



CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Associated Students of Cypress College will meet, commencing on September 21, 2026. The start time is approximate. Pursuant to the Government Code Section 54955 and 54954.2(b) (3), the council may adjourn, reconvene, and re-adjourn from time to time, as may be necessary to transact the business of the Council. Those wishing to address the Council shall be present during public forum and express their concern. For further information, please contact Student Life and Leadership via email at: StudentLife@CypressCollege.edu.

September 21, 2026
SLL/VRC Conference Room (Building 8, Room 150)
Student Life and Leadership, Cypress College
9200 Valley View St, Cypress, CA 90630
2 p.m.

Cypress College Associated Students Council

President _____ Geralyn Ibarra*

Executive Vice President _____ Hayden Le

Student Trustee _____ Ahmad Haidari*

Vice President of Internal & External Affairs _____ Namleen Verma*

Vice President of Student Organizations _____ William Masanja

Vice President of Campus Activities _____ Josue Coslaya*

Vice President of Fiscal Affairs _____ Ayesha Arif*

Vice President of Public Relations _____ Yessenia Oseguera Flores*

Executive Secretary _____ Priyasi Patel*

Director of Program and Affinity Relations _____ Nixon Lara

Activities Coordinator _____ Pablo Hernandez Cruz

Activities Coordinator _____ Kyle Phan

Activities Coordinator _____ Raghad Abu Rezeq*

Activities Coordinator _____ Nooraldain Al Seragi*

Activities Coordinator _____Narin Chung*

Activities Coordinator _____Samantha Reyes*

Activities Coordinator _____Martin Gurrola

Activities Coordinator _____Chloe Rodriguez

Activities Coordinator _____Dia Raja

Activities Coordinator _____Leyla Mendoza

Activities Coordinator _____Nicholas Pierce

Activities Coordinator _____Janki Sheth

Senator _____Brittany Gonzalez*

Senator _____Jayden Lee

Senator _____Javier Torres

Senator _____Shivani Patil

Senator _____Ian Bautista

Senator _____EJ Kim*

Senator _____Helen Vu

Senator _____Ian Dumatol

Senator _____Ren Iwaki

Advisor _____David Okawa**

Co-Advisor _____Joseph Marlowe**

**Voting Member*

***Parliamentarian and Non-Member Advisory Role*

Absent: Geralyn Ibarra, Ayesha Arif, Yessenia Osegura, Pablo Hernandez, Raghad Rezeq, Narin Chung, Brittany Gonzales, EJ Kim, and Ian Dumatol.

I. Call the Meeting to Order, Oath of Office, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

The meeting has been called to order at 2:01pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Council will consider approval of the agenda for the September 21, 2026 meeting.

APPROVED

III. Approval of Minutes

The Council will consider approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting.

APPROVED

IV. Public Comment

This time is reserved for members of the public to address the AS Council on issues not already appearing on the agenda. A limit of five minutes per speaker and fifteen minutes per topic shall be observed.

Cypress College's 13th president, Dr. Scott W. Thayer and Vice President of Student services, Dr. Paul de Dios joined the meeting. They shared how there is a ribbon cutting coming up for the new building at school and shared how it is significant to stay involved within campus through events, affinity groups, and other resources. Additionally, there is Connect2Cypress on November 3rd. The FASS building is closed for further notice.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion: Academic Senate Resolution Drafts

The Council will discuss the status and progression regarding the Academic Senate's proposed resolution drafts.

Resolution drafts are made to propose at General Assembly to make change within all community colleges in the state of California.

B. Discussion: Event Recap

N/A

VI. New Business

A. Funding: Women's Unity Club Grant

The Council will consider funding for the Women's Unity club grant not to exceed \$400.

Members stopped by earlier and funding was still visited during the meeting.

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B. Funding: Art Visionaries Club Grant

The Council will consider funding for the Art Visionaries club grant not to exceed \$400.

Funding will be used for large scale ideas and other club events.

Janki Sheth moves, Leyla Mendoza seconds.

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C. Funding: Business Club Grant

The Council will consider funding for the Business club grant not to exceed \$400.

Priyasi Patel is representing the Business Club. The funding will be used for snacks, beverages, materials, and any additional supplies needed for the club.

Ren Iwaki moves, William Masanja seconds

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D. Funding: Charger on Wheels Club Grant

The Council will consider funding for Charger on Wheels club grant not to exceed \$400.

Ren Iwaki is representing the Charger on Wheels club. Funding will be used for snacks, drinks, and club events.

Nooraldain Seragi moves, Janki Sheth seconds.

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E. Funding: Chemistry Club Grant

The Council will consider funding for Chemistry club grant not to exceed \$400.

Nooraldain Seragi is here to attend chemistry club. Grant will be used for events, snacks, and other activities.

William Masanja moves, Janki Sheth seconds.

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F. Funding: Chess Club Grant

The Council will consider funding for Chess club grant not to exceed \$400.

Vittorio is representing the Chess Club. The grant would be for food, snacks, and any other needs of the club.

William Masanja moves, Leyla Mendoza seconds.

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G. Funding: Student Garden Grand Opening Event

The Council will consider funding for the student garden grand opening event not to exceed \$400.

The garden is now open with new seeds, flowers, etc.

Janki Sheth moves, William Masanja seconds.

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H. Funding: Affinity & Athletics Pool Party

The Council will consider funding for the Affinity & Athletics Pool Party for nachos and supplies not to exceed \$225.

Javier Torres moves, Chloe Rodriguez seconds.

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I. Consideration: Cypress College Associated Students Meeting Time

The Council will discuss and vote on a new meeting time for the Spring 2027 Semester.

Associated Students meetings will now be on Friday's for the Spring 2027 semester.

William Masanja moves, Nico Peirce seconds.

J. Discussion: Friends of Associated Students: Presented by Janki Sheth

The Council will listen and discuss an initiative proposed and presented by CCAS Council Member Janki Sheth.

VII. Reports

A. Shared Governance Committees

(1) Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness_____H. Vu

There is a potential change in the program regarding dates that are more flexible. There is a request for ICC to finish charter review, the safety committee is on hiatus, there was discussion about switching shared governance to participatory committees, and establishing student representatives are not required to be voting members.

(2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee_____K. Phan

No report.

(3) Planning and Budgeting Committee_____R. Rezeq

No report.

(4) President Advisory Cabinet_____J. Coslaya

No report.

(5) Professional Development Committee_____I. Dumatol

No report.

(6) Safety Committee_____J. Lee

On hiatus until further notice.

B. Representative Bodies

(1) Academic Senate_____J. Coslaya

There is discussion of moving from Slack to Pronto campus wide. However, it would cost around \$30,000 annually for this change. The parking system is switching to be similar to Fullerton College. NOCE is looking to become a third college.

(2) Curriculum Committee_____C. Rodriguez

There is an unveiling of units for specific majors only.

C. Campus Committees

(1) Guided Pathways Steering Committee_____W. Masanja

No report.

(2) Student Equity and Achievement Committee_____J. Torres

First meeting on October 7th.

(3) Technology Committee_____E. Kim

No report.

(4) Distance Education Committee_____E. Kim

No report.

D. Workgroups and Taskforces

(1) Sustainability Committee_____J. Torres

Meeting today at 3pm.

E. Associated Students Internal Committees

(1) Events Committee (Activities Coordinators)_____J. Coslaya

No report.

(2) Student Affairs Committee (Senators)_____N. Verma

No report.

(3) Inter-Club Council_____W. Masanja

No report.

(4) Civic Discourse & Engagement Committee_____G. Ibarra

Times will be announced soon. Look out for times and dates.

(5) Public Relations Committee_____Y. Oseguera

Introduction posts have now begun.

(6) Campus Garden Committee_____J. Coslaya

Opening is tentative for Wednesday, September 30th from 1-3pm. The theme is barbecue.

(7) Mental Health Committee_____P. Patel & N. Lara

No report.

(8) Student Voice and Feedback Committee_____J. Sheth

No Report.

(9) Involvement and Action Committee_____G. Ibarra

This committee is dedicated to presenting to classrooms about Associated Students. It will start within the next two weeks.

F. Student Representative Affairs

(1) SSCCC Region VIII Executive Board_____N. Verma

(2) SSCCC Delegate Assembly_____N. Verma

The first delegates' assembly is Tuesday, September 22nd at 3pm.

G. Advisor and Executive Board Reports

(1) David Okawa, Advisor

No report.

(2) Joseph Marlowe, Co-Advisor

There has been a change in attendance and how things will be delegated and/or excused. Slack is not assured or safe, Pronto may be a factor.

(3) Nixon Lara, Director of Program and Affinity Relations

The Hispanic Heritage Appreciation Women's Soccer event was last Thursday with a strong turnout and positive student engagement. The Athletics and Affinity Pool Party Monday, September 21st from 3-5pm. The 2026–2027 Associated Students Overview flyer has been sent to the APIDA Center to distribute to their students and increase awareness of Associated Students, student resources, benefits, and involvement opportunities. In the far future, there is an Affinity Block Party that is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(4) Priyasi Patel, Executive Secretary

No report.

(5) Yessenia Oseguera, Vice President of Public Relations

No report.

(6) Ayesha Arif, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs

No report.

(7) Josue Coslaya, Vice President of Campus Activities

No report.

(8) William Masanja, Vice President of Student Organizations

No report.

(9) Namleen Verma, Vice President of Internal & External Affairs

No report.

(10) Ahmad Haidari, Student Trustee

The main topic conversations at the NOCCCD Board meeting reviewed district budgeting across Cypress College, Fullerton College, NOCE, and District services and they reviewed District policy updates. Academic Senate draft resolutions concerning religious discrimination, antisemitism, and Islamophobia should remain respectful and constructive. Joining this meeting is also open to the public. Next board meeting is September 22nd.

(11) Hayden Le, Executive Vice President

No report.

(12) Geralyn Ibarra, President

The first evening engagement is this Wednesday. Set up is 3-4pm, the event is 4-6pm, and clean up is 6-8pm. Please select an internal committee by Wednesday so that we can start projects.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: 09/28/2026 at 12:50PM, and additional meeting dates to be determined by the Council.

Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:

Geralyn Ibarra, President

Joseph Marlowe, Co-Advisor