

# Associated Student Government

## Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

2:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway  
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

### Members Present:

**Amna Fadel**, President  
**Adrienne Dondonay**, Executive Vice President  
**Areesh Fatima**, Student Trustee  
**Ava Hernandez**, Vice President of Communications  
**Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy  
**Christina Geuvjehizian**, Vice President of Equity

### Members Absent:

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

### Others Present:

**Kelly Dapp**, ASG Advisor  
**Robin Herndon**, ASG Technician  
**Joanna Kelly**, CCC Advisor  
**Farah Haj Ghaban**, ASG Director of Equity  
**Kristian Mengistu**, ASG Activity Team- Valencia  
**Joshua De Jesus**, Graphic Artist  
**Charlie Pimentel**, Assistant to VP of Advocacy  
**Chrislynn Quach**, Assistant to VP of Communications  
**Andrea Varney**, Admissions & Records  
**Sharlene Johnson**, President of Board of Trustees  
**Darlene Trevino**, Member of Board of Trustees  
**Michael Monsour**, Classified Staff

### 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 2:30 p.m. with quorum established and 6 ASG Officers present.

#### 1.2 **Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:**

**Amna Fadel**, President leads us in the flag salute.

**Amna Fadel**, President passes the Trophy cup to both **Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy and **Adrienne Dondonay**, Executive Vice President

**1.3 Announcements:** The other candidate to interview has dropped out for the VP of Activities

**1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of February 11, 2026**

**Motion:** **Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President**

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

**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 December 3, 2025**

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

**Second:** **Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President**

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

## 3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

**3.1 Discussion: Interviews for Vice President of Activities**

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

**Second:** **Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President**

**Background:** The following individuals have applied for the Vice President of Activities position. Candidates will be brought to the Senate for individual interviews. Candidates have been checked for eligibility.

**Candidates:**

- Farah Haj Ghaban
- Dina Hashemizad

All officers take turns asking set interview questions.

**3.2 Action: Appointment of Vice President of Activities**

**Motion:** **Areesh Fatima, Student Trustee**

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

**Background:** The officers will now discuss which candidate to appoint as the Vice President of Activities.

**Recommendations:** **Appoint selected candidate as Vice President of Activities to start term on February 16, 2026.**

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

**3.3 Discussion: Discussion with Trustee Trevino**

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

**Second:** **Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President**

**Background:** ASG has invited Trustee Trevino to participate in individual 1:1 discussions.

A set of questions will be asked by the ASG board with a 2-minute limit response.

Since the Resolutions were presented to the Board, no response has been given.

Discussion of frustration from the campus community.

Moving forward after David Adrus was replaced is discussed, along with more collective activity and collaboration.

Steps to take include putting Jasmine Ruys as interim was a huge part of the connection that they were looking for.

She wants to make sure there is a future for COC without the battle of title and here for the students.

Looking at ATC is an example of allowing different opportunities for students.

If students signed a petition to request her to step down, she would not be willing to step down.

She is here for the success of the students and there is no agenda she has as a board member.

Misinformation has been communicated.

Her name was not originally a part of the resolution from the Faculty and Classified.

She hopes to move forward and in a positive situation now.

**Motion to include Board member Sharlene Johnson in agenda item**

**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

Discuss the student's interest in creating a petition for her resignation.

Waiting for a response, which they have not yet received.

Concerns voiced from faculty and classified staff and where frustration is coming from the campus community.

Some things needed to be kept confident at that time.

With the previous board, there was a lack of communication and what transpired happened for a good reason.

Disconnection is the reason for the frustration from the campus community.

Emotional stability is important and she apologizes for the lack of communication.

We are all wanting to move forward and find what is best for students and staff

Constructive dialogue is important to continue and maintain with students and staff.

Open door policy to have a conversation for the future.

As leaders, she hopes to have the students reach out to her directly from one of the board members.

If a petition was presented, she would listen to what the students' feedback is but was elected as an official and would not step down.

She was a part of ASG and coordinated with the JCI in the past.

All the campus community has passed a resolution of no confidence, so what are your thoughts on why this is the case.

It was a volatile election that she had no control of.

She spent time one on one with people when running for the position.

Leadership takes dialogue and open-mindedness, and external and environmental factors also play a role.

During the joint board meeting, students expressing feedback of the board is not dialogue.

Students feel like they are being blindsided and do not know what is going on.

As leaders, responsible to encourage students to attend board meetings.

She apologizes for not responding with feedback after the last joint board meeting, but she asks what they would have wanted them to say.

Made a big effort to bridge relationships and be on campus as much as possible.

Decision was not sudden and took their time when creating the resolution.

Humility is a big thing and decisions that are made are not easy.

She knows ASG expectations moving forward and invites them to come to the board meetings to offer feedback and gain understanding.

***Adrienne Dondonay***, Executive Vice President, leaves at 3:29 pm

She apologizes for not meeting the expectation level during the last joint board meeting.

Student body has voiced their opinion which ASG has voiced to the Board members.

Encourage students to have more dialogue to make efforts to make sure they feel supported.

As student leaders, they must voice opinions.

### **3.4 Action: Approval of Funds – Spring 2026 CougarFest**

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

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

***Background:*** CougarFest is scheduled for March 3 (CCC) and March 4 (VAL) from 11am to 1pm. Funds must be approved in preparation of purchasing supplies and incentives. We are partnering with Recreation Management to provide hotdogs to participants. We will also be purchasing snacks from Costco.

**TOTAL COST: \$6,200**

**AV Party Rental (tables, chairs and canopies) = \$4400.00**

**Hotdogs-250 for CCC and 500 for VAL=\$1200**

**Games: Tetris-\$200**

**Snacks/Incentives = \$400**

***Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$1,000 from the Clubs and Org Account #001.9203, \$1,000 from the CCC Social and Cultural account #001.9805, \$3000.00 from the Student Resource Center account #9328 and \$1000.00 from the VC Social and Cultural account #001.9813 for hosting the Spring Cougarfest at both the Valencia and Canyon Country Campuses.***

***Record of Board Vote...5 -0-0 with chair voting aye***

#### **4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)**

##### **4.1 Officers Reports**

- 4.1.1 **Director Reports-**
- 4.1.2 Vice President of Activities -***Vacant***
- 4.1.3 Vice President of Inter Club Council- **Chelsea Yu**- absent
- 4.1.4 Vice President of Communications-**Ava Hernandez**-none
- 4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- **Christina Geuvjehizian**- none
- 4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Taha Saiyed**- none
- 4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Areesh Fatima** - none
- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President –**Adrienne Dondonay**- absent
- 4.1.9 President- **Amna Fadel** - none
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – none
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- none
- 4.1.12 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- Sending an email with 11 board policies to review and vote on. Please come prepared and the following week, a new budget will be proposed.

##### **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)
- 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

**4.4 Ad-Hoc Committees**

- 4.4.1 Student Housing Taskforce
- 4.4.2 International Students Mentorship Program Committee
- 4.4.3 Alumni Event
- 4.4.4 Cherry Blossom Tree

- 5. Open Forum: None
- 6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- February 18, 2026
- 7. Adjournment (3:37p.m.)

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

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

***Record of Board Vote: .... 5-0-0 with chair voting Aye***