



ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

Student Senate

Meeting Minutes

02/20/2026

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 **February 20th, 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 **10:33 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 Legislative Affairs Saeedi	Present
4	Director of Communications Kralya	Present
5	Director of Public Relations Amini	Present
6	Director of Activities Saeedi	Present
7	Legislative Analyst Karachev	Present
8	Senate Whip Coronel	Present
9	Senator Chen	Present
10	Senator Faiz	Present
11	Senator Galvez	Unexcused
12	Senator Habibi	Unexcused
13	Senator Loghin	Present
14	Senator Lopez	Unexcused
15	Senator Mohammadi	Unexcused
16	Senator Montgomery	Excused
17	Senator Noori	Present
18	Senator Paulus	Excused
19	Senator Tkachenko	Present
20	Senator Zainab	Present
21	CAEB Representative Hafiz	Present

15 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 announced that Item 11.2 would be skipped during the meeting.
- She also informed the board about her attendance at the recent SAC meeting and noted that Los Rios plans to lobby for Bill AB 961, with the possibility of supporting additional bills as well.

Speech ended at 10:37 am

VII. Advisor's Message

- Senate Advisor [Brett Sawyer](#) was unable to attend the meeting due to his participation in a professional conference. American River College Outreach Specialist [Dianne Cervantes](#) attended as his substitute.
- Cervantes announced the upcoming High School Counselor Day, briefly explaining the purpose of the event. She noted that an informational email would be sent on March 2 and encouraged Senate members to volunteer and help promote the college to prospective students.

Speech ended at 10:40 am

VIII. Public Comment

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- *Audience Member #1:* [William Forseth](#), a representative from the college newspaper, attended the meeting to record information for a report. He also noted that anyone who would like to further discuss specific issues is welcome to reach out to him.

- *Audience Member #2: [Hansen Wang](#)*, a representative of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), provided information about “March in March,” scheduled for March 12, as well as the General Assembly and Advocacy Day. He explained how the advocacy event works and invited students to participate in the march to the State Capitol on Thursday, March 12.
 - He also shared information about the SSCCC General Assembly, taking place March 27–29 in San Francisco, where student leaders from across California present resolutions and hold officer elections.
 - Students interested in getting involved may join SSCCC Official, apply for officer positions, and campuses are encouraged to register as soon as possible. He invited anyone with questions to contact him directly.

IX. Appointments/Swearing-In

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

- **Dismissal:**
 - *Senator — Lorenzo Limon*
 - *Director of Finance — Luke Bourez*

No objections, they have been dismissed.
- **New Appointment:**
 - *Director of Finance — Aila Faiz*
 - *Senator — Reyhana Rezai*
 - *Senator — Mursal Watanwal*

No objections, they have been appointed.

X. Unfinished Business *N/A*

XI. New Business

- **11.1 ARC Accreditation Midterm Report Writing Team**

This time is reserved for the Accreditation Midterm Report Writing Team to provide a brief overview of the College’s midterm accreditation report (year 3 of the 6-year

cycle) and to gather input from the Student Senate. The report is being shared campus-wide with constituency groups, senates, and councils this semester, and is planned for Board approval in May.

Motion to discuss bill 11.1:

Moved by VP Garcia, 2nd by Senator Noori.

- Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, [Dr. Brenda Valles](#), and faculty member of ARC's Sociology Department, [Dr. Jeffrey Sacha](#), provided an overview of the accreditation process, including its goals, purpose, and cycle. They also explained the components of the Midterm Report.
- They also shared their intention to engage student leaders in the process and invited feedback from the Senate.

• **11.2 LRC Tutoring Programs**

This time is reserved for the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Tutoring Programs team to share brief updates, highlight programming planned for this semester, and answer questions from the Student Senate.

Motion to discuss item 11.2:

No motion, Item was skipped

• **11.3 S26-06 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society**

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action on [Bill S26-06](#), Funding Allocation for Phi Theta Kappa Honors Summit 2026 Catering, which allocates up to \$2,500 to support dessert catering and dinner expenses for the PTK Honors Summit scheduled for March 3–5, 2026.

Motion to discuss item 11.3:

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

- President of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), [Sofia Kovalko](#), shared information about the upcoming AI Summit and the research paper the organization is currently developing on how artificial intelligence influences students' writing skills and academic work.
- She also discussed plans to engage campus clubs in the summit.
- The bill primarily seeks to cover Pacific Dining fees for the celebration dinner scheduled for Thursday, March 5.

Roll Call Vote for Bill S26-06:

Moved by CAEB Representative Hafiz, 2nd by DoF Faiz.

Aye: 15

No: none

Absent: 1

Bill has passed; 15:0

- **11.4 F25-15 General Assembly Bill**

This time is reserved to discuss and potentially take action on [Bill F25-15 SSCCC General Assembly](#).

Motion to discuss item 11.4:

Moved by Senator Noori, 2nd by CAEB Representative Hafiz.

- President Amin provided additional information about the General Assembly Conference. The Senate discussed which members will be attending, the selection process for participants, and the reason the bill requires amendments from the previous semester.

Motion to amend Bill F25-15 to \$12,000 from \$7,000:

Moved by VP Garcia, 2nd by DoC Kralya.

Aye: 16

No: none

Absent: none

Bill has been amended; 16:0

- **11.5 Lobby Day and Training**

This time is allocated to discuss the progress made in terms of lobby day planning and training.

Motion to discuss item 11.5:

Moved by VP Garcia, 2nd by Senator Loghin.

- VP Garcia announced that the SLATE meeting will take place next week from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and that all board members are expected to attend.
- President Amin will send a reminder email closer to the meeting date.
- Director of Legislative Affairs Saedi reported on the bills selected during the meeting:
 - AB 1900 – Proposes the creation of a universal single-payer healthcare system.
 - AB 673 – Aims to support dual-enrollment students who are in foster care.

- AB 1970 – Seeks to prohibit insurance companies from restricting access to medications used to treat mental health disorders.
 - The bill selected by Los Rios for advocacy is AB 961, which aims to make it easier for California residents to qualify for CalFresh and access food assistance.
- **11.6 Governance Committee Updates**
This time is reserved for the Governance Committee to give updates and potentially take action on the Bylaws.

Motion to discuss item 11.6:

Moved by VP Garcia, 2nd by DoC Kralya.

- VP Garcia provided an update on the recent committee meetings and the progress made on revising the Bylaws. The proposed changes are not yet ready to be presented, however, the committee is considering the addition of a Data Analyst position to the board.

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:
 - Was discussed in Item 11.5
- Governance Committee Report:
 - Was discussed in Item 11.6.
- Food Accessibility Committee Report:
 - DoA Saeedi shared that the official meeting times will be announced soon.
- Accessibility Committee Report:
 - VP Garcia announced that she is stepping down as Chair of the Accessibility Committee and encouraged interested senators to step forward and take the chair position.
- Student Voices Committee Report:
 - CAEB Representative Hafiz discussed the main ideas committee came up with and shared when the next meeting will be.

- District Committee Reports:
 - DoF Faiz No updates.
 - DoLA Saeedi No updates
 - President Amin reported that the AI Task Force is currently at the stage of sending representatives to the district to discuss AI and its use in college.
 - DoA Saeedi No updates.

- Public Relations Committee Report:
 - DoPR Amini shared that the meeting was online, and what ideas they discussed there.

- Technology Committee Report:
 - Senator Loghin had a meeting 2 weeks ago and they were discussing the possible updates they can do to the WayFind website.

- Activities Committee Report:
 - DoA Saeedi announced that the committee met two weeks ago, and the next meeting will be rescheduled. They also collected the posters displayed around campus that were used to gather students' concerns and issues on campus.

Request to extend the time:

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

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.

- VP Garcia will send an email summarizing all sustainability committee updates from the recent meeting.
- Senate Whip Coronel announced that Senator one-on-ones will be offered for the last time next week and encouraged participation in monthly pop-up office hours.
- Senator Loghin will be sending out an email regarding upcoming updates.
- DoLA Saeedi provided a summary of the recent Sacramento meeting; an email with details will be sent out soon.
- DoF Faiz expressed excitement about assuming the role of Director of Finance.
- DoA Saeedi listed the committees she has been attending and highlighted the ongoing ICE-on-Campus workshop.
- DoPR Amini discussed campus support programs and the benefits they provide to

students.

- CAEB Representative Hafiz provided an update on the last Club Day, including successes, issues with the campus internet outage, and announced the next event on February 24, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
- President Amin met with Dr. Cardoza to discuss counseling issues, Senate progress, and scholarship marketing. She also mentioned an upcoming meeting with VPSS Dr. Miramontes.

XIV. SSSCC & Region 2 Updates

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

- DoA Saeedi asked senators to email her if anyone plans to attend March in March.

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- N/A

XVI. Adjournment

President Amin adjourned the meeting at 12:12am.

Soraya Amin ASB Senate President

Brett Sawyer Advisor