

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

2:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

Members Present:

Amna Fadel, President
Areesh Fatima, Student Trustee
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:

Ava Hernandez, Vice President of Communications
Adrienne Dondonay, Executive Vice President

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor
Michael Monsour, Classified Senate President
Dr. Thea Alvarado, Educational Administrator, Interim Assistant Superintendent/ Vice President, Instruction
Kristian Mengistu, ASG Activities Team- Valencia
Farrah Ghaban, ASG Director of Equity

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: Adrienne out led by Amna**

ASG President, **Amna Fadel**, leads us in the Flag Salute.

1.3 Announcements: none

1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of September 24, 2025

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

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

1.5 Open Forum:

Taha informs the board that the Sno Cone event is postponed until 10-13 from 1 until 2pm.

Tina reached out to Safire and would like ASG to meet some of the students. Taha has collaboration invitation on 10-14 to join Safire to promote materials for immigrant and minority students. If ASG is interested, we will need to know by this Monday, the 29th. The time of the event is 10 until 2pm. Monday is the date ASG will go talk to students for Safire and if not, Wednesday is an option after 2:00 pm.

Mix and Mingle event next week from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm

Homecoming photo booth will be done by ASG and have people to table the booth.
October 9th from 3:00pm – 5:00 pm

2. Consent Calendar:

2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2025

2.2 Approval of NEW Club – Family History Club

2.3 Approval of NEW Club – Men's Volleyball Club

2.4 Approval of NEW Club – Ping Pong Club

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 Action: Approval of Funds – Mix n Mingle Event

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: The Mix n Mingle Event is scheduled for 10/1/2025 from 11-12pm, Funds must be approved in preparation of purchasing supplies and incentives.

TOTAL COST: \$

Donuts- 150\$

Tables- ASG tables (Free)

Games- ASG games (Free)

The event is focused on new students getting to know each other while eating donuts.

Games will be done to meet different people during the event.

Games will be free from ASG.

Donuts will be purchased from Dunkin Donuts.

Motion to amend the recommendation to include the Valencia Cultural account 001.9813

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

Icebreaker questions will be given to participants.

Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$150 for Mix N Mingle Event.

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

3.2 Discussion: Accreditation Midterm Report Presentation by Dr. Thea Alvarado

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: 15 minutes on the Senate agenda has been requested for Dr. Thea Alvarado to present the Accreditation Midterm Report as an informational item, as part of the college's participatory governance process. There is an additional ACCJC Accreditation Midterm Report Feedback Form to provide comments, feedback, or suggested edits on the Accreditation Midterm Report that will be presented.

Dr. Alvarado is the interim VP of Instruction and is here today to discuss Accreditation.

Presentation of Accreditation is given during the meeting.

An explanation is given of the body that accredits all of the colleges in California aside for one.

Accreditation gives the authority to have students work on their degrees.

The whole process takes 7 to 8 years and currently the college is at the midterm level.

A Taskforce made the midterm report.

Then, the Comprehensive Program Review is done towards the end.

The Report for the midterm level also has a feedback survey to complete after reading report.

The Comprehensive process will take place in 2029.

Different groups on campus will also have this information presented to sign so everyone is aware of the report.

A link to google form is also in the presentation for any feedback.

The background of the last Comprehensive Review was 2022.

A site visit then takes place after the Comprehensive Review is submitted to get a feel for the campus.

There were no findings with the campus at that time.

Fostering a cultivation of innovation which stood out in 2022.

One recommendation was to have a regular cycle on improving policies.

This impacts students as the policies directly relate to students.

The standards have been revised since the last Accreditation.

Standards to meet are at 30 currently.

The report must be submitted by March but aiming for December.

Feedback is needed prior to Comprehensive Review is done.

Other students, aside for ASG may complete the feedback form- the more feedback, the better.

The policies for the college need a process where they are looked at every couple of years.

Feedback is requested on the survey after the Midterm Report is reviewed.

3.3 Discussion: Discussion of Change in District Leadership

Motion: Taha Saiyed, Vice President of Advocacy

Second: Christina Geuvjehizian, Vice President of Equity

Background: The Classified Senate at College of the Canyons represents the classified staff and works to promote communication, collaboration, and shared governance on campus. Recently, the Classified Senate, along with the Classified Union (CSEA 725), the Academic Senate, the Academic Union (COCA), and the Administrator Leadership Group (MLA), issued resolutions and statements regarding recent changes in district leadership. For the first time in its history, the Classified Senate voted to issue resolutions of no confidence in Trustees Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson and expressed strong support for CEO and President David Andrus. These actions were taken following the September 10 Board of Trustees meeting, during which President Andrus was placed on administrative leave despite widespread public comment and resolutions urging support. Michael Monsour, President of the Classified Senate, will share the Senate's perspective, provide context, and answer questions from the ASG.

Michael Monsour, staff member is here to review updates to the campus.

Classified staff representation would be meaningful to hear the ASG board's feedback.

Explanation of the Resolutions that were recently done from Classified staff as well as other groups on campus.

May lead to negative consequences for students because Accreditation requires operation in smooth/stable manner.

The Climate survey results are passed around to the ASG members.

There were significant findings from the survey.

The college is a toxic environment is some of the findings from the survey and employees feel safe, but some employees experienced psychological harm.

ATC-Advanced Technical Center update-Contract to build the new ATC building on Golden Valley but the lot will not be able to sustain a building that large and attempted to cancel the contract. Unable to cancel, this turned into a settlement. The reserved funds initially were where the funds came from and now they are under bond funds. ATC will not be built in this area but something else will. The Board of Trustees met four times, then placed the Chancellor on Administrative Leave.

David Andrus was appointed interim President (CEO) to run college until the permanent CEO is found.

Dr. Diane Van Hook left, and the Board of Trustees were then up for election.

Background on some of the Board members is given.

Explanation of funds being provided by different local companies during the elections.

This resulted in Fred Arnold, Sharlene Johnson, and one additional member being appointed.

Edel Alonso was also appointed and is now the only existing member who was previously on board.

Then an audit was launched going back 20 years in time.

The audit presented that 12 million dollars were not accounted for.

Discussion on a Conflict of interest with board member, Fred Arnold.

A survey was conducted of the board members' performance which was an all-time low.

On September 10th, an item was on the agenda to place David Andrus on Administration Leave, despite the many different groups that were against this action.

Jasmine Ruys is now Interim CEO.

The voice of ASG is requested.

The attorneys that presented the tip of the findings explained split bidding was taking place and certain consultants were hired repeatedly to perform things they did not have credentials to do.

The initial report had findings as well.

A Resolution on ASG's stance is the best way to be the voice for the students.

A Joint Resolution is also a possible option.

There is a serious problem with 3 of the current Board members.

For staff, ASG writing a Resolution would be very meaningful.

The board is encouraged to watch the videos of the past Board of Trustee meetings.

An ASG Director did research and viewed the video of the former Interim CEO placed on Administrative leave but is now having trouble finding additional ways to research this matter.

As a student, make your concern known to the ASG Board.

Any student is welcome to gather additional information on this situation.

To have ASG create a Resolution would hold more weight in decision making with the board members.

The outcome everyone was hoping for was for the board members to step down.

At the end of October, a joint meeting will take place with the Board of Trustee and ASG.

A review of what takes place at the Joint Board meeting has been given.

A discussion takes place on speculation of how the college has come to this situation.

The board members have given the feeling of oppression to the staff with decisions made, without taking feedback from every other group in account.

How a recall election takes place is discussed but it does have a high cost.

This has also been discussed as a potential option.

Aside for catching up on educating themselves, a resolution is suggested to the ASG board.

Recommend reaching out to Interim CEO, to get a different perspective.

Every two years, there is a rotation of board members up for election.

Michael is happy to have the board contact him for more information.

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**- The Activity Board meeting will be held next week.

4.1.3 Vice President of Inter Club Council- **Chelsea Yu**- ICC meeting was held last Monday. Clubs are busy with events such as like the Shine a light event. Saturday, Culinary Arts will be at the Farmers Market doing live demonstration. Civic Engagement is holding event on October 3. See ICC minutes from 9-22-2025 for additional club events upcoming. The Homecoming event on 10-9

4.1.4 Vice President of Communications-**Ava Hernandez**- absent

- 4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- **Christina Geuvjehizian**-Who can attend Monday after 2:00 pm is discussed for Safire introduction of ASG. Everyone is available to attend. She will email those absent today and will email everyone for specific times.
- 4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Taha Saiyed**- SSCCC Delegate assembly orientation took place. Nothing to report from meeting currently. He will let Safire know that ASG is interested in the tabling event. He will confirm who will help for this event on 10-14 from 10 until 2pm. (Chelsea 10:00 am- 11:00 am; Amna 11:00 am - 11:30 am; Farrah 11:00 am -2:00 pm; Christina 11:00 am -2:00 pm, Areesh 1:00 pm -2:00 pm, Chigo 11:30 am -1:30 pm).
- 4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Areesh Fatima** -Attended a Special meeting with faculty voicing same opinions and this resulting in distrust as well as not being heard. The Board went into closed session, then unanimously decided to let him go from CEO the position. David decided to step down from position and company is now looking into hiring a permanent CEO. Forum will be done in October with July being the anticipated date the permanent CEO will be elected. She would like to submit a survey to students for improvements needed. Equitable questions will take place during the Sno Cone event. The survey will be given on paper. With information results from the survey, she will hold a podcast for ASG. Equity and Advocacy will be the focus for the podcast.
- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President –**Adrienne Dondonay**- absent
- 4.1.9 President- **Amna Fadel** – items for agenda due today.
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – nothing
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- Grab a polo shirt if you have not already. Give a week in advance when submitting the spotlight request form.
- 4.1.12 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- Received an email from Student Employment to fill out the new hire paperwork for several ASG members. This is needed to pay you for attending the committee meetings. Adrienne is working on signing up members to district committees, so if you can sign up for one or a couple, please sign up.

4.2 District Committees

**Amna Fadel, ASG President, attended the Shared Governance Committee meeting.*

- 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

5. Open Forum:

None

6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- October 1, 2025

7. Adjournment (3:41p.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