

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

2:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Special Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

Members Present:

Harrison Kim, President

Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President

Sanjana Sudhir, Student Trustee

Ava Hernandez, Executive Vice President of Communications

Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities

Kristian Mengistu, Vice President of Inter Club Council

Amna Fadel, Vice President of Advocacy

Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor

Robin Herndon, ASG Technician

Lynn Suh, ASG Advisor

Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor

Jasmine Ruys, Educational Administrator, Assistant Superintendent/VP of Student Services

Daylene Meuschke, Classified Administrator, VP Institutional Research, Plan & Institutional Effectiveness, Institutional Development & Tech, Institutional Development

1. General Business:

1.1 *Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum*

ASG President, **Harrison Kim**, calls the Senate Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 2:30 p.m. with quorum established and 8 ASG Officers present.

1.2 *Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:*

Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President, leads us in the flag salute.

Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President passes the trophy cup to Moussa because when the year first started from now got to know him and helpful to many ASG members. I acknowledge the work contributed to the team.

1.3 Announcements: none

1.4 Approval of the ASG Special Senate Meeting of April 2, 2025

Motion: ***Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity***

Second: ***Sanjana Sudhir, Student Trustee***

Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting

1.5 Open Forum: none

2. Consent Calendar:

2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024

Motion: ***Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities***

Second: ***Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President***

Record of Board Vote... 8 -0-0 with chair voting aye

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Information: Student Health Fee- Notice of Increase for the 2025/26 Academic Year

Motion: ***Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President***

Second: ***Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity***

Background: In the California Community College system, student health centers are self-supported by student health fees. At the College of the Canyons, we are fortunate to have a Student Health & Wellness Center with staff who continually seek out new opportunities and funding sources to expand programs, services, and the technical support that our students need even as incidents of student health/mental health issues continue to rise throughout the state.

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of a community college the option of increasing the health services fee by the same percentage as the **Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services** as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In January of each year, the Chancellor's Office calculates the percentage increase by comparing the prior year index with the current year index as published on the [Department of Finance's webpage](#). Whenever that calculation produces an increase of one dollar above the existing health services fee, the fee may be increased.

The Board of Trustees and the Associated Student Government have historically supported raising local fees and in June 2007 passed a resolution to automatically charge the maximum health fee as allowed by the State Chancellor's Office each time the formula triggers an increase, after notification to the Associated Student Government and the Board of Trustees; and after describing how the funds will be used.

Due to a recent percentage increase produced by utilizing the above-named formula, the State Chancellor's Office now states that California Community College Districts may begin

charging a maximum fee of \$27.00 per regular semester, and \$22.00 for summer and winter sessions.

This item constitutes notice of this health fee change at College of the Canyons from \$26.00 to \$27.00 for the fall and spring semesters and no change for the summer and winter sessions.

This rate increase will fund:

- Mental health personnel to serve students on both campuses.
- Supplies and services for the expanded health center clinic in the Student Services building at the Canyon Country campus.
- Support the Case Management position in the BaNC and cost increase in response to demand for clinical services.
- Continue to support the After-hours 24/7 Mental Health Answering Services.
- The rise in insurance costs, supplies, medications, immunizations, etc. used to treat students at the Student Health & Wellness Center.
- The forced cost increase of liability insurance, annual salary step changes and benefits for current staff.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no costs for the District. The increase in fees is paid by the students, which means that the Student Health & Wellness Center operations are supported by student health fees.

In June 2007, ASG did MOU to be informed of fee increases to students.

Feedback on additions or improvements to this department is requested.

New regulation requires Narcan to be available along with Fentanyl test strips.

Winter/Summer will not increase for this fee.

Every student gets up to 6 sessions with a therapist from this department per semester.

The 6 sessions are included with the \$27.00 as well as many other services such as TB testing and flu shots.

The cost of \$27.00 covers all services for each semester in the Health and Wellness Center.

Phone access is available 24 hours a day to students.

3.2 Discussion: Meeting Dr. Meuschke

Motion: *Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity*

Background: Dr. Daylene Meuschke has recently formulated a new College Planning Model for the college. This is an open time for the Senate to meet her, ask questions about the model, and hear about her role in the CPT and IE2 committees.

Shared governance council is at least one to two ASG members.

August is the tentative start of the new model on decision-making.

ASG representation may be officer and/or director when 2 are needed.

3.3 Action: Approval of 2nd reading for ASG Constitution Changes

Motion: *Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity*

Background: The Executive Vice President of Communications title will be changed to Vice President of Communications. A change in the ASG Constitution must be voted on by COC students. Once the change is approved by the ASG Senate, it will go on the May 2025 ASG Election ballot for change. There was also one instance in the current ASG Constitution where it says "Officer of Equity" instead of "Vice President of Equity" and that change will be made as well.

Recommendations: Move to approve 2nd reading of ASG Constitution Changes

Record of Board Vote... 8 -0-0 with chair voting aye

3.4 Action: Global Table

Motion: *Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities*

Background: Global Table is taking place on April 21, from 11:00 to 1:00 PM at the Sustainability Center. It is a community-building collaboration event with ISP designed to foster connections between international and domestic students through interactive conversation and shared meals. The students would have to participate in a "Would You Rather?" conversation starter and connect with a new person to discuss their questions before proceeding to the food line.

COST:

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Social Bites (serves 8-10 people) \$55 *3 = \$165

Salad Platter (serves 8-10 people) \$50

Total: \$215

Recommendations: move to approve up to \$300 from VC Social and Cultural (001.9813)

Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye

3.5 Action: Sip and Study

Motion: *Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities*

Background: On April 21, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Canyon Country Campus, I will be hosting a Sip and Study event. My event will include providing refreshing drinks and distributing flyers with helpful study tips. Additionally, there will be a collaborative poster where students can share their own study strategies or motivational messages. This event aims to create a supportive and encouraging environment, helping students develop healthy study habits to finish the semester strong.

COST:

\$65: Lemonade & Iced Tea

\$10: Cups

\$25: Ice

Not to exceed \$150

The date will be the 28th, the following Monday.

Recommendations: move to approve up to \$150 from CCC Social and Cultural (001.9805)

Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye

3.6 Action: Alumni Night

Motion: *Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities*

Background: The ASG will be hosting their very first Alumni Night on April 17th, 2025, from 5-7pm at the UCENN Lobby. This event will be a networking mixer between invited alumni and selected students from the Honors cohort. Invited students will gain a chance to network with the alumni and ask questions directly or gain internship opportunities. Refreshments will also be provided as well.

COST:

Food/Supplies for food

Water

Flowers for tables

Gifts for Alumni

Total: Not to exceed \$1000

Targeted marketing but the event is open to every student.

Recommendations: Move to approve up to \$1000 from VC Legacy Project (001.9206).

Record of Board Vote... 8-0-0 with chair voting aye

3.7 Discussion: Student Trustee Report

Motion: *Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities*

Background: The Student Trustee, Sanjana Sudhir, has attended a Board of Trustees meeting in the past few weeks. As stated in the bylaws of the Student Trustee, this is a formal report on the action items discussed in the previous meeting.

First week of March meeting: implementing a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and a new smart fridge installed at the UCEN Café by this semester. If it is successful, it will then be brought to CCC.

4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)

4.1 Officers Reports

4.1.1 **Director Reports-**

- 4.1.2 Vice President of Activities- Aaron Pin-An Lin- nothing
- 4.1.3 Vice President of Inter Club Council- Kristian Mengistu-ICC meeting to advertise events will be on 4-21. Announcements may be made on the club newsletter.
- 4.1.4 Executive Vice President of Communications-Ava Hernandez- budget request was not needed as the program was successfully installed.
- 4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- Moussa A. Haj Ghaban- nothing
- 4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- Amna Fadel- nothing
- 4.1.7 Student Trustee- Sanjana Sudhir -since last meeting, attended conference in D.C. but was not organized or student friendly. SSCCC will hold their own type of event around this time next year. Town Hall was a success and thank you all for attending. Cherry blossom tree will move forward, and Facilities have taken the lead on this project now.
- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President – Jesus Martinez Desantiago- Changing the Bylaws for the entire senate for the next board be more involved with committees. The Cherry Blossom involvement as well as implementing something for holding those accountable when needed. Ensure the work being done is for the Student body. Continue to hold events such as Alumni Day/Night. Protect the items that they want to see in the future.
- 4.1.9 President- Harrison Kim – A lot of work with Alumni Night with recruiting students and clubs. 90% framework done but struggling to find some alumni. Will send itinerary out next week. Confirmed 10 Alumni for the event and recruiting those who may be more inclined in participating in the event. Thank you for Town Hall and it was a success. Great job with last week's board meeting!
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- Robin Herndon – Confirming ASG Board 2025 graduates: Jesus, Aris, Sanjana, Aaron, Moussa, & Kristian and Harrison.
- 4.1.11 Advisor – Joanna Kelly- Great job last week as it was done professionally without any procrastination and did it as a team. Progress reports are missing from a few officers/directors, and the deadline is this Friday by 4:00 pm. Request from Isabel from the Veterans Department wants to see about collaborating on another Movie Night for this semester as well as the ECE Department. ASG can contribute but should not coordinate the entire movie night event. Email her if interested. Star Party is April 25th and ASG presence is requested to offer snacks for free from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. This would count towards office hours for that week. Moussa and Aaron will go to the Star Party, which will complete the CCC hours.
- 4.1.12 Advisor- Lynn Suh-Spring Break next week will be out Wednesday of next week. Please let her know before leaving.
- 4.1.13 Lead Advisor- Kelly Dapp- Super proud of you all with last week's meetings. She is out starting Friday through next week.

4.2 District Committees

- 4.2.1 Academic Senate-**Jesus attended the meeting, and they discussed what SSSCC is doing regarding Advocacy as well as AI discussion and how to deal with it. Jesus offered to assist. Jasmine discussed the fraudulent students and how it is being handled, including removing students. Testing campus maps version to replace the current maps.
-Sanjana also attended the meeting, and they discussed the calendar for the year 2026 and revision to BP and AP.
- 4.2.2 Academic Calendar
- 4.2.3 Accreditation Taskforce
- 4.2.4 Advocacy Team
- 4.2.5 Campus Safety Advisory-** Jesus attended and they discussed installing solar panels possibly and to resurface the lots. Requested signage to give information on contacting campus safety. Instructions posted on website to sign in to the wi-fi and looking into installing cameras by the entrance/exit of restrooms. If ICE is on campus, staff must cooperate. They also talked about the new system they have for cameras. The new system captures everything and has a lot more storage and can track motion. Fixed the lights to LED and worked on adjusting some of them. Signage is on all the bathroom doors regarding the incident. Patrolling better by being present in the area that the incident occurred. Follow a certain route for patrolling.
-Sanjana attended and they discussed implementing more officers around the area of the incident.
- 4.2.6 College Planning Team (CPT)- attended going to different committees to discuss.
- 4.2.7 College Policy Council (CPC)
- 4.2.8 Curriculum-Amna new course proposals, modified, and deleted programs
- 4.2.9 Enrollment Management
- 4.2.10 Facilities Planning-**Amna attended, and they discussed bathroom renovations on campus including doors that are more secure. Currently testing the vending machines for CCC food options.
- 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-** one on one meeting and he is looking for student feedback on CCC campus and AI policy development. May have 4 ASG reps on College Policy council.
-Amna attended and discussed Surveys and financial aid fraud.
- 4.2.15 Other College Committees

4.3 Standing Committees

- 4.3.1 **Elections Committee** – meeting today after this meeting. Applications are now closed.
- 4.3.2 **Finance Committee-** Today is the deadline for the ASG Grants.

4.4 Ad-Hoc Committees

- 4.4.1** **Student Housing Taskforce-** Real college survey was extended to the end of April. Funding possible from city and student mentioned program at the library where if people are going into housing but do not have the essentials, may rent this from the Library. Sara wants to plan a housing resource event from the BaNC.

5. Open Forum: none
6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- April 16, 2025
7. Adjournment (3:35p.m.)
Motion: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President
Second: Kristian Mengistu, Vice President of Inter Club Council
Record of Board Vote: 8-0-0 with chair voting Aye