

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

1:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Finance Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Amna Fadel, President
Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President
Areesh Fatima, Student Trustee
Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications
Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities
Chelsea Yu, Vice President of Inter Club Council
Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy
Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Melinda Ursetta, ASG Technician

1. General Business:

1.1 **Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum**

Officer **Adrienne Dondonay**, Executive Vice President, calls the Finance Committee Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at p.m. with quorum established and 7 ASG Officers present.

1.2 **Announcements:** None

1.3 **Approval of the ASG Finance Committee Meeting of February 25, 2026**

Motion: **Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: **Christina Geuvjehizian**, Vice President of Equity

Record of Board Vote... 7-0-0

1.4 **Open Forum:** None

2. Consent Calendar Items:

2.1 **Approval of the ASG Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2025**

Motion: **Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity
Record of Board Vote... 7-0-0

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Discussion: ASG Grants Review & Discussion

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Amna Fadel, President

Background: During each spring semester, ASG invites campus departments, programs, clubs, and student alliances to apply for ASG grant funds that may be used for the following academic year. The ASG Grant application process opens in March with grant deliberations taking place in early May. It's time for the ASG Finance Committee to begin solidifying the 2026-2027 ASG Grants details so that the dates and application may be released and advertised to the campus community in a couple of weeks.

Information will be provided to the ASG Finance Committee about the ASG Grants process and timelines. The ASG Finance committee will also need to discuss the award amounts and total amount of funds that will be allocated towards the 2026-2027 grants.

Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities, arrives at 1:32 pm

Last year, \$15,000 was awarded in ASG grants.

This year's grant allocation will come out of next year's ASG budget.

Typically, the amount awarded is \$500 per grant.

The past senate decided to lower the award amount to offer additional grants.

Some areas of focus for grant categories are sustainability, student engagement, and professional development (*see grant application for additional categories available through ASG grants*).

Each grant must fall into one of the categories with a maximum of two selections.

Last year's grant application will be reviewed by the board.

Acceptable use of funds is also outlined in the Grant application. (*see Grant Funding Guidelines for details for acceptable and unacceptable use of grant funds*).

Application will go out early March and will be sent out to the board for review.

Campus-wide email will be sent out next week and the deadline to submit the application is April 1st.

Submissions will have the option to include a video with their application.

Application will have a submission sheet and will provide the grant applications for review (*see ASG Grant Scoring Sheet for more information*).

Everyone will submit their score to be presented at the next Finance Committee.

Grant deliberations will take place in May.

Unless there is a discrepancy, each application is typically not gone through during the Finance Committee meeting.

Be cautious when determining the amount to be awarded in grants with enrollment being down.

There is the option to increase some of the amounts to award per grant.

A discussion takes place about offering up to \$1,000 and as low as \$500 per grant.

The Executive VP will send the communication at the end of May for those who did and those who did not get awarded the ASG grant.

Please send feedback for the ASG Grant application, after reviewing it by next Wednesday.

A presentation will be done during the next ICC meeting on the ASG Grant process.

Clubs must earn a minimum of 400 points by May 15th to request an ASG grant (*see Grant Timeline for details on the due dates*).

Please review the applications for the grants as they are coming in.

3.2 Discussion: ASG Budget Process Overview

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: During the spring semester, the ASG Finance Committee is responsible for drafting next year's ASG operating budget. An overview will be provided to the committee about the budget process. There will also be time for the ASG Finance Committee to discuss any preliminary recommendations for budget revisions.

Some line items have flexibility, but other line items do not have flexibility such as the line items with MOUs.

Consider Legacy Projects to anticipate a line item for that specific project.

An updated draft will be presented for the first and second reading (*see Proposed budget in preparation for the next year's budget*).

A line item for Town Hall is suggested to be added for the Legacy project.

A discussion takes place for how the scholarship process works.

A list of the different types of scholarships ASG awards will be available at the next Finance Committee meeting.

4. **Open Forum** - none

5. **Announcement of the Next Meeting-** April 22, 2026

6. **Adjournment (2:13p.m.)**

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Record of Board Vote:8 -0-0 with Officer Haj Ghaban now present