

# Associated Student Government

## Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 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  
**Farah Haj Ghaban**, Vice President of Activities  
**Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy

### Members Absent:

**Chelsea Yu**, Vice President of Inter Club Council  
**Christina Geuvjehizian**, Vice President of Equity

### Others Present:

**Kelly Dapp**, ASG Advisor  
**Robin Herndon**, ASG Technician  
**Joanna Kelly**, CCC Advisor  
**Melinda Ursetta**, ASG Technician  
**Carlos Chavez**, Campus Safety Officer  
**Reinhardt Blasberg**, Campus Safety Director  
**Sarah Cox**, Basic Needs Center Director

## 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 1:30 p.m. with quorum established and 6 ASG Officers present.

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

**Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy leads us in flag salute.

**Taha Saiyed**, Vice President of Advocacy passes the trophy cup to Farah who led her first activity meeting and is off to good start.

**1.3 Announcements:** none

**1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of February 18, 2026**

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

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

**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 February 11, 2026**

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

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

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

**3. Regular Board Meeting Items:**

**3.1 Action: Basic Needs Center College Assistant Funding - MOU Renewal**

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

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

**Background:** In 2021, the Associated Student Government established a legacy project to allocate \$20,000 annually to the Basic Needs Center (BaNC) for college assistant funding. They believed that the BaNC is an essential resource for students with basic need challenges and wanted to provide ongoing financial assistance to help support the BaNC. This funding assistance provides much needed staffing support so that the BaNC may continue to provide resources for students throughout the year. This project also upholds ASG's firm tradition of providing on-campus student employment opportunities while helping to both sustain the program and support student success and retention.

The terms of the current MOU are set to expire on June 30, 2026. ASG will need to discuss whether they would like to continue funding the program for an additional five years.

Cost:

\$20,000

Legacy project from few years ago to assist with ongoing support to the BaNC.

This is a chance to provide feedback on continuing with the MOU for 5 years.

Sarah is here, Director of BaNC and gives the background of the department and when it began.

District funding is not provided, and the funds are given from the State.

Other factors such as the size of the college are also based on the amount funded.

The funding from the State covers the full-time staff and many grants assist with the food.

Partners with 7 grocery stores in Santa Clarita and run the Wellness Room as well as the Clothing closet, which is what the funding from ASG provides.

Right now, the cap on the financial assistance per student for Emergency Grants is \$1,500 per student.

Some funds from Covid were given to emergency grants for students but once that runs out, they will not be able to continue with the emergency grants.

In terms of obtaining food, a lot of money was spent due to CalFresh stopping for a month.

Based on the food donations, supplemental payments are needed frequently.

Usually, funds are between \$700 and \$1,500 for the food pantry.

***Recommendations: Move to approve extending the MOU between the Associated Student Government and the Santa Clarita Community District through June 30, 2031, to provide funding for College Assistant salaries for the Basic Needs Center (BaNC) in the amount of \$20,000 per year.***

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

### **3.2 Action: Campus Escort Program – MOU Renewal**

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

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

***Background:*** In 2006, ASG established an MOU between the Associated Student Government and the Santa Clarita Community College District to help fund the Campus Escort Program. Since then, the ASG has continued to extend the MOU with the District so that the program could continue to operate. The current MOU expires on June 30, 2026. Discussion needs to take place to determine whether ASG will continue to financially support this program and extend the MOU an additional 5 years.

The MOU stipulates that ASG will agree to provide a minimum amount of \$22,000 per year to the District which shall cover the hourly salary and uniform costs for College Assistants to serve as Campus Escorts at both the Valencia and Canyon Country Campuses. The funding amount may be increased annually, not to exceed 5% of the prior year's funding amount, to cover the growing cost of salaries or other costs related to this program.

A Legacy project that ASG provided in terms of safety as well as employment opportunities for students.

Yearly obligation is \$22,000.000 to extend for another 5 years.

Director of Campus Safety along with Carlos from Campus Safety is here today.

Program is run by students and builds peer to peer relationships a while giving students rides to vehicles.

CCC now has the Campus Escorts program.

Extra set of eyes and ears around campus.

Beneficial program for students at both campuses.

University Center or operator can contact Campus Safety to get an escort to and from campus.

Contact information is also now on the Campus Safety vehicles around campus.

A few times per semester, Campus Safety holds events like Sip and Safety.

***Recommendations:*** *Move to approve extending the MOU between the Associated Student Government and the Santa Clarita Community District through June 30, 2031, to fund the Campus Escort Program for a minimum of \$22,000 per year with a possible 5% increase each year to cover the growing cost of salaries or other costs related to the program.*

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

### **3.3 Action: Spring Voter Registration Event**

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

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

***Background:*** As the ASG Bylaws states, the President and Student Trustee must co-ordinate a voter registration event at least once per semester. The Spring Voter Registration Event will take place on Monday, February 23rd, from 12:30–1:30 PM at the Canyon Country Campus Front of Science Building. Students will receive a complimentary cookie.

***Recommendations:*** *Move to approve up to \$100 from VC Social & Cultural Activities (Account Number 001.9813).*

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

### **3.4 Discussion: Discussion of CougarFest**

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

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

***Background:*** The ASG will discuss whether they should host a table at CougarFest.

Deadline to RSVP is Friday.

Adrienne and Taha are available for the Valencia campus event.

Elections are coming up, which is a great opportunity to advertise this during the event.

Think about the items you would like to have on the table as well as upcoming ASG activities for the semester.

### **3.5 Discussion: Discussion for Town Hall**

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

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

***Background:*** The ASG will discuss whether they should schedule a Town Hall for this semester.

Depending on student interest in participation of Town Hall

Questions should be thoroughly looked at before sending to executive cabinet.

If a student does have a controversial question presented, ASG has the discretion on presenting the question or not.

Executive board is the leadership of the whole district.

Suggestion is to create a google form to accept potential Town Hall questions but have an open session to answer questions at the end.

After screening the questions, send to Executive Cabinet a week in advance.

Offer a zoom option for students during the meeting.

Holding the event in about a month is a good idea on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

### **3.6 Discussion: Discussion for Petition of Resignation**

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

***Second: Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities***

***Background:*** The ASG will discuss whether they should move forward with a Petition of Resignation for President Johnson, Trustee Arnold, and Trustee Trevino.

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

### **3.7 Discussion: Student Trustee Report**

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

***Second: Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities***

***Background:*** The Student Trustee, Areesh Fatima, has attended a Board of Trustees meeting in the past week. As stated in the bylaws of the Student Trustee, this is a formal report on the action items discussed in the previous meeting.

Areesh attended the meeting on January 21 - presentation done from Jasmine Ruys, implementing projects and the steps.

She also attended a meeting on February 11- Campus recognitions- Rising Scholars Program received an award and CCC recognized and COC received \$60,000 contractors' awards.

Nasa Hasp student was also selected to present at a conference.

Michael Monsour acknowledged ASG and the questions presented to the Trustee during last week's meeting.

### **3.8 Action: Election Code - 1st Reading**

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

***Second: Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities***

***Background:*** The ASG will go over the Election Code to read, discuss, and make any changes necessary.

***Recommendations: Approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Election Code.***

***Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 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 - **Farah Haj Ghaban**-none
- 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**- absent
- 4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Taha Saiyed**- Attending GA on March 27 and 29<sup>th</sup>
- 4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Areesh Fatima** -none
- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President –**Adrienne Dondonay**- one officer and one director needed for the Chery Blossum Tree- Thursday 9-4 or Monday 11-6pm to coordinate.
- 4.1.9 President- **Amna Fadel** – items due tonight. Bluebird reached out to meet in March and asked for availability. Invite them to come to a meeting in March.
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – none
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- Chelsea’s birthday is on Saturday.
- 4.1.12 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- Policy Approvals are next week, so please review the different policies and come to the meeting prepared. Spring Joint meeting is on March 25<sup>th</sup> and meeting with Ruys and Sharlene and Clinton, and Amna and Areesh to discuss the agenda items for the joint meeting. Next week, Finance committee at 1:30 pm and will be discussing the ASG grants program. Also, they will discuss budget to set for next year. Next week, revised budget will be presented to cover the cost of Wepa printing.

### 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 25, 2026

7. Adjournment (3:41p.m.)

***Motion: Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities***

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

***Record of Board Vote: .... 5-0-0 with chair voting Aye and Officer Dondonay not present***