Equip account (5181) to support the purchase of a replacement refrigerator for the ASCSM office by Senator Madriz; seconded by Senator Lucas. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

EVENT DEBRIEF

Apple A Day Event

The event organizer thanked the Senate for their help and support, noting that their contributions helped make the Apple A Day a successful and well-received event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:43 pm by Senator Nguyen; seconded by Senator Costello. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Submitted by,
Kelly An, ASCSM Secretary