



ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

01/30/2026

Location: Board Room

10:30 AM-12:00 PM PDT

Posted by: Alina Kralya, Director of Communications

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Associated Student Body Senate will hold a meeting on **January 30th, 2026**. The location and meeting time are noted above. All Associated Student Body Senate meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodation will be provided to people with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify **ASB Senate President Soraya Amin** at **sorayaamin.asbarc@gmail.com** no less than two days prior to the meeting. Efforts will be made to meet requests made after such a date, if possible.

Indigenous Land Use Statement

We acknowledge the land which we occupy today as the traditional home of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the generations that have gone before as well as the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok people.

I. Call to Order

*The board meeting was called to order by President Amin at **10:30 am**, in the Board Room at 4700 College Oak Dr, Sacramento, CA 95841.*

II. Request for Remote Participation:

The Student Senate will consider member requests for remote participation under the provisions of [California Assembly Bill 2449](#).

- N/A

III. Roll Call

1	President Amin	Present
2	Vice-President Garcia	Present
3	Director of Finance Bourez	Present
4	Director of Legislative Affairs Saeedi	Present
5	Director of Communications Kralya	Present
6	Director of Public Relations Amini	Present
7	Director of Activities Saeedi	Present
8	Legislative Analyst Karachev	Present
9	Senate Whip Coronel	Present
10	Senator Chen	Present
11	Senator Faiz	Present
12	Senator Galvez	Unexcused
13	Senator Habibi	Present
14	Senator Limon	Unexcused
15	Senator Loghin	Present
16	Senator Mohammadi	Present
17	Senator Noori	Excused
18	Senator Paulus	Present
19	Senator Montgomery	Present
20	Senator Lopez	Present
21	CAEB Representative Hafiz	Present

18 of 21 members present, **quorum has been met.**

IV. Adoption of the Agenda *Approved*

V. Approval of the Minutes *Approved*

VI. Chair's Message

- President Amin shared updates from a meeting with the College Vice President, [Dr. David Miramontes-Quiñones](#), regarding Financial Aid services. A meeting focused on Counseling Services will also be scheduled soon.
- President Amin asked senators to inform her if there is anyone willing to be a part of this meeting.

Speech ended at 10:35 am

VII. Advisor's Message

- Senate Advisor, [Brett Sawyer](#), provided updates on Lobby Day and shared that he sent out an email about SLADE training, which will take place in the Board Room on February 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Faculty hiring committees currently have 11 students who are ready and cleared to serve. Additional committees will be formed, and more students will be appointed as needed.
- ASB Elections will take place on March 2nd, and all students are encouraged to apply. Students may also apply for the Board of Trustees position
- The advisor reviewed the eligibility requirements for the various positions on the Board.
- First Club Day will be held this Wednesday, February 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and again on February 10th.
- Brett notified the board that he will be absent from the February 20th meeting due to a conference.

Speech ended at 10:42 am

VIII. Public Comment

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- *N/A*

IX. Appointments/Swearing-In

This time will be reserved for the appointment and swearing-in of current members to ASB Senate and/or committees.

- **New Appointment:**
 - *Senator — Laiba Zainab*
 - *Senator — Oleksii Tkachenko*
No objections, they have been appointed.
- **New Committee Appointment:**
 - ***Student Learning Outcomes Assess Committee (SLOAC) Committee***
 - *Meeting on every 1st Wednesday of the Month – 3:00PM - 4:30PM*
 - ***Students appointed to the SLOAC Committee:***
 - *Senator Paulus*
 - *Senator Faiz*
- **Hiring committee 4 & 5 appointments:**
 - *Meeting on the Week of March 23rd, more information will be released soon.*
 - *ASB Vice-President, Marilyn Garcia*
 - *Ola Hadi*
No objections, they have been appointed.

X. Unfinished Business *N/A*

XI. New Business

- **11.1 Model United Nations Club Update**

This time is reserved for the Model United Nations Club to provide updates on funding for the 75th Annual Model United Nations of the Far West Conference, taking place April 16–20, 2026, in San Francisco, where the club will represent American River College at this national conference.

Motion to discuss bill 11.1:

Moved by Senator Mohammadi, 2nd by Senator Paulus.

- Representatives of Model UN came to share more information about the upcoming conference in San Francisco, what their goals are, and talk about their plans to create a committee for fundraising purposes.

● **11.2 S26-05 Student Senate Meeting Refreshments**

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action on Bill S26-05 Student Senate Meeting Refreshments, which would allocate up to \$500.00 for Senate meeting refreshments, including snacks and beverages, during the Spring 2026 semester.

Motion to discuss item 11.2:

Moved by DoA Saeedi, 2nd by DoPR Amini.

- DoA Saeedi explained what the bill is about, finance required for it, and how it will be implemented. This bill was also inspired by the Academic Senate.

Roll Call Vote for Bill S26-05:

Moved by VP Garcia, 2nd by CAEB Representative Hafiz.

Aye: 20

No: none

Absent: none

Bill has passed; 20:0

● **11.3 Lobby Day**

This time is reserved to discuss Lobby Day plans and updates.

Motion to discuss item 11.3:

Moved by DoA Saeedi, 2nd by CAEB Representative Hafiz.

- President Amin discussed the various focus areas available for Lobby Day bills. ARC has selected Basic Needs and Counseling as its priority areas, and the committee will be reviewing bills related to those topics.
- President Amin encouraged everyone to attend the Legislative Affairs Committee meetings, where all Lobby Day-related discussions will take place and bill research will begin.
- The next SAC meeting is scheduled for February 18th, and after that meeting, the bills ARC will advocate for will be finalized.

● **11.4 Stipends**

This time is reserved to go over updates on stipends, the progress Los Rios sister colleges are making towards passing resolutions, and ways the American River College Student Senate can help.

Motion to discuss item 11.4:

Moved by Senator Paulus, 2nd by Senator Chen.

- President Amin announced that the first reading of the resolution will take place at the upcoming SAC meeting and noted that the sister colleges are working to pass the same resolution.
- President Amin encouraged senators to participate in discussions with the sister colleges to support passing the resolution district-wide, as approval is required from all LRCCD colleges.

XII. Committee Reports

This time is reserved for committee chairs to provide the board with a brief report on the current standing of active committees.

- Legislative Affairs Committee Report:
 - DoLA Saeedi DoLA Saeedi reported that the official meeting has been scheduled for February 6th. Additional details will be shared by the end of the day.
- Governance Committee Report:
 - VP Garcia shared that a Doodle poll has been sent out to determine the date of the official meeting and to continue work on the bylaws started last semester.
- Food Accessibility Committee Report:
 - DoPR Amini stated that a Doodle poll for meeting times will be sent out.
- Accessibility Committee Report:
 - VP Garcia sent out a Doodle poll to determine the date of the official meeting.
- Finance Committee Report:
 - DoF Bourez announced that he will be resigning after this meeting. He shared all relevant financial information via Google Drive and provided an update on the current financial status of ASB.
- Student Voices Committee Report:

- CAEB Representative Hafiz sent out a Doodle poll to determine a time for the official meeting.
- District Committee Reports:
 - Senator Faiz deferred her report, as there has been no communication from the District Budget Committee.
 - DoLA Saeedi deferred her report, as there was a similar situation with the Academic Calendar Committee.
 - President Amin reported no updates from the AI Committee.
 - DoA Saeedi deferred her report, as there was no communication from the Chancellor's Cabinet Committee.
- Public Relations Committee Report:
 - DoPR Amini shared that she will be meeting today with the Director of Public Relations at CAEB to coordinate a meeting time that works for both boards.
- Technology Committee Report:
 - Senator Loghin reported that the official meeting will be held next week and that a poll has been sent out to determine the meeting time.
- Activities Committee Report:
 - DoA Saeedi mentioned that she and Senate Whip Coronel will be working on implementing a board outside of CLD to promote Senate activities.

XIII. Board Member Reports/Announcements

This time is reserved for board members to inform the board about relevant campus-wide events, and to report any pertinent committee progress/activities. A time of three (3) minutes per report shall be observed.

- CAEB Representative Hafiz shared updates on the first Club Day and the "Love Your Community" event, including planned activities for it.
- DoPR Amini provided information about LRC tutoring services and explained how students can schedule appointments through Beacon Tutoring.
- DoLA Saeedi reported on her attendance at the Academic Senate meeting and shared plans to increase student involvement.
- DoC Kralya discussed scholarship and internship season, an upcoming event hosted by

ARC Career and Technical Education on February 7th, and upcoming field trips to different campuses hosted by Transfer Center.

- DoA Saeedi talked about the new name tags distributed at this meeting, notes on the back of them, and shared that the senator contact form has been updated. She also uploaded a document listing upcoming events, which will be updated throughout the semester. She and [Hanna Blodgett](#) are working on “What to do if Ice show up on Campus” workshop, and she will be sending out a form regarding snacks for meetings.
- Senator Loghin requested to table on behalf of ASB during Club Day.
- Senator Montgomery shared information about an upcoming talent show.
- Senate Whip Coronel asked senators to schedule their one-on-one meetings with her during February and encouraged participation in pop-up senator meetings. She also encouraged senators to stay after the meeting to talk to each other and build meaningful connections.
- Senator Habibi asked whether the Senate could provide flyers for the Welcome and Support Center to help promote ASB.
- Senator Lopez shared that he is gathering resources to support students’ mental health and help students express themselves among their peers, since it is a big issue.
- Senator Paulus shared personal challenges and reminded everyone of the importance of taking care of their health. She is also ready to participate in as many committees as possible.
- Senator Mohammadi discussed the recent Afghan Student Association meeting, how it went, and suggested adjusting committee hours to be more inclusive.
- VP Garcia reminded senators that today is the last day to drop a class without a notation on record. She also encouraged senators to talk about the Senate in their classes and noted that the Operations and Sustainability Committee is seeking a student representative.
- President Amin discussed the need to conduct classroom visits prior to the elections to promote ASB and requested updates to the contact sheet. She also proposed creating a Scholarship Committee.

XIV. SSSCC & Region 2 Updates

This time is reserved for appointed board members, members of the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) to provide updates about state and regional initiatives.

- DoA Saeedi shared that the delegate assembly meeting is happening tomorrow and that senators are welcome to join it as an audience.

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- N/A

XVI. Adjournment

*President Amin adjourned the meeting at **11:53am**.*

Soraya Amin **ASB Senate President**

Brett Sawyer **Advisor**