



CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REGULAR MEETING



January 20, 2026 at 1 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Location: SLL/VRC Conference Room (Building 8, Room 150)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Associated Students of Cypress College will meet, commencing on January 20, 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.

Cypress College Associated Students Council

President _____	Angel Hernandez
Executive Vice President _____	Samantha Sweiss
Student Trustee _____	Zachary Colinco
Vice President of Internal & External Affairs _____	Sania Usmani
Vice President of Student Organizations _____	Alfa Anan Madhu
Vice President of Campus Activities _____	Sundehi Hassan
Vice President of Fiscal Affairs _____	Ayesha Arif
Vice President of Public Relations _____	Yessenia Oseguera
Executive Secretary _____	Connor Foley

Activities Coordinator _____	Adeline Yoo
Activities Coordinator _____	Rahma Fares
Activities Coordinator _____	Madelyn Young
Activities Coordinator _____	Claire Jung
Activities Coordinator _____	Alika Joshi

Senator _____	Gianna Garza
Senator _____	Alec Gibson
Senator _____	Helen Vu
Senator _____	Jules Kim
Senator _____	Ward Alkeelany
Senator _____	David Su
Senator _____	Ian Dumatol

Advisor _____	David Okawa
Co-Advisor _____	Joseph Shonkwiler

ABSENT: Samantha Sweiss, Sundehi Hassan, Ayesha Arif, Connor Foley, Adeline Yoo, Rhama Fares, Madelyn Young, Helen Vu, David Su

GUESTS:

RECORDER: Sania Usmani, Vice President of Internal & External Affairs

I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

(1.1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

Meeting called to order at **10:30 A.M.**

(1.2) Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda for January 20, 2026

APPROVED

(1.3) Review of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2025

Item tabled to next meeting.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

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.

Gianna mentioned that the swap meet at Cypress College this past weekend, Sunday 1/18, gained a lot of attention from homeland security and ICE, asked for clarification of the events for anyone who was present.

Dave stated he will discuss the topic with Campus Security.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(3.1) N/A

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(4.1) Active minds club grant

The council will approve funding for active minds to not exceed \$400

Anna Spencer-Lonetti, advisor of Active Minds, requested the grant to assist with resources for raising mental health awareness and the club's goals. All paperwork was signed and approved.

Moved by Jules, seconded by Gianna.

APPROVED

(4.2) KinderCaminata Funding Request

The council will approve funding for Kindercaminata to not exceed \$250

Angel explained that kindergarten students will visit campus to engage with various programs hosting their own booths. The event will take place on a Friday morning in March, the exact date to be confirmed.

Moved by Yessenia, seconded by Ian.

APPROVED

(4.3) A.S. End of the Year Banquet Funding Request

The council will approve funding for The End of The Year Banquet to not exceed \$3,000

Dave suggested planning for banquet and noted that additional funding may be required at a later date.

Moved by Alfa, seconded by Jules.

APPROVED

(4.4) Resolution Decisions

The council will pick up from the previous week to decide which resolutions we will proceed with for General Assembly

Angel explained that during a previous town hall, a student presented a potential resolution with details and outlines, and it has been decided that the council will move forward with submitting it for GA. Gianna asked whether the student would be attending GA to present it themselves, Angel clarified that the student applied for CCAS and will be joining the upcoming semester.

Claire presented a resolution proposal in collaboration with Madelyn endorsing early registration and refund systems for students who are waitlisted or drop classes.

Additional resolutions presented from the previous meeting were reviewed once more.

The council decided to move forward with Alec's resolution and Gianna's resolution.

An official vote was taken to decide on the remaining resolutions. Samantha & Rahma's resolution and Ian's resolution passed to move forward with.

(4.5) Spring Semester Retreat date discussion

The council will discuss the date and time for retreat

Gianna asked when new council members would be sworn in, Angel clarified it would be during the first Monday meeting of the semester.

The proposed retreat time is 9 AM to 2 PM, following the same structure as the past Fall retreat, and will be held at Ralph B. Clark Park. The council discussed whether Friday, February 6 would be a suitable date.

(4.6) Executive of Activities Resignation

The former Executive of activities in A.S., Sundehi Hassan, will resign from current position

Item tabled to next meeting.

(4.7) New Executive of Activities Swear in

Maddie Vuong will be sworn into Executive of Activities for the Spring 26' semester

Item tabled to next meeting.

V. EVENT RECAP

(5.1) N/A

VI. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Shared Governance Committees

(6.1) Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness | D. Su

NO REPORT

(6.2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee | W. Alkeelany

NO REPORT

(6.3) Planning and Budgeting Committee | J. Kim

NO REPORT

(6.4) President Advisory Cabinet | A. Hernandez

NO REPORT

(6.5) Professional Development Committee | A. Gibson

NO REPORT

(6.6) Safety Committee | S. Hassan

NO REPORT

(6.7) Student Services Program Committee

NO REPORT

Representative Bodies

(6.8) Academic Senate | A. Hernandez

NO REPORT

(6.9) Curriculum Committee | G. Garza

NO REPORT

Campus Committees

(6.10) Guided Pathways Steering Committee | S. Sweiss

NO REPORT

(6.11) Student Equity and Achievement Committee | D. Su

NO REPORT

(6.12) Technology Committee | I. Dumatol

NO REPORT

(6.13) Distance Education Committee | H. Vu

NO REPORT

Workgroups and Taskforces

(6.14) Sustainability Committee | A. Anan

NO REPORT

Associated Students Internal Committees

(6.15) Events Committee (Activities Coordinators) | S. Hassan

NO REPORT

(6.16) Student Affairs Committee (Senators) | S. Usmani

NO REPORT

(6.17) Inter-Club Council | A. Anan

NO REPORT

(6.18) Civic Discourse Committee | C. Foley

NO REPORT

(6.19) Public Relations Committee | Y. Oseguera

NO REPORT

(6.20) Mental Health Committee | S. Hassan

NO REPORT

(6.21) Campus Garden Committee | G. Garza

NO REPORT

(6.22) Civic Engagement | C. Jung

NO REPORT

(6.23) Student Representation Committee | A. Anan

NO REPORT

Student Representative Affairs

(6.24) Region VIII Executive Board | **S. Usmani**

NO REPORT

(6.25) Delegate Assembly | **S. Usmani**

It was announced that Region VIII Affairs Director, Flo Cudal, has resigned from the position. The current Vice Chair, Gustavo Sanchez, will lead as the new RAD beginning in February.

VII. ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(7.1) David Okawa, Advisor

Dave shared that there is a surplus of women's and children's clothing available for donation and suggested a clothing drive. Angel noted that past attempts lacked promotion and would require proper planning if decided on, but agreed that it is a good idea.

Dave also asked the council to decide on food options for Welcome Back. Gianna suggested that whoever is making the tasklist assigns Charger Experience members to help, mainly with serving food. Dave stated that he would confirm how much of CE could assist. Pizza, burgers, and hot dogs were favored.

AS Benefits card enforcement for Welcome Back and Club Rush was discussed.

(7.2) Joseph Shonkwiler, Co-Advisor

NO REPORT

(7.3) Connor Foley, Executive Secretary

NO REPORT

(7.4) Yessenia Oseguera, Vice President of Public Relations

NO REPORT

(7.5) Ayesha Arif, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs

NO REPORT

(7.6) Sundehi Hassan, Vice President of Campus Activities

NO REPORT

(7.7) Alfa Madhu, Vice President of Student Organizations

NO REPORT

(7.8) Sania Usmani President of Internal & External Affairs

Reminded those writing GA resolutions that the deadline is 2/13, suggested to begin working on them ASAP. Stated that a group chat will be made on slack with resources to help and further reminders regarding the resolution process.

(7.9) Zachary Colinco, Student Trustee

NO REPORT

(7.10) Samantha Sweiss, Executive Vice President

NO REPORT

(7.11) Angel Hernandez, President

Reminded members working on resolutions to attend a resolution writing presentation after the meeting, in the AS room.

Introduced a new event idea, "Build Your Own Bouquet." A potential layout idea was shared on Slack. The event would likely take place on a Wednesday, details to be confirmed, and will be promoted through flyers and social media. Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8.1) N/A

| **A. Hernandez**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at **11:35 AM.**

Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:

Angel Hernandez, President

David Okawa, Advisor