

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

2:30 p.m. Student Center 124

Senate Meeting

Members Present:

Amna Fadel, President
Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications
Chigo Orukwowu, 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:

Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President
Areesh Fatima, Student Trustee

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor
Farah Ghaban, ASG Director of Equity
Danielle Jalos, ASG Director of Club & Organizations
Kristian Mengistu, ASG Activity Team- Valencia
Eric Harnish, Classified Administrator, Assistant Superintendent, Vice President of Public Information
Paul Wickline, Educational Administrator, Associate Vice President, Canyon Country Campus
Preeta Saxena, Classified Administrator, Director, Institutional Research, Planning & Effectiveness
Daylene Meuschke, Classified Administrator, VP, Institutional Research, Planning & Effectiveness
Michael Monsour, Classified Staff, Enrollment Services Analyst
Andrea Varney, Classified Staff
Kiel McClung, Grammarly Account Executive

1. General Business:

1.1 Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum

ASG President, **Amna Fadel**, calls the Senate Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 2:32 p.m. with quorum established and 6 ASG Officers present.

1.2 Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:

Chelsea Yu, Vice President of Inter Club Council, leads us in the Flag Salute.

1.3 Announcements: none

1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of November 5, 2025

Motion: **Chigo Orukwowu**, Vice President of Activities

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

Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 with chair voting

1.5 Open Forum: none

2. Consent Calendar:

2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2025

2.2 Approval of NEW Club – Canyons Dance Club

2.3 Approval of Funds for Twenty-five Score Cards for Winter and Spring 2026

2.4 Approval of the funds for Poster Room Supplies

2.5 Approval of Funds for Office Supplies

2.6 Approval of Funds for Wepa Print Station Paper Supplies

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

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

Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 with chair voting aye

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Discussion: Student Equity and Achievement Plan Presentation

Motion: **Chelsea Yu**, Vice President of Inter Club Council

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

Background: Ms. Preeta Saxena and her team will present the Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Plan, which outlines College of the Canyons' goals and strategies to promote equitable student outcomes and close achievement gaps. The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees on November 12, 2025, and submitted by November 30, 2025. This presentation will provide the ASG Senate an opportunity to review the key priorities of the plan, offer feedback, and explore ways ASG can support its implementation.

This plan comes around every 3 years and has to do with the disproportionate students and addressing gaps that are found in the data.

Reflection on data outcomes- asked to look at specific metrics for the future planning.

This must go through approval, then will be presented to the Board meeting on November 12th.

Calendar dates are on the presentation and open office hours in discussing the equity gaps.

Page 4 looks at different outcomes associated with the student journey in 5 different metrics.

First time students that enroll after applying (go through matriculation process and complete Math and English transferable course) Includes students who start in the spring as first time college students.

Look at what was achieved within the three years.

Students Must be first time ever and must be credit students.

The percentage of students that complete a comprehensive educational plan is included.

If students complete these steps, they are more likely to succeed.

Students must meet with a counselor to have a comprehensive education plan made.

Student groups such as first-generation students, homeless students, veterans, are groups included in data.

The likelihood of success is based on the different student populations.

Goals to address the gaps is to look at the efforts in place and what the effect of that will be.

Clarification on the percentage for the *Looking Ahead* page which is a specific group of students (first-time students).

Reflection of the last cycle were specific goals to achieve during the three years.

Progress was made in degree completion and transfer students.

Subgroups flagged as having equity gaps are also shown in presentation.

What group is facing gaps during certain time points is included.

This is in place to identify gaps and find ways to eliminate gaps with specific groups.

Data has been shown to both staff and students, and they are now finding ways to achieve success.

Groups that continue to face gaps will be prioritized to close the gaps.

Focus intensively on one population, which in the last cycle there was some progress but not enough to move on to another population.

Building community and connection are broader strategies that have come up.

Based on the strategies that were discussed, specific goals have been made.

The goal is to have achievement rates that all match without gaps in certain groups.

Parts with a border are where they would like to be in a few years in terms of goals.

Suggestion is to host some workshops targeting specific groups.

There would be a better sense of how to close the gaps if they understood why this is happening.

Another idea is to host a speaker panel with Alumni from the college that are a part of a group with gaps.

First step to understand why is to get to know the individual and assess their needs.

Some students do not feel comfortable reaching out for help when it is needed.

How to establish a connection to get to know the groups and reach the groups with gaps is discussed.

Another suggestion is to hold a workshop, such as the past workshop ASG held for a transfer workshop.

Another past event that may be helpful was the Resource Event where students talked about resources on campus.

Discussion on taking Math and English and being successful.

Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy, takes a personal privilege at 3:02 pm

Overview is also included with the Math and English courses for enrolling during the first year.

Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy, returns from a personal privilege at 3:03 pm

Suggestion is to reach out to clubs and student alliances to collaborate with them to get this information out.

A club that may represent that student population is recommended as it will be looked at like a club event.

3.2 Discussion: Grammarly Presentation

Motion: *Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity*

Second: *Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy*

Background: Mr. Kiel McClung will introduce Grammarly's AI-powered platform and demonstrate its "Authorship" feature, designed to enhance student confidence in their writing process. The presentation will provide an overview of Grammarly's potential benefits for College of the Canyons students and explore opportunities for ASG to advocate for campus-wide access.

The company was established 16 years ago.

Internal data showed most students performed well below the average in K through 12 grades.

Lack of confidence in addition to other factors keep student from initially enrolling in Math/English courses.

College students do most of their homework between 8pm and 2am.

The impact of Grammarly is given, in terms of Equity and access.

Looked at data of students that used Grammarly vs. students that do not.

24/7 writing support is included with Grammarly.

Institutional partners asked the company to implement AI within the company.

AI detector discussion with instructor implementation.

Authorship is a writing tool that allows students to track writing process.

At the end, an author report is published.

Any outside information that is being pasted into documents will be showcased as an outside source.

This tool allows students to check their papers first before turning them in.

Feedback from student survey was Grammarly is the top AI use.

An invite to Grammarly was sent to the ASG members.

3.3 Discussion: Renaming of the Canyon Country Campus

Motion: *Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy*

Second: *Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity*

Background: To expand access to new programs and grow student enrollment, a strategic effort is underway to create a specific identity for the Canyon Country campus and leverage its existing facilities to focus academic programming on healthcare-related fields.

- This Fall 2025, the new Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Pharmacy Tech programs launched in the 300 quad in renovated spaces equipped with the latest technology.
- By late Fall 2025, the second floor of the Takeda Science Center will feature a new state-of-the-art Health Professions Simulation Lab, allowing students in Nursing, the Emergency Medical Technician program, and other health professions programs to get more realistic hospital-like experiences.
- By Fall 2026 the Medical Laboratory Technician, Phlebotomy, and Clinical Laboratory Science programs will be located at CCC. These programs will be housed in the 500 quad alongside the existing and expanded Certified Nursing Assistant program.
- In 2026, the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program will relocate from the Valencia campus, providing the program with increased learning space, as it will occupy much of the Takeda Science Center first floor.

At the same time, the campus opened a new green house facility this fall that supports environmental science courses, and student research projects, and continues to offer important training in signature CTE programs like automotive technology, construction technology, and water technology.

Given these developments, a proposal to rename the campus has been submitted through the college's participatory governance process. A new name can better will help brand the campus with a distinct identity and more accurately describe its academic programming and focus.

The purpose of this item is to gather feedback from the Associated Student Government on current perceptions of the Canyon Country campus, and whether renaming the campus would help to create a clear identity for the campus, leading to increased student and community engagement.

Chigo Orukwogu, Vice President of Activities, takes a personal privilege at 3:20 pm

Background of CCC is given of when the campus first opened.

The college is working to rebuild enrollment at both campuses.

Efforts that have taken place over the last year involve faculty, staff and administrators discussing data after looking at enrollment patterns.

General education classes started to move to an online platform, which affected enrollment at CCC.

Discussion of moving some science courses to CCC.

Medical lab tech, phlebotomy, EMT will also be moving to CCC and potentially the Nursing may eventually.

Chigo Orukwogu, Vice President of Activities, returns from a personal privilege at 3:23 pm.

General education programs continue to decline, so branding the CCC campus is now being looked at.

Looking for feedback on whether renaming the Canyon Country campus would be effective in students' opinion.

Consideration will include the certification classes as well that are at CCC.

Feedback on including Career Technology within the new name.

Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications, takes a personal privilege at 3:29 pm

More meetings will take place in the Spring to continue conversation which ASG will be invited to.

Campus dedicated to MESA would be very beneficial.

Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications, returns from a personal privilege at 3:30 pm

It is important to retain the current Technology classes at CCC.

ASG Board agrees they would like to rename CCC.

Medical Professionals & Career Technologies Campus is the top name of the two options for ASG board.

The earliest that the name may change would be Fall 2026.

The goal is to offer the general education classes that complement the majors that are currently offered.

Biology and Chemistry classes are at capacity at CCC but will continue to offer these classes and incorporate 8-week classes to offer more options.

Valencia will continue to hold Science classes.

3.4 Action: Approval of Funds: Thankful Tree

Motion: *Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy*

Second: *Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity*

Background: Thankful Tree will take place by the flagpole on November 10th from 1-2pm. During this, every student will write what they are thankful for and hang it on the giving thanks tree. They will get a treat afterwards!

COST: \$75 for Cookies from Costco

Motion to change the budget account number in the Recommendation to 001.9813

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Chigo Orukwogu, Vice President of Activities

Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 with chair voting

Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$75 from Account #~~001.9152~~

Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 with chair voting aye

3.5 Action: Approval of Funds: Equity Floats

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications

Background: Equity Floats will take place on the CCC campus near the science building from 12 to 1 on November 18th where students can come have soda floats as they fill out a few questions about equity and advocacy.

COST: \$150 for Cups, Soda, and Ice Cream

Motion to change the budget account number in the Recommendation to 001.9226

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Chigo Orukwogu, Vice President of Activities

Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 with chair voting

Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$150 from Account #~~001.9152~~

Record of Board Vote... 6 -0-0 with chair voting aye

3.6 Discussion: SAFIRE Discussion

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: We will be discussing how to move forward with our relationship with SAFIRE and BRP.

Suggestion is to either send a group email or have a group discussion.

Sitting down and discussing the situation as a group after sending an email is suggested.

Having a group discussion to apologize as well as how better communication for the future will help to build the relationship.

Accountability should collectively be taken.

The next step is to send an email to find a time for the ASG board to come speak with them in person.

The email will be sent by the end of this week.

Miscommunication happened on both ends.

Amna will create a draft and send it to the board before sending the email.

3.7 Discussion: Petition for Board of Trustees Resignation

Motion: *Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy*

Second: *Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications*

Background: Background: After our joint ASG/BOT meeting, a student, Karen Zea, reached out to say that the Board is not listening to student voices. She suggested we start a petition for their resignation.

Suggestion is to first have a sit-down discussion before making the petition.

A conversation should take place, rather than a presentation where a response is not needed.

If the conversation does not go anywhere, a petition may then be created.

A concern is if the majority of those in the room are comfortable with moving forward.

There is an expectation that the board is knowledgeable enough to present this petition.

Feedback from the board is requested on everyone's perspective and stance on the petition.

First step is to invite the members of the board of trustees to discuss moving forward.

The meeting should include a conversation from both sides.

Everything has been said from ASG but there has not yet been a response from the Board of Trustee members.

Allowing them the opportunity to speak before a petition is created is the consensus.

As representatives of the student body, they need to accurately represent students.

When inviting the Board of Trustee to meet with them, give them a deadline and options for the date.

To stay within the Brown Act, the ASG must invite the Board of Trustees to meet individually.

Clarification on what Taha said in being concerned with moving forward with making the petition.

Steps should first be taken before making a petition.

For the Fall semester, ASG will meet 2 more times after today.

Suggestion is to have an agenda item ready for both meetings and invite the Board of Trustee members to come to the same meeting at different times.

Work with Mary from the President's office to schedule a time for them to attend during the ASG senate meeting.

Another option is to provide an official statement, instead of attending the meeting.

Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy takes a personal privilege at 4:14 pm

Another option is to meet outside of the ASG Senate meeting.

Only offer the option to write a statement if they are unavailable to meet in person.

The Board agrees with the steps that should first be taken.

Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy returns from a personal privilege at 4:15 pm

4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)

4.1 Officers Reports

- 4.1.1 **Director Reports-** Activity Team-Valencia-**Kristian Mengistu**- She is coordinating two upcoming events where help is needed. She is also planning to host a spring fest on March 25th.
- 4.1.2 Vice President of Activities -**Chigo Orukwowu**- none
- 4.1.3 Vice President of Inter Club Council- **Chelsea Yu**-none
- 4.1.4 Vice President of Communications-**Ava Hernandez**- none
- 4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- **Christina Geuvjehizian**- Review some feedback from the Snow Cone Equity event. Students do not know what is offered and want more involvement and events. The focus is students do not know about the programs and activities planned for students. Presence is important and more activities and events would be good. It is beneficial to use social media to give students what they are asking for. Posts on canvas are also possible for upcoming events. She is proud of everyone in ASG coming to events to help.
- 4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Taha Saiyed**- helping with JCI Santa helper toy drive on 12-13 and volunteers are needed for gift wrapping and on the day of the event. Shifts will be: 12-1 from 6pm to 9pm and 12-6, 12-8 through 12-12 for help gift wrapping. Also need help on the day of the event in different shifts. ASG will be there and Taha is planning on attending. Advertising ASG and more presence is a good start as well as showing their face and repetition.
- 4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Areesh Fatima** -absent
- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President –**Adrianne Dondonay**- absent
- 4.1.9 President- **Amna Fadel** – Thank you for attending Monday’s event.
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – none
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- none
- 4.1.12 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- none

4.2 District Committees

- 4.2.1 Academic Senate
- 4.2.2 Academic Calendar
- 4.2.3 Accreditation Taskforce
- 4.2.4 Advocacy Team
- 4.2.5 Campus Safety Advisory
- 4.2.6 College Planning Team (CPT)
- 4.2.7 **College Policy Council (CPC)- Amna Fadel, President attended this meeting where the board policies that are new were discussed as well as building names.**
- 4.2.8 Curriculum
- 4.2.9 Enrollment Management

- 4.2.10 Facilities Planning
- 4.2.11 Independent Citizens Oversight
- 4.2.12 Institutional Effectiveness and Inclusive Excellence (IE)2
- 4.2.13 President's Advisory Council – Budget (PAC-B)
- 4.2.14 Technology
- 4.2.15 Other College Committees

4.3 Ad-Hoc Committees

- 4.3.1 Elections Committee
- 4.3.2 Finance Committee

- 5. Open Forum: none
- 6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- November 12, 2025
- 7. Adjournment (4:27p.m.)

Motion: *Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy*

Second: *Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity*

Record of Board Vote:6-0-0 with chair voting Aye