

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

2:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

Members Present:

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:

Lynn Suh, ASG Advisor
Harrison Kim, President

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor
Melinda Ursetta, ASG Technician
Shaz Ghias, Publication Team-Staff Writer

1. General Business:

1.1 Call to order/Welcome/ Recognition of Quorum

ASG Executive Vice President, ***Jesus Martinez Desantiago***, calls the Senate Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 2:30p.m. with quorum established and 7 ASG Officers present.

1.2 Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:

Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Executive Vice President, leads us in the flag salute.
Harrison Kim, President, will resume passing the trophy cup next week.

1.3 Announcements: none

1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of May 14, 2025

Motion: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

Second: Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities

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 May 7, 2024

2.2 Approval of NEW Club - Badminton Club

Motion: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

Second: Aaron Pin-An Lin, VP of Activities

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

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Action: Transfer of Funds

Motion: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Vice President of Equity

Second: Sanjana Sudhir, Student Trustee

Background: Up to date Student Support Fee has brought in more funds than planned for this 2024/2025 fiscal year. The amount in the ASG Budget is \$500,000 and the account has a balance of \$524,038.58 leaving an additional \$24,038.58 to allocate where needed.

The Dash Pass and Costco Membership accounts need more funds. For the account lines item to be positive through the end of this fiscal year, a transfer needs to be made. It is recommended to transfer funds from the Student Support Fee Income account to Dash Pass Benefit and Costco Memberships.

Cost:

Not to exceed \$5,025

DashPass is negative and this would cover the cost through June 30.

Costco membership went up without notification.

Additional students have been activating their benefit that occurs more of a cost.

Another option is to stop issuing Dash Passes.

Interest is over \$1,000.00 putting ASG budget ahead.

Nothing else is negative.

Recommendations: Move to approve a transfer of \$5,025 from the Student Support Fee account to the following accounts:

Dash Pass Benefit – 001.9104 - \$5,000

- Costco Memberships – 001.9506 - \$25

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

3.3 Action: ASG Bylaw Changes

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

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

Background: To review the changes in the bylaws that will hold the ASG accountable in all regards & to reflect the changes of their roles based on the historic progress made by the current senate. All changes & items discussed within the bylaws are to ensure the work of each year's senate continues to grow as well as it's members.

Changes are discussed including the Executive VP position.

See document for changes

Discussion with Jasmine and discussed having the position in a co-chair position for the housing board.

Motion to take a 5 minute break:

Motion: *Kristian Mengistu, Vice President of Inter Club Council*

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

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

Motion to open the meeting back up:

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

Second: *Sanjana Sudhir, Student Trustee*

Record of Board Vote... 6-0-0 with chair voting aye and officer Mengistu not present

Kristian Mengistu, Vice President of Inter Club Council, returns from a personal privilege at 2:53 pm

Some changes include the Cherry Blossom Tree.

Adjustments to other positions from the current board are asked from the officers.

If officer is unable to fulfill obligations, the President would assume the duties is another suggested change.

A penalty system should be established.

An example would be to not be present during senate meetings without proper notification.

Currently, the service award is contingent upon the attendance of meetings.

If 50% of office hours are missed, this is a reasonable strike.

Over the course of a month, if 50% of office hours are missed, a strike is given.

2 strikes would be justification to remove an officer from the perspective position.

Special circumstances and proper notification of missed meetings would not be a cause for a strike.

An unexcused absence is a strike but if someone is ill, a strike will not be given.

A suggestion is to have two strikes system- 1 for office hours and 1 for meetings.

The intention behind this change is to have something in place just in case.

Currently, the Bylaws state that if 2 meetings are missed, there may be reasons for expulsion by majority of the votes.

How the new changes will be enforced throughout the years is discussed.

Suggestion to have the Executive VP oversees enforcement of discipline.

Situations have come up in past years with communication is not consistent with officer and director.

Be mindful of the way it is worded in case the offending officer is also the enforcer.

The strike system would apply separately if two meetings are missed unexcused with the advisor and directors with the one-on-one meetings.

2 strikes would equal adding an agenda item to remove from the position.

The advisor would add the agenda item to remove the officer with 2 strikes.

Strike system should be checked by the advisor, regardless of position that is up for termination.

The Executive VP will be in partnership with the advisors.

A report must be submitted after attending any conference for officers.

Board policy is also what binds the advisor of what disciplinary action may be taken.

Clarity is suggested for officers attending conferences without advisors.

Attending the conference's workshops should also be an obligation and a requirement.

A section for conferences expectations will be added.

Other strikable offenses may be an officer misrepresenting ASG board.

Clarity on offenses being brought to advisor then agenda item created.

Termination parameters discussion on duration of time being one year before returning is an option.

Clarification on what would constitute as one year.

Discussion of termination being for one semester, rather than one year.

Discussion to include people was removed previously during elections.

Comparison with the Student Conduct cases.

Different types of offenses are discussed as the best type of consequence.

An officer may always be removed if needed.

Second chances should be given as this is an environment to grow and learn.

Create documents for everyone to add feedback.

Consequences may be more severe for repeat offenders.

Bylaws include officers and directors for any changes.

It will be added to the one drive.

Discussion to make the Bylaws a requirement to read during training.

ASG VP of Activities discussed requiring knowledge of how to plan events.

Recommendations: Approve first reading of ASG bylaw changes

Record of Board Vote... 7-0-0 with chair voting aye and Officer Mengistu now present

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**- approved Badminton club today and last ICC meeting was May 12th. Sending ICC point total Friday.

4.1.4 Executive Vice President of Communications-**Ava Hernandez**- Looking into changing bylaws for staff writer director position. Paw Print will be done by next week and will be posted on social media.

4.1.5 Vice President of Equity- **Moussa A. Haj Ghaban**-Podcast next Wednesday in the conference room.

4.1.6 Vice President of Advocacy- **Amna Fadel-nothing**

4.1.7 Student Trustee- **Sanjana Sudhir**-attending conference last weekend and presented with other trustees. Harrison also joined her at the conference that

is the final conference. She is grateful to attend conferences as an ASG trustee and learned a lot to bring back to the college. Thank you for such an engaging discussion.

- 4.1.8 Executive Vice President – **Jesus Martinez Desantiago**- contact with academic integrity committee to discuss their AI guide. A representative will come to next week's meeting, so come prepared and ask questions.
- 4.1.9 President- **Harrison Kim** - absent
- 4.1.10 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** –Valedictorian Recognition Ceremony is this Friday.
- 4.1.11 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- Evaluations due next Friday by 12pm and remind directors to submit to get student leadership scholarship. For those who may attend UCLA, she sent some opportunities with a session starting tomorrow. Next week is the last week for ASG office hours. Please remind directors of last week for office hours. The last week of meetings is next week with the following week at a restaurant. Suggestions on where to go should be emailed to Joanna and she will have 3 to 4 to select. ASG Elections- 593 students voted, and results will be shared tomorrow. The restaurant trip will take place at the same time as the normal meeting time. A Suggestion is to make it at 2:00 pm.
- 4.1.12 Advisor- **Lynn Suh**-absent
- 4.1.13 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- With things wrapped up, you may complete your hours for office remotely.

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**- **Amna attended where they discussed technical changes and met with Jim and Jesus where AI groups were discussed. Reducing animals on campus and bathroom renovation. Sculptures were discussed to be removed or relocated.**
- 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 Standing Committees

- 4.3.1 Elections Committee
- 4.3.2 Finance Committee

4.4 Ad-Hoc Committees

- 4.4.1 Student Housing Taskforce**- Monday was last meeting and Linda was not present to discuss the event. Sarah reported on the event which went well and raised money for housing. Fund allocation was presented on but will be done in the summer and housing is an idea that may be included. When a new student enrolls at the college and completes an application, resources are provided based on application answers and housing resources and ASG suggested to be added. Sub-Committee for housing will be the summer task force until the start of fall

5. Open Forum: none

6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- May 21, 2025

7. Adjournment (3:58p.m.)

Motion: *Kristian Mengistu, Vice President of Inter Club Council*

Second: *Sanjana Sudhir*, Student Trustee

Record of Board Vote: 7-0-0 with chair voting Aye