

Associated Student Government

Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

1:30 p.m. Hasley Hall 137

Senate Meeting

[Teleconference Location:](#)

17200 Sierra Highway
Santa Clarita, CA 91351-1622

Members Present:

Christopher Bordbar, President
Caitlin Herron, Executive Vice President
Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee
Lijuan (Judy) Zhu, Executive Vice President of Activities
Sanjana Sudhir, Executive Liaison Officer
Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity
Harrison Kim, Officer of Marketing and Information
Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer
Pin-An (Aaron) Lin, Cultural Student Involvement Coordinator 1- Valencia
Sara Wali, Social Student Involvement Coordinator 1 – Valencia
Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Social Student Involvement Coordinator-CCC

Members Absent:

Ellie Wingo, Vice President of Inter Club Council

Others Present:

Kelly Dapp, ASG Advisor
Robin Herndon, ASG Technician
Lynn Suh, ASG Advisor
Joanna Kelly, CCC Advisor
Cameron Imperial-Pham, Proxy for VP of ICC
Sarah Cox, Director of the BaNC
Meri Mikoyan, President of the Armenian Student Association

1. General Business:

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

ASG President, **Christopher Bordbar** calls the Senate Meeting of the A.S.G. to order at 1:30 p.m. with quorum established and 11 ASG Officers present.

1.2 **Flag Salute/Trophy Cup:**

Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity, leads us in the flag salute.

Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity, passes the Trophy Cup to Aaron for working hard on his event.

1.3 Announcements: None

1.4 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting of March 13, 2024

Motion: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity

Second: Sara Wali, Social Student Involvement Coordinator 1 – Valencia

Record of Board Vote... 11 -0-0 with chair voting aye

1.5 Open Forum: None

2. Consent Calendar:

2.1 Approval of the ASG Senate Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2024

2.2 Approval of Club – Connections Club

2.3 Approval of Club – Canyons Creative Club

2.4 Approval of Club – Firefighters of Tomorrow

2.5 Approval of Club – Finance Club

Motion: Caitlin Herron, Executive Vice President

Second: Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer

Lijuan (Judy) Zhu, Executive Vice President of Activities arrives at 1:32 pm

Record of Board Vote... 12-0-0 with chair voting aye and Officer Zhu now present

3. Regular Board Meeting Items:

3.1 Discussion: Presentation by Sarah Cox

Motion: Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer

Second: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity

Background: This presentation is led by Sarah Cox from the Basic Needs Center. She will delve into the range of grants received by the Center, how funds are meticulously allocated to bolster student support, and outline her innovative strategies for optimizing every dollar to meet students' needs. Her expertise will serve as a resource for ASG in drafting the new MOU, ensuring it aligns with our student support goals. This session presents a vital chance to secure the insights necessary for crafting an MOU draft that embodies our joint commitment to enhancing student well-being and guides our collaborative efforts effectively.

COST: N/A

Presentation for the BaNC and location for each campus is given.

Temporary space for the BaNC will be on the second floor of Hasley Hall.

Overview of how the BaNC was established is given.

2019 is the year the department started.

2014 a food pantry called food for thought that has since turned into the BaNC.

The need was based off of survey given to students focusing on food insecurity.

Covid created funding for the BaNC -Senate Bill 129 and now every college now has some form of their own BaNC.

Survey has continued that takes place at the end of the semester.

A database tracks all students using this service.

ISRP has the last survey that was given to students on basic needs.

Results given in comparison to the state's data.

Mission is to close the gaps for students by partnering with other campus departments and community members.

Students come from different counties that have different resources for students.

Once a week someone is available to assist with housing needs.

Staffing is reviewed for the BaNC including one adjunct counselor.

Students with a GPA under a 2.0 are referred to the counselor and this is on site.

One case manager is vacant currently and looking to hire this summer.

Available resources are reviewed that are available through the BaNC.

Staff is available to assist with completing the required steps for resources.

Food pantry is available once a week as well as other resources like grad and go or meal vouchers.

CCC also gives students food vouchers for vending machines.

Work with Financial Aid to offer emergency grant relief.

Monthly thrift and thrive events offer students clothing and any student may use this service.

Students will also be able to come sell their own products and the fee will be waived through the BaNC.

Book vouchers include anything on the syllabus.

Services for students are reviewed as to how much has been given to students through the BaNC.

This year, expecting to help 450 students enroll in CalFresh.

The different funding sources is reviewed for the Banc.

Annually, the state funding may change from year to year.

\$35,000 per month is spent on food.

One-time funding was given back in 2021.

Fresh Success is a new program assisting with career technical classes through emergency grants to get a job after finishing school.

Block grant is also a one-time funding source.

Work-study for one of the college assistants at the BaNC.

Skill-set is required to obtain a job as college assistant.

Federal Work study runs out and then is paid under the department budget.

Prioritize federal work study and work with student employment to find additional college assistant.

All of the services at the BaNC is tracked under colleague.

This includes the vending machine vouchers.

Tracking began this year as mandated by the state.

Next year will have a better understanding of the increase of the services.

The amount of money spent on food has grown.

Trying to promote the department's resources for students.

Targeting the students that need services.

Open to suggestions on spreading the word to students of these services available to them.

Every student will qualify for some type of assistance.

Spotlight request form may be used for an advertisement tool.

Extended the hours at CCC to be open until 5pm rather than until 3:00pm.

Open Monday through Thursday until 5pm at Valencia.

Collaboration efforts would include marketing assistance.

Mobile laundry service is being looked into to provide this service for students.

Looking at ways to see what the student's needs are at that time.

3.2 Action: Armenian National Committee of American's (ANCA) Rising Leaders – 2024

Washington D.C. Trip

Motion: Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer

Second: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity

Background: Meri Mikoyan, President of the Armenian Student Association (ASA), is submitting an ASG agenda item to request funding from ASG to send 4 students to the Armenian National Committee of America's (ANCA) Rising Leaders 2024 Washington D.C. trip. The trip will be held on March 24-26, 2024. Four students from the ASA have applied to go on the Washington D.C. trip and are requesting funding for hotel and airline flights. The ANCA Rising Leaders program is a cost of \$100 for the three days, but the students need funding to get there and stay there. The ANCA Rising Leaders program is dedicated to training the student 25 students selected for this program on advocating for Armenian Students. The culminating day is a full day of Capitol Hill discussions with legislators and staff on strengthening U.S.-Armenia ties, supporting Artsakh freedom and securing justice for the Armenian Genocide.

COST:

The total cost of the trip would be roughly \$600 per student. The cost is associated only with the flight and hotel fees.

Estimated Cost Breakdown:

Hotel: \$200.00 per person (2 nights)

Flight: \$400.00 per person

Total Cost: \$2400.00

Representatives are here today to give a background on the club.
Cost for the trip has changed and have the updated amount today.
Planning to go to advocate for those who have lost their homes.
5 students have been admitted to the program out of possible 25 seats.
Would like to go on the 23rd rather than the 25th.
Looked at cost for different hotel costs.
Looked at different flights for the best deal.
This is for a total of 5 people.
Rough estimate would be just over \$6,100.00
Cost has increased due to the timeframe and would be for a total of 4 nights.
Flight would take a total of 10 hours including multiple flights.
This is taking place in Washington D.C.
The Student Rep Fee is intended for use by the Associated Student Government.
ASG Grants is suggested as a source for next year.
Other forms of fundraising include Financial Aid through ASEA.
Application was extended for this opportunity.
This was just brought up on February 21st.
If ASG does not fund this trip, they would fund it themselves.
Look at line items to see if it could come out of the ASG budget instead.
Will look further into better flights and hotels that are less expensive.
4 nights is a bit excessive and 2 or 3 may be better for the conference.
Due to ASG Grants, this is usually something that ASG does not endorse.
Since the club is fairly new they would not have been able to apply last year.
Based on the current budget for ASG, it would not be a good choice at this time.
ASG Grants award a total of \$12,000 to the entire school.
This may be something other clubs would ask of if approved.
Since the Student Rep Fee is unable to be utilized, will not be able to fund the trip.
Much of the budget has been reduced this year.
Support the advocacy efforts of the club.
Any legislation that may be helpful in support should be directed to Sanjana.
Suggestion is to have someone join Student Government to be able to go in the future.
With so many families and loved ones suffering and with the land being lost, it means a lot to them.
Operating budget is on the OneDrive.
If supporting this, may have other clubs ask the same or similar requests.
The accounts that have funding is reviewed from the ASG budget.

Motion to change the amount to approve \$6,100.00 in the Recommendation

Motion: Christopher Bordbar, President

Second: Caitlin Herron, Executive Vice President

Record of Board Vote... 12-0-0 with chair voting aye

Recommendations: Move to approve up to ~~\$2400.00~~ \$6,100.00 from the Student Representation Fee account #72-65220-00-696000-3000 for travel & lodging expenses for the Armenian National Committee of America's (ANCA) Rising Leaders in Washington D.C.

Record of Board Vote... 0-12-0 with chair voting nay Fails

3.3 Action: Cultural Sharing Event

Motion: Jesus Martinez Desantiago, Social Student Involvement Coordinator-CCC

Second: Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee

Background: This event will focus on cultural sharing. It's going to take place at the Intercultural Center from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on March 26 (VC). Students will be provided with markers and paper, and they will be asked to share aspects of their own culture. The format of expression is not limited, including drawings, words, or sharing fun facts. Their items could relate to traditional clothing, artifacts, architecture, symbols, and cuisine. After completing their work, they will be provided with some food, and their items will be hung on a board at the Cultural Center.

COST:

Sandwiches form Urbane Café: \$300

Total Cost: \$300

Total of 8 to 10 people serving size for one.

15 to 20 are expected for the event.

Purchasing 2 boxes of social bites.

Motion to change the amount to approve \$200.00

Motion: Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee

Second: Caitlin Herron, Executive Vice President

Record of Board Vote... 12 -0-0 with chair voting aye

Recommendations: Move to approve ~~\$300~~ \$200 from the account the account VC Social & Cultural (001.9813)

Record of Board Vote... 12-0-0 with chair voting aye

3.4 Discussion: Updates on ASG Parking MOU

Motion: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity

Second: Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer

Background: There have been updates on the ASG Parking MOU from Dr. Ruys. We need to re-sign it.

Cost: N/A

Dr. Ruys said only Spring and Fall semester will be available.

Permits will be acceptable in student parking only.

Pull up to load and unload cars for events at the circle entrance.

This is to remain as equitable to others.

Clearly define the language to specify officer for the parking MOU.
During Multicultural Day construction prevented use of the circle entrance.
Planning ahead for future events should be considered.
Ask again with a new argument or be good with the way it is currently.
Hestia will provide Jasmine with the MOU for parking.
Looking into the Parking to be refunded this semester.
Most people are okay with the current proposals and the terms are good as well.

3.5 Discussion: Request to Sponsor Resolution: Supporting Disabled Students Identity

Motion: *Sara Wali, Social Student Involvement Coordinator 1 – Valencia*

Second: *Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer*

Background: California Community Colleges, with over 2.1 million students, urgently need to better support the 5.8% who are disabled, especially given their high dropout rate of 13% in 2018-2019. The Equity in Higher Education Act currently falls short in addressing their specific needs. We propose amending this Act to specifically enhance support and accommodations for disabled students, integrating disability into campus culture and curricula, and promoting inclusivity through events and safe spaces. By doing so, in collaboration with the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors, we aim to significantly improve disabled students' academic success and inclusion, aligning with the Chancellor's Vision 2030 for equity. This commitment will ensure disabled students not only succeed but also feel valued within the California Community Colleges system.

Cost: N/A

Motion to strike item 3.5

Motion: *Caitlin Herron, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee*

Record of Board Vote... 12 -0-0 with chair voting aye

Motion to strike items 3.6 through 3.10

Motion: *Caitlin Herron, Executive Vice President*

Second: *Stephanie Ofilada, Public Affairs Officer*

Record of Board Vote... 12 -0-0 with chair voting aye

3.6 Discussion: Request to Sponsor Resolution: Extending Resource Center

Background: To bolster every student's academic journey and well-being, our initiative advocates for extending the operating hours of Basic Needs Resource Centers, printing services and libraries at community colleges. Recognizing that many of our students, such as working adults, parents, and part-time learners, have schedules that extend beyond traditional class times, it's crucial that our support services evolve to meet their needs. The current restricted availability of resource centers and libraries does not accommodate those attending evening classes, leading to an inequity in access. By extending the hours of these essential services, we ensure equitable support for all students, including access to crucial resources like printing and study materials. This proposal not only champions equity and inclusivity but also respects the diverse life circumstances of our student body, making a strong statement that we value every student's success, regardless of their time constraints.

Cost: N/A

3.7 Discussion: Request to Sponsor Resolution: Legal Clinic Resolution Sponsorship

Background: In the face of growing legal challenges impacting students, our resolution advocates for the creation of comprehensive legal clinics within community college campuses. This initiative transcends mere legal advice—it aims to dismantle educational barriers, champion student success, and guarantee fair access to justice. By offering services ranging from eviction defense and immigration support to employment law and general legal counsel, these clinics are tailored to meet the varied legal needs of our diverse student body. Embedding legal assistance within our educational infrastructure is designed to mitigate the stress and confusion associated with legal issues, fostering a more nurturing academic environment. Our resolution urges colleges to prepare students not just academically, but with the tools to understand and advocate for their legal rights and duties. The Legal Clinic Resolution represents a commitment to empowering students and enhancing our community colleges.

Cost: N/A

3.8 Discussion: Request to Sponsor Resolution: Student Stipend and Recognition

Background: Student leaders in California Community Colleges, balancing academic and leadership roles, often go unrecognized despite their professional level contributions. With 80% of these students working part- or full-time, their campus engagement is limited. To address this, we propose that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges develops a toolkit to guide the implementation of stipends, enhancing student leaders' ability to participate in campus life and governance. This initiative should include a transparent outline of compensation methods and advocate for transcript notations as formal recognition of their leadership roles. Implementing these measures is crucial for acknowledging and supporting the essential contributions of student leaders, fostering a more inclusive and engaged campus community.

Cost: N/A

3.9 Discussion: Request to Sponsor Resolution: Teleconferencing Amending AB 2449

Background: In an effort to champion inclusivity and accessibility for student leaders, we address the challenges posed by AB 2449. Currently, this legislation mandates remote students to disclose their location or have "just cause" to attend meetings, creating a barrier that hinders participation. Removing the teleconference location disclosure requirement would not only foster a more inclusive environment but also enhance the safety of student leaders, including those who are dual-enrolled in high school. We propose a revision of AB 2449 to eliminate the need for disclosing personal or student locations during meetings, thereby safeguarding student leaders and ensuring broader access. The Student Senate of California Community Colleges is committed to collaborating with partners within the California Community Colleges System to refine and enact this essential change, ensuring our legislation reflects the needs and protections our student community deserves.

Cost: N/A

3.10 Discussion: Request to Sponsor Resolution: Transportation Resolution Sponsorship

Background: ~~Reasons why accessibility for transportation is imperative:~~

~~Currently, campuses that already provide free parking passes or free public transportation passes will no longer be free because of the lack of funding by the district and state.~~

~~Lower the cost of parking fees and set an affordable standardized cost.~~

~~Provide stable funding for public transportation (which will be gone by 2024/2025 academic year), uber/lyft in basic need, so that if students need them, they are readily available.~~

~~This will be included in the FAFSA grant they are already receiving. It will no longer be separated, similar to Health Fees.~~

~~Students who already receive FAFSA grants no longer have to run around to look for an organization such as EOPS or similar, to obtain parking pass subsidy.~~

~~Cost: N/A~~

4. Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes)

4.1 Officers Reports

4.1.1 **Director Reports-**

4.1.2 Executive Vice President of Activities- Lijuan Zhu- Activity board items due tomorrow.

4.1.3 Vice President of Activities—Valencia (**Vacant**)

4.1.4 Vice President of Activities—Canyon Country (**Vacant**)

4.1.5 Social Student Involvement Coordinator I—Valencia- Sara Wali- Nothing

4.1.6 Social Student Involvement Coordinator II—Valencia (**Vacant**)

4.1.7 Social Student Involvement Coordinator— Canyon Country – Jesus Martinez Desantiago- Nothing

4.1.8 Cultural Student Involvement Coordinator I – Valencia – Pin-An (Aaron) Lin - Nothing

4.1.9 Cultural Student Involvement Coordinator II—Valencia – (**Vacant**)

4.1.10 Cultural Student Involvement Coordinator— Canyon Country (**Vacant**)

4.1.11 Public Affairs Officer –Stephanie Ofilada- Nothing

4.1.12 Vice President of Inter Club Council- Ellie Wingo- Nothing

4.1.13 Officer of Equity- Moussa A. Haj Ghaban- Nothing

4.1.14 Officer of Marketing and Information- Harrison Kim- Nothing

4.1.15 Executive Liaison Officer- Sanjana Sudhir- Nothing

4.1.16 Student Trustee- Hestia Sartika -Nothing

4.1.17 Executive Vice President – Caitlin Herron- District committee submissions need to be submitted to the OneDrive and need to be completed within one week of attending the meeting.

4.1.18 President- Christopher Bordbar – Alumni event update Sanjana, Moussa, Caitlin will help with the event. Picking who will be invited this week and will send it to Kelly. Thank you for filling out form.

- 4.1.19 ASG Technician- **Robin Herndon** – Changing table at the Pico Hall restroom just installed!
- 4.1.20 Advisor – **Joanna Kelly**- Encourage friends to apply for ASG. Increased competition with less positions open. Food services committee member and is asking for suggestions with the café closing at CCC. Currently planning on filling machine with hot pockets, cup of noodles, and vendor wants to know what else should be added. Turn in progress reports if have not done so. Cougar Mascot name is being voted on again due to the low responses from the first vote. The voting has been extended as well as adding the none of above option. Open for a couple more weeks and Discover Day will also have the voting available as well as alumni.
- 4.1.21 Advisor- **Lynn Suh**-Executive Board will go through Bylaws and first reading will be done next week during senate. Please review this and go to CCC next week for Jesus’ event. Elections will have one more info session on the 21st and go if you are unsure if you want to apply. Encourage students to apply for an ASG position. Cannot endorse another candidate if you are running for elections.
- 4.1.22 Lead Advisor- **Kelly Dapp**- Two officers need to submit your reports. Discover Day is next month on the 20th and ASG has a table reserved. Met to go over ASG budget and discussed having the district pick up some of the staff’s salaries. Working on updating the MOUs and in this case, will not have to raise the fee. This is also considering not filling Ronna’s position.

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 Body, Mind, Wellness
- 4.2.6 Bookstore
- 4.2.7 Calendar
- 4.2.8 CCC Advisory Committee
- 4.2.9 Celebrating the Humanities
- 4.2.10 Chancellor’s Taskforce Workforce Development Committee (CT)
- 4.2.11 Civic Engagement Steering Committee
- 4.2.12 College Planning Team
- 4.2.13 College Policy Council
- 4.2.14 Committee for Assessing Student Learning
- 4.2.15 Curriculum
- 4.2.16 Diversity
- 4.2.17 Enrollment Management
- 4.2.18 Emergency Preparedness Plan Committee
- 4.2.19 Facilities Master Plan
- 4.2.20 Faculty Professional Development Committee
- 4.2.21 Food Services
- 4.2.22 Grade Review

- 4.2.23 Honors Advisory Committee
- 4.2.24 **Institutional Effectiveness & Inclusive Excellence (IE2)- New Chancellors' goals for California Community Colleges including incorporating high school students. Calculating for equity was also discussed.**
- 4.2.25 Measure E & M
- 4.2.26 **President's Advisory Council -Difficult to understand some jargon – multi year projections and update on Strong Work Force and expanding efforts.**
- 4.2.27 Program Viability
- 4.2.28 Safety Committee
- 4.2.29 Student Art Collection
- 4.2.30 Student Conduct
- 4.2.31 Sustainable Development Committee
- 4.2.32 Technology
- 4.2.33 Women's Conference

4.3 Standing Committees

- 4.3.1 **ASG Finance Committee- Next Meeting beginning of May to hold the deliberations for the ASG Grants.**
- 4.3.2 **ASG Recruitment and Election Committee- Come to Info session if interested in applying for a position.**

4.4 Ad-Hoc Committees

- 4.4.1 Legacy Project Ad-Hoc Committee

5. Closing Forum:

Thank you for attending the Paw Cast yesterday. Please bring printout that Hestia provided today for the items that were stricken for next week.

6. Announcement of the Next Meeting- March 20, 2023

7. Adjournment (3:04p.m.)

Motion: Moussa Haj Ghaban, Officer of Equity

Second: Hestia Sartika, Student Trustee

Record of Board Vote: 12-0-0 with chair voting Aye