



CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REGULAR MEETING



March 16, 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 March 16, 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

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| Senator _____ | Gianna Garza |
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| 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

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

ABSENT: Samantha, Maddie, Adeline, Alex, David

(1.2) Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda for March 16, 2026

Change 5.1 wording to Immigration Enforcement Polling Event

Add Student Services program review back to campus committees.

**Ren moves, william seconds.
Agenda Adopted**

(1.3) Review of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2026.

3/9 Meeting 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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(4.1) Introduction: Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Vice President of Instruction

The Council will welcome Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Cypress College's new Vice President of Instruction.

- **Open door policy, likes to be involved w AS, office 3rd floor CCCPLX**

~~The Council Grant Request Consideration of a \$400 Philosophy Club~~

- **Grant for food, silverware, symposium(inviting professor from another uni/college), Brittany Gonzales, potential colleges: CSULB, CSUF, SF state, meeting monday 330-530 room HUM321, Geralyn moved, William second**

(4.3) Club Grant Request Consideration - Honors Club

The council will consider approval of a \$400 club grant request for the Honors club

- **Food, meeting supplies, alec moved, ahmad second**

(4.4) Club Grant Request Consideration - Japanese Culture Club

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

- Food, guest speakers, movie screenings, cultural events, Andrew Yumkin, Hayden moved, William second

(4.5) Club Grant Request Consideration - Business Club

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

- Maham, grant for food and events, misc, William moved, Gianna second

(4.6) Event Funding Request -Egg-Hunt Event

The council will consider approval of \$600 for the Egg Hunt event on behalf of the morality committee.

- Funding for candy, plastic eggs, misc for baskets, student support event from students for students, first week after spring break, no concrete date yet, place eggs around campus with clues and candy leading to affinity groups on campus(first person to solve gets basket), Geralyn moved, William second

(4.7) Event Funding Request - Voter Registration Tabling Event

The council will consider approval of \$1000 for a multitude of future voter registration tabling events throughout the rest of the year.

- First event is on 25th, same locations as previous voter reg, similar incentives for new and existing voters, Connor releasing task list soon, plan to have tabling over rest of semester rather than town hall and 2 days of voter event, William moved, Geralyn second

(4.8) Discussion - A.S. Graduation Stoles and Awards

The council will discuss A.S. graduation stoles and awards

- 11 councilmembers potentially leaving
- 16 in favor of medals for AS recognition, medals upset the #1 seeded plaques

(4.9) Discussion - "RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE: Affirmation of Support for Muslim Students and Employees"

The Council will discuss "RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE: Affirmation of Support for Muslim Students and Employees" and offer feedback before possible consideration of Council support.

- Raised concern over sources being provided for "Whereas" statements, "Are personal experiences able to be used as sources?"
 - Advise on adding district level definitions for the resolution to maintain consistency, all can be found on the District Board of Trustees website
 - Level of comfortability between professors/faculty and students does not translate, so training could be helpful, added reassurance when dealing with faculty and staff
 - Recommended another resolve for specific resources or increase resource promotion across campus
- Suspended orders of the day to move from 4.10->4.11 to 4.11->4.10, William moved, Jules second

(4.10) Discussion - Draft of "RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE: Define, Prevent, and Oppose Religious Discrimination, Demonization, and Harassment"

The Council will discuss "RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE: Define, Prevent, and Oppose Religious Discrimination, Demonization, and Harassment" and offer feedback before possible consideration of Council support.

(4.11) Discussion - Draft of "RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE: Affirmation of Support for Jewish Students and Employees"

The Council will discuss "RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRESS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE: Define, Prevent, and Oppose Religious Discrimination, Demonization, and Harassment" and offer feedback before possible consideration of Council support.

Raised attention to inclusion of criticism of Israel straying from the protection of Jewish students and faculty due to Israel being a secular state without ties to Jewish religion, the state of Israel is a government rather than religion and passing the resolution would close the criticism of government which should be protected under free speech rather than hate speech towards one religion or race.

- Concerns of definition being used in resolution with conflating Judaism with Zionism, inclusion of Israel the state in the resolution forces a compromise, since there is a catering towards the government rather than the religion, when this clause is non-existent in the Islamophobia resolution
- Raised concern over the clarification of verbiage in 8 and 9 for phrasing like "double standards," "democratic nation," "classic antisemitism"
- Raised concern that today, discussions being made about Israel's actions are being tied directly to Jews so the two may be inseparable currently and resolution should be rewritten
- Suggestion on aligning the definitions used in Islamophobia Resolution (UN) and United States used (International Holocaust Remembrance Association), so both use the same source for definition to promote equitability
- Representative from Jewish Student Body proposes Jerusalem declaration of anti-Semitism to address specific points in the resolution rather than the definition being used by IHRA in the resolution currently (can be found as Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism)
- Comparison drawn between Islamophobia Resolution and this resolution, since the former does not include any mention of a state, despite being politically relevant right now, compared to this resolution's argument for the inclusion of Israel also being politically being relevant
- Discussion on prioritizing religious discrimination instead of political discrimination and eliminating the tie between the two in this resolution
- Suggestion to spread inquiry regarding what constitutes anti-Semitism to students from exclusively asking faculty who have had biases revealed in committee meetings, carrying the Israeli flag in their offices, etc.
- Discussion on chartering a new definition by adopting an existing one that is used on a larger scale, compared to creating a Cypress College specific one
- Suggestion to review all resolve and whereas statements if a new definition of anti-Semitism is adopted, this can be worked on within the DEIAA committee before going to academic senate which can review and pass how they see fit
- Council has come to the conclusion to review and work with DEIAA committee to make potential changes to the resolution by the meeting on March 23, 2026

Motion to increase time on discussion regarding 4.11 by 20 minutes, Ahmad moved, Alec seconded

Motion to increase time on discussion regarding 4.11 by 15 minutes, Ayesha moved, William seconded

Motion to increase time on discussion regarding 4.11 by 5 minutes, Ayesha moved, Geralyn seconded

4.10 discussion tabled due to it being contingent on 4.11 discussion being completed
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Motion to table 4.12 presentation, 5.1 event recap, and section 6 all shared governance reports, for meeting on March 23, 2026

(4.12) Presentation - Student Action Committee scheduled report

The student Action Committee will give an overview of their planned event and answer any questions.

V. EVENT RECAP

(5.1) ICE Polling Event

The council will discuss the ICE Polling Event, and share feedback highlighting what went well and any opportunities for improvement.

VI. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Shared Governance Committees

(6.1) Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness		A. Gibson
(6.2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee		W. Alkeelany
(6.3) Planning and Budgeting Committee		R. Iwaki
(6.4) President Advisory Cabinet		A. Hernandez
(6.5) Professional Development Committee		G. Garza
(6.6) Safety Committee		S. Hassan

Representative Bodies

(6.7) Academic Senate		G. Ibarra
(6.8) Curriculum Committee		A. Ovabor

Campus Committees

(6.9) Guided Pathways Steering Committee		W. Masanja
(6.11) Student Equity and Achievement Committee		D. Su
(6.11) Technology Committee		I. Dumatol
(6.12) Distance Education Committee		H. Vu
(6.13) Food Advisory Committee		Z. Colinco

Workgroups and Taskforces

(6.14) Sustainability Committee | J. Kim

Associated Students Internal Committees

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

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

(6.17) Inter-Club Council | A. Anan

(6.18) Civic Discourse Committee | C. Foley

(6.19) Public Relations Committee | Y. Oseguera

(6.20) Mental Health Committee | S. Hassan

(6.21) Campus Garden Committee | G. Garza

(6.22) Civic Engagement | C. Jung

(6.23) Campus Morality Committee | P. Patel

(6.24) Student Voice and Feedback Committee | A. Ovabor

(6.25) Involvement and Action Committee | G. Ibarra

(6.26) Statement for Action Committee | N. Lara

Student Representative Affairs

(6.27) Region VIII Executive Board | S. Usmani

(6.28) Delegate Assembly | S. Usmani

VII. ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(7.1) David Okawa, Advisor

NO REPORT

(7.2) Joseph Shonkwiler, Co-Advisor

As a council we must be better prepared for our agenda items, all agenda items are also required to be printed as per brown act.

(7.3) Connor Foley, Executive Secretary

Will train individuals for voter registration event as well as FAQs

(7.4) Yessenia Oseguera, Vice President of Public Relations

Release forms to be filled out by end of week.

(7.5) Ayesha Arif, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs

Will have budget update by monday

(7.6) Maddie Vuong, 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

NO REPORT

(7.9) Zachary Colinco, Student Trustee

NO REPORT

(7.10) Samantha Sweiss, Executive Vice President

NO REPORT

(7.11) Angel Hernandez, President

Student Action Committee event will be campus wide and all councilmembers are expected to participate not just Geralyn's committee members.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8.1) N/A

| A. Hernandez

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 3:45PMq

Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:

Angel Hernandez, President

David Okawa, Advisor