Associated Student Government Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

2:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

<u>Teleconference Location:</u> 17200 Sierra Highway Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

Members Present:

Amna Fadel, President
Areesh Fatima, Student Trustee
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:

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor Robin Herndon, ASG Technician Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor Melinda Ursetta, ASG Technician Adrianne Dondonay, ASG applicant

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 7 ASG Officers present.

1.2 Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:

Chigo Orukwowu, Vice President of Activities leads us in the Flag Salute *Chigo Orukwowu*, Vice President of Activities passes the Trophy Cup to *Taha Saiyed*, *Vice President of Advocacy*, for being so welcoming to ASG.

1.3 Announcements: Melinda brought magazine and congrats on first time in magazine!

1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of August 27, 2025

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Record of Board Vote... 7 -0-0 with chair voting

1.5 Open Forum: none

2. Consent Calendar:

2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2025

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Areesh Fatima, Student Trustee

Record of Board Vote... 7-0-0 with chair voting aye

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Discussion: Interview for Executive Vice President

Motion: Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications

Second: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Background: Adrianne Dondonay has applied for the Executive Vice President position. She

meets the eligibility requirements and will be interviewed by the ASG Senate.

Cost: N/A

Officers will ask set questions to applicant, Adrianne Dondonay.

Officers will first introduce themselves.

3.2 Action: Appointment of Executive Vice President

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: The officers will now discuss whether to appoint the candidate as the

Executive Vice President.

COST: N/A

Recommendations: Appoint selected candidate as Executive Vice President to start term on September 1, 2025.

Record of Board Vote... 7 -0-0 with chair voting aye

3.3 Action: Approval of Attending Fall 2025 CCCSAA Conference

<u>Motion:</u> Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: Every year, the California Community College Student Affairs Association provides a Student Leadership Conference to the new Associated Student Boards at California Community Colleges. It consists of motivational speakers, beneficial workshops and great opportunities for networking with other student leaders from across the state. This year, the conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara, October 17-19,

2025. As a senate, we need to vote on whether to attend this year's conference. This is open to both officers and directors to attend if they are interested.

COST: N/A

Open to Directors and Assistants as well.

Ava and Joanna's attendance is confirmed.

Must give Melinda the names by midnight on Thursday.

<u>Recommendations</u>: Move to approve the ASG Senate attending the Fall 2025 CCCSAA Conference.

Record of Board Vote... 7-0-0 with chair voting aye

3.4 Discussion of Townhall Collaboration

Motion: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

<u>Second:</u> Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Background: On behalf of S.A.F.I.R.E. (Students Advocating for Immigrant Rights and Equity) Student Alliance, we would like to propose a collaborative townhall event with ASG as part of our Fall 2025 programming launch. Our goal is to create a space where undocumented and allied students can engage in meaningful dialogue with student leadership about the need for increased support in student services and to explore how we can work together moving forward to strengthen student advocacy on campus. We are aiming to host this event on either Tuesday, September 9 or Tuesday, September 16 at 2:30 PM, and we would love to have your support and participation. This townhall would not only provide a platform for students to voice their needs and concerns but also help us lay the groundwork for future collaboration between SAFIRE and ASG focused on uplifting and representing student voices across campus. Cost: N/A

COST: N/A

Melody from Bluebird is here along with colleagues from S.A.F.I.R.E. (Students Advocating for Immigrant Rights and Equity).

Propose collaboration initiatives to make students feel empowered and continue the spirit of team efforts.

Believe there is a unique need to focus a town hall on immigrants and different systems to support them.

Planning Town Hall for Tuesday 9-16 or the 9th alliance event on Tuesday at 2pm.

S.A.F.I.R.E. (Students Advocating for Immigrant Rights and Equity) is open to undocumented students as well as ally students.

During the Town Hall, ASG may assist with making students come out of their shell and less timid.

ASG can introduce themselves and give a little background of how you became involved with ASG.

Another idea would be to have an ally student speak on behalf of students that do not feel comfortable speaking as it is empowering to have students see peers in leadership roles close in age and relatable.

Intent is to strive for a permanent center for Bluebird Resource Center.

LACC did not have barriers and was able to incorporate professional development opportunities.

Currently, job opportunities may not be available for undocumented students.

Barriers in applying for scholarships are also discussed.

Support on campus is needed and programs to support undocumented students.

AVC sent a clear message in support of undocumented students.

Undocumented students currently need reassurance that they are welcomed on campus.

Alternative to creating a new center, may be workshops.

Flex session is done and reach more folks as well as spread awareness.

They would like to continue to influence the culture to make everyone feel supported.

Inviting ASG to their space is another effort they would like to accomplish.

Less intimidating for students if they have made a connection with ASG.

Upcoming events/meetings to collaborate- Bluebird meets every other week.

If unavailable to come to meetings, they are willing to make a special time to meet with ASG.

ASG platforms for outreach may be requested as well.

Town Hall will start at 2:30 pm on the 9 or 16 of September.

CougarFest at CCC is taking place on the 16th.

Another idea is to engage students at the Canyon Country campus.

Start off with going into their space and then make everyone feel comfortable

Town Hall should first wait until relationship is first established.

Will provide availability for future date.

4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)

4.1 Officers Reports

- 4.1.1 **Director Reports-**
- 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- none

- 4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Taha Saiyed-** none
- 4.1.7 Student Trustee- Areesh Fatima -8-13 BOT meeting- American sign language program students came due to many classes being cancelled. Advocating for these classes not to be cancelled. Also, recognition on campus MEA grant received. College was rated among top, and a rocket was launched from the college. When the fire was taking place, the campus was used as an evacuation center. Students will no longer be eligible for the Pell grant if being awarded for greater than the cost of attending.
- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President –*Vacant*
- 4.1.9 President- Amna Fadel Agendas are due on Wednesday at 11:59 beginning next week. Check Slack for one-to-one meetings with Amna. Create a channel in Slack if you are planning any events. Stacy from Chancellors office is looking for students to write a letter on advocating and speak to Amna if interested. Does ASG want a table during CougarFest is now discussed and the event is explained. Event information may be handed out then. The 16 (CCC) and 17 (Valencia) from 11 to 1pm and would count towards office hours. Tina can go to CCC early.
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- Robin Herndon If you have not had a chance to pick up your ASG office key, please come by Campus Life if you would like to have one.
- 4.1.11 Advisor Joanna Kelly- Looking for a music group to play during CougarFest. Checking in for ASG is going well. Activity board will meet on September 10 at 1:30 and the members that need to attend are reviewed. September and October events will be discussed and Amna will chair the next Activity Board meeting. Those not required to attend Activity Board must still attend if they hold an event along with submitting an item for the event. An item is not needed for Activity Board member as events will be discussed during monthly event item. Financial approvals need to be approved at the Senate meetings for any events that have funding needs. ASG badge uses.
- 4.1.12 Lead Advisor- Kelly Dapp- Computer lab is no longer on campus, but they still have space in room STCN-124. The back portion of the room will be turned into a clothing closet. The front of the room will be used for Club Space but still will need to close off the clothes closet and paint. Wepa Print Station is being used by many students and utilizing the student benefit more with this option. Great legacy project done. Kelly will meet with the Executive VP to review the District Committees. Once structured, we will contact members of ASG to sign up for committees.

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
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4.3 Ad-Hoc Committees

- 4.3.1 Elections Committee
- 4.3.2 Finance Committee

5. Open Forum:

Shout out to Joanna for taking the lead with Lynn being out.

- 6. Announcement of the Next Meeting-September 3, 2025
- 7. Adjournment (3:43p.m.)

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

<u>Second</u>: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity <u>Record of Board Vote</u>: 7-0-0 with chair voting Aye