



# CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REGULAR MEETING



February 23, 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 February 23, 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_ Maddie Vuong
- Vice President of Fiscal Affairs \_\_\_\_\_ Ayesha Arif
- Vice President of Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_ Yessenia Oseguera
- Executive Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Connor Foley
  
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Adeline Yoo
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Ahmad Haidari
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Alika Joshi
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Claire Jung
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Josue Coslaya
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Kyle Phan
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Lwam Kibrom
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Nixon Lara
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Pablo Hernandez Cruz
- Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Rahma Fares
  
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Alec Gibson
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Alex Ovabor
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ David Su
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Geralyn Ibarra
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Gianna Garza
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Hayden Le
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Helen Vu
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Ian Dumatol
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Jayden Lee
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Jules Kim
- Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Maham Bawany

Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Namleen Verma  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Priyasi Patel  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Ren Iwaki  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Sundehi Hassan  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Ward Alkeelany  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_ William Masanja

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ David Okawa  
Co-Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Shonkwiler

## I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

### (I.1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

**Absent: Ward, Alfa, Adeline, Alek, David**

### (I.2) Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda for February 23, 2026

**Agenda changed from Feb 2 to Feb 23**

**No objection to adoption**

### (I.3) Review of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2026.

**Minutes approved**

## 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.

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### (4.1) Club Grant Request Consideration - Engineering Society

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for the Engineering Society.

**Thomas, club grant for food, bev, and club events. William approved, Yessenia seconded.**

### (4.2) Club Grant Request Consideration - Chess Club

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for Chess Club.

**Vittorio, club grant for food and bev. Samantha approved, William seconded.**

### (4.3) Club Grant Request Consideration - Students for Justice in Palestine Club

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for Students for Justice in Palestine.

**Robert Diaz, club grant for movie screen, snacks, Canva subscription. Jules approved, Gianna seconded.**

### (4.4) Club Grant Request Consideration - Christian Fellowship Club

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for Christian Fellowship Club.

**Marlo, club grant for food, bev, and ingredients for World Fest. Maham approved, Ayesha seconded.**

**(4.5) Club Grant Request Consideration - Muslim Student Association Club**

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for Muslim Student Association Club.

**Eunice, club grant for promotional materials and dinners for cultural events, club events, etc. Hayden approved, Ian seconded.**

**(4.6) Club Grant Request Consideration - Creative Guild Club**

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for Creative Guild Club.

**Stephanie, club grant for snacks, participation prizes in events, durable club rush materials, misc club expenses. Helen approved, GERALYN seconded.**

**(4.7) Club Grant Request Consideration - Black & Biracial Artists Alliance**

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for Black and Biracial Artists Alliance.

**Danielle Dancer, club grant for club events and supplies for hosting. William approved, Connor seconded.**

**(4.8) Campus Community Garden Completion and Student Driven Upkeep**

The Council will discuss the opening of the Campus Community Garden and best approaches for maintaining student driven garden upkeep.

**The individuals behind the garden want to give the council a tour and walkthrough. The council discussed maintenance plans and the future of the garden with help of other students and clubs on campus.**

**(4.9) Discussion on Addressing Immigration Enforcement**

The Council will discuss how it would like to move forward in addressing student concerns regarding immigration enforcement.

**The council recapped Fullerton College's message about immigration enforcement and decided on partnering with them.**

**V. EVENT RECAP**

**(5.1) Welcome Back**

The council will discuss Welcome Back, and share feedback highlighting what went well and any opportunities for improvement.

**The council had generally positive feedback with Welcome Back, had minor convenience and quality of life tweaks for the next events but generally positive feedback.**

**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**

**The DEIAA committee discussed proposed resolutions defining discrimination, Islamophobia, and antisemitism, including concerns about doxxing and how to protect student identities while balancing free speech and the student**

code of conduct. The committee also approved funding for upcoming Black History Month and MLK-related events and shared updates on accessibility training and campus inclusion programming for the spring semester.

(6.3) Planning and Budgeting Committee | J. Kim

Unable to attend but getting minutes.

(6.4) President Advisory Cabinet | A. Hernandez

Report next meeting

(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

District wide effort to ensure compliance to ADA Title 2 such as captions or narrations in videos. Any feedback to districtwide AI policy please reach out about ways for students to defend their cases.

### Workgroups and Taskforces

(6.14) Sustainability Committee | A. Anan

No Report

**Associated Students Internal Committees**

(6.15) Events Committee (Activities Coordinators) | M. Vuong

Club rush event tomorrow, could use extra hands to paint and hand out flyers.

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

No Report

(6.17) Inter-Club Council | A. Anan

Club rush is all set, still assigning tables for the event.

(6.18) Civic Discourse Committee | C. Foley

Talked to Jay about how civic discourse will be run, 3 topics to be discussed within members of the committee. Also brought up voter registration and instead of one big event its more of a lot of smaller ones to increase registration.

(6.19) Public Relations Committee | Y. Oseguera

Dating game video is done, sent on group chat but just needs help with music and captions.

(6.20) Mental Health Committee | S. Hassan

Encouraging people to join.

(6.21) Campus Garden Committee | G. Garza

Asking the council to please help with the garden.

(6.22) Civic Engagement | C. Jung

Lending hand to help with Civic Discourse and their voter registration efforts.

(6.23) Student Representation Committee | A. Anan

No Report

(6.24) Food Advisory Committee |

Still looking for a committee member.

**Student Representative Affairs**

(6.24) Region VIII Executive Board | S. Usmani

Vice Chair position open. If any members are interested please ask Connor or Sania. Statements are due at 5:00pm today but you are allowed to run on the floor.

(6.25) Delegate Assembly

| S. Usmani

Resolutions were sponsored at the last Delegate Assembly as well as reallocating funds to send more people to conferences.

## VII. ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(7.1) David Okawa, Advisor

Gave a brief introduction of the KinderCaminata event.

(7.2) Joseph Shonkwiler, Co-Advisor

Discussed upcoming AS elections and gave a brief introduction of what it is and the technicalities behind all of it, Bylaws can be found on website or slack.w

(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) Maddie Vuong, Vice President of Campus Activities

Task list for club rush will be sent out today.

(7.7) Alfa Madhu, Vice President of Student Organizations

No Report

(7.8) Sania Usmani President of Internal & External Affairs

Sending out committee designations today.

(7.9) Zachary Colinco, Student Trustee

Meeting tomorrow, the Board is making some decisions on some key topics related to student equity and achievement.

(7.10) Samantha Sweiss, Executive Vice President

No Report

(7.11) Angel Hernandez, President

Made a quick reminder to make sure to attend your committee meetings, they are very important and student participation is needed.

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8.1) N/A

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A. Hernandez

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at 2:52**

**Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:**

**Angel Hernandez, President**

**David Okawa, Advisor**