

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

2:40 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

Members Present:

Marni Kallestad, President
Joielynn Belmonte, Executive Vice President
Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee
Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities
Joshua De Jesus, Vice President of Inter Club Council
Jun Lias, Vice President of Communications
Charlotte Pimentel, Vice President of Advocacy
Chrislynn Quach, Vice President of Equity

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor
Lily Walizadah, ASG Specialist
Aiden Davis, SSSCC Representative

1. General Business:

1.1 Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum

ASG President, **Marni Kallestad**, calls the Senate Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 2:40 p.m. with quorum established and 7 ASG Officers present.

1.2 Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:

Chrislynn Quach, Vice President of Equity, leads us in the Flag Salute.
Joshua De Jesus, Vice President of Inter Club Council, hands off the Trophy Cup to **Chrislynn Quach**, Vice President of Equity.

1.3 Announcements: none

1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of September 30, 2026

Motion: *Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee*

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

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

1.5 Open Forum: *Welcome Aiden Davis from SSCCC!*

2. Consent Calendar:

2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2026

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

Second: *Jun Lias, Vice President of Communications*

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

Joshua De Jesus, Vice President of Inter Club Council, arrives at 2:44pm

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Action: Approval of Funds- Letters to Care

Motion: *Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee*

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

Background: This event is to raise awareness of mental health and bring connections between students. Students can enjoy relaxing music, tea, and snacks while writing a letter to someone who may be struggling with their mental health. This event is meant to provide an opportunity for students to remind others that they matter through handwritten letters and relieve stress from upcoming exams.

Total Costs:

1. Envelopes with cards: \$9.99
2. Wax seal kit: \$14.98
3. Stickers: \$7.99
4. Pens: \$1.91
5. Tea: \$2.24
6. Cookies: \$15.00
7. Mini cupcakes: \$4.17

Recommendations: *Approval for up to \$100.00 for supplies and food for "Letters to Care" event from VS Social & Cultural 001.9813 account.*

Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye and Joshua De Jesus, Vice President of Inter Club Council now present

3.2 Discussion: Bluebird Discussion

Motion: *Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee*

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

Background: The Bluebird resource program coordinator has reached out to the Vice President of Equity and voiced that she wants to reconnect with ASG. She specifically brought up the idea of creating a safe spot on campus for undocumented students. As mentioned during the summer training, Joanna brought up about rebuilding bridges/relationships with certain programs, and with ASG's efforts; this could be a productive start to that.

Meeting this week to further discuss the details and the staff are interested in more ASG members attending to give ideas.

Meeting tomorrow from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm in person at the Intercultural Center-23.

Ideas are welcomed during the meeting tomorrow, in relation to safe places on campus.

An example would be the Dream Center on campus.

Currently, inside the Intercultural Center, there is a space, but the space is very small.

Updates after the meeting are available to those that may be interested.

Holding a private conversation is an issue and space is needed to have these conversations.

3.3 Discussion: Joint ASG & Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion: *Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee*

Second: *Chrislynn Quach, Vice President of Equity*

Background: The joint ASG and Board of Trustees meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. Discussion needs to take place to determine which items the ASG Senate would like to have placed on the joint board meeting agenda.

See handout for a list of agenda items for the past 15 years during the Joint Board Meeting.

A background is given on the Board of Trustees and their roles here at the college.

The Joint meeting will consist of ASG matters for the most part as well as some presentations that may be student focused.

Some past items include an activity update on past and upcoming events.

Another item that is common is items relating to student advocacy.

The board is encouraged to check out the past videos of the joint meetings.

The presentation should not be longer than two to three items, as the meeting tends to be a bit longer.

Next week, a planning meeting will take place with Kelly, the Board of Trustees President, the President of the college and Ishita as well as Marnie.

The Joint Board meeting will take place at the Canyon Country campus on October 28th.

A general update from ASG will be discussed.

The legacy items have also been discussed in the past.

A discussion takes place in the *No Confidence Resolution* that was done last year as well as the Resolution asking the Board of Trustees members to step down.

The three Board of Trustees members met with last year's senate during the senate meetings.

ASG ended up not obtaining enough votes to pass the Resolution.

This should be addressed in an agenda item during the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

ASG received no feedback from the three Board of Trustee members and did not see much of a collaboration effort from them.

Improving the relationship between ASG and the Board of Trustees should be discussed.

An idea is to invite one of the board members to an upcoming ASG meeting.

Another idea is to include *the Mass Ad Hoc Committee* as an agenda item that Charlotte has been working on.

ASG is also Interested in having an update in Parking Lot 6 as well as the parking.

3.4 Discussion: RAD Aiden Davis SCCC Presentation

Motion: Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee

Second: Jun Lias, Vice President of Communications

Background: The Student Senate of California Community Colleges Regional Affairs Director, Aiden Davis, will give a presentation to inform our ASG what SCCC is and why it is important.

A background is given on the history of the SCCC.

The structure of the institute is reviewed as well as Aiden's position within the organization.

Writing Resolutions is one of the things the organization works on with the state.

He is representing Region 6 that includes a total of 9 schools.

There are many networking opportunities, meeting with the schools within Region 6.

Aiden's role within the organization is discussed and he is the liaison between the 9 schools within Region 6.

The college's delegate for SCCC is Charlotte Pimentel, Vice President of Advocacy and the backup is Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee.

Two vacancies are on the Executive Board currently, which are the Communications Officer as well as the Treasurer.

This is a great opportunity to get more involved in student advocacy.

At the end of each year a General Assembly takes places where Resolutions are voted on that are written by students.

A form is available for any officer that is interested in applying for one of the vacant positions.

The timeline for Resolutions will be given later.

The training is paid for by the organization and may be either in person or through zoom.

The topics for the training will be sent to Charlotte later.

The training may be scheduled as soon as next week or further out to next semester.

Advocacy Academy will take place in December.

4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)

4.1 Officer's 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- **Joshua De Jesus**-none

4.1.4 Vice President of Communications- **Jun Lias**-none

4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- **Chrislynn Quach**- International Student Mentorship Program proposed the idea of having a member of PTK volunteer as a mentor to get volunteer hours. Finished application and guidelines for the program.

4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Charlotte Pimentel**-none

4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Ishita Muppala**-Met with the President and went over the Housing situation and the problems SCV faces. Discussing the options for unhoused students. Concerns may be brought to her as well as coming to an ASG meeting.

4.1.8 Executive Vice President – **Joielynn Belmonte**- Reminder about the one-on-one district committee meetings. Please follow up with availability to meet with them. Duration may be once per month and the reason this is being done is to ensure ASG has a voice during the committee meetings. This will help to understand the purpose for each committee. Working on the Cherry Blossom Project and thinking about holding a ribbon cutting ceremony. Team building will be emailed out.

4.1.9 President- **Marni Kallestad**- Hispanic Heritage event is coming up and this would be helpful to mention in your classes. A flower-making event is coming up for those interested.

- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – none
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- Please fill out a report after attending a district committee. Next week office hours may be done online. Email should be sent to advisors when checking in and out.
- 4.1.12 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- Helpful to get a proxy if you will be absent during a meeting and share the meeting report with J from the committee meeting that was attended. You must find a replacement to attend to the district committee if you are unable to attend as well as notifying the district chair. Update, starting October 19th Lily will be on a full-time basis through June 30th. Some of the directors of the Activity Board for Valencia will now report to Lily. Back door to the ASG office is an emergency exit only door due to the offices that are located in the back hallway. Keeping the noise level down in the ASG office should also be maintained.

4.2 District Committees

- 4.2.1 Academic Review Committee
- 4.2.2 **Academic Senate - Ishita attended and discussed AI and how work should be graded when it includes AI. Addressed how teachers should approach investigating use of AI. They want to improve the CCC identity and encourage accessibility. Developing more student-centered access at CCC. Discussion of issues incorporating AI and the details that included meaningful content and the stance on using AI in the classroom.**
- 4.2.3 Academic Calendar
- 4.2.4 Accreditation Taskforce
- 4.2.5 Advocacy Team
- 4.2.6 Campus Safety Advisory Committee
- 4.2.7 College Policy Council (CPC)
- 4.2.8 Commencement Committee
- 4.2.9 Curriculum
- 4.2.10 Enrollment Management
- 4.2.11 Facilities Planning Committee
- 4.2.12 Food services
- 4.2.13 Grad Review
- 4.2.14 Independent Citizens Oversight Committee
- 4.2.15 Operations Project Advancement Team
- 4.2.16 Parking
- 4.2.17 Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Project Advancement Team
- 4.2.18 President's Advisory Council – Budget (PAC-B)
- 4.2.19 Safety Committee
- 4.2.20 Shared Governance Council
- 4.2.21 Student Conduct
- 4.2.22 **Student Success and Inclusive Excellence Project Advancement Team- Next Tuesday at 3:30 pm**
- 4.2.23 Technology

4.2.24 Transfer Advisory Committee

4.3 Standing Committees

4.3.1 Elections Committee

4.3.2 Finance Committee

4.4 Ad-Hoc Committees

4.4.1 **Mass Committee- Met yesterday and was successful. Moving forward, will have a scheduled day and time for upcoming meetings to take place every other week. Goal is to speak with the President about what they are working on within the Ad Hoc committee.**

5. Open Forum:

Lily says thank you for coming to Homecoming and it was successful. Everyone did wonderful that attended.

6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- October 7, 2026

7. Adjournment (3:51p.m.)

Motion: Ishita Muppala, Student Trustee

Second: Farah Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Activities

Record of Board Vote: 8-0-0 with chair voting Aye