



CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REGULAR MEETING



April 13, 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 April 13, 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 _____	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: Angel,, Ayesha, Alec, Yessenia, Rahma, Alex, David, Sundehi, Ward, Dave

Meeting called to order at 2 p.m.

(1.2) Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda for April 13, 2026

APPROVED

(1.3) Review of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2026.

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) Discussion - Soluna Resources (Summer Nguyen/Anna Spencer-Lionetti)

The council will listen to Summer Nguyen and Anna Spencer-Lionetti’s presentation regarding Soluna Resources Summer and Anna brought up Soluna Resources, an app by CalHOPE that gives mental health support for young teens and adults 13-25. Free resource for anyone on campus.

(4.2) Discussion - Ratification of General Elections 2026 Results

The council will discuss the ratification of general elections 2026 results.

Motion to ratify general election results was moved by Jules. **APPROVED**

(4.3) Discussion - David Su Resignation

The council will discuss the resignation of David Su.

(4.4) Funding Request - A.S. Graduation Stoles, Medallion, and Regalia

The council will consider approval of a \$800 funding request for Graduation Cap, Gown, and Stole for graduating A.S. members.

Going to make an excel sheet for members to put down info. Motioned to approve funding, moved by Ren. APPROVED

(4.5) Discussion - Transfer Student Celebration

The council will discuss transferring A.S. members college admittances and celebrate their accomplishments.

Connor brought up a celebration of Cypress students transferring or getting their certificate CTE programs as well.

Talked about possibly collaborating with the transfer center as well as having a bulletin board outside of the SSL building or having an event for these students. Push for online to get students recognized, ask PR about wanting to do a task like that.

(4.6) Discussion - Banquet Discussion

The council will discuss banquet details such as the timeframe, food, and other miscellaneous details.

The banquet tent is arranged from 5:00 - 9:00, last year we had issues with council members being late so we may want to get the tent sooner to set up quicker. May 1st Friday is when the banquet will be happening. Push to get more individuals to show up to the banquet, last year had weak turnout.

V. EVENT RECAP

(5.1) Event Recap - Campus Garden Soft Opening

The council will discuss the Campus Garden Soft Opening and share feedback highlighting what went well and any opportunities for improvement.

Overall good engagement and good event, high participation for being a “soft opening” only critique is that we should be promoting a bit more since it's just hard to get people over there. More music and food are suggestions to improve this problem.

(5.2) Event Recap - Voter Tabling Event Recap

The council will discuss the Voter Tabling event and share feedback highlighting what went well and any opportunities for improvement.

Add table decor. Add more possible signage around. Focus on when the affinity groups meet, they are who are going to get feedback. Possibly more publicity. Many people were eating lunch so the incentive was not worth it, could have B2B to get more people who would normally not get food.

(5.3) Event Recap - General Assembly Recap

The council will discuss General Assembly and share feedback highlighting what went well and any opportunities for improvement.

The council had a general consensus that the conference went well for the most part. Glad the Cypress resolutions passed. There was a lack of cohesion among the council and lack of communication that led to some questionable moments but for the most part everything went well.

VI. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Shared Governance Committees

(6.1) Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness | **A. Gibson**

NO REPORT

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

NO REPORT

(6.3) Planning and Budgeting Committee | **R. Iwaki**

NO REPORT

(6.4) President Advisory Cabinet | **A. Hernandez**

Starting to set up times with Presidential Scholars and Grad of the Year. Late April is when filming for this will start.

(6.5) Professional Development Committee | **G. Garza**

NO REPORT

(6.6) Safety Committee | **S. Hassan**

NO REPORT

Representative Bodies

(6.7) Academic Senate | **G. Ibarra**

Lots of issues faculty face when hiring peers. Lack of experience and many applicants are not qualified, over 200 applicants and faculty are tired of spending so long to look through these applicants while being unpaid to do so.

(6.8) Curriculum Committee | **A. Haidari**

NO REPORT

Campus Committees

(6.9) Guided Pathways Steering Committee | **W. Masanja**

- **Starfish Upgrade:** The college is pursuing an upgraded version of Starfish through a proposed 5-year contract. The upgrade is intended to improve functionality and support Guided Pathways efforts. The proposal was scheduled to go to the Academic Senate on March 26 (3-5 PM) for discussion and feedback.
- **Starfish Auto-Flags (Canvas Integration):** A new feature would integrate Starfish with the Canvas gradebook to automatically generate alerts. Two primary flags were discussed:
 - **Course inactivity flag:** triggered when a student has not logged into Canvas for 7 days.
 - **Low grade flag:** identifies students struggling academically based on grade thresholds. The inactivity flag is planned as a Spring 2026 pilot, including online and hybrid courses. The low-grade flag is tentatively planned for Fall 2027 implementation. Faculty would only need to opt in, and once enabled, alerts would be generated automatically without additional manual work.
- **Course Repeat Adjustment Process:** A district-wide project is reviewing how repeated courses are handled. Currently, when students earn a D or F and retake the class, the improved grade can replace the earlier grade on the transcript. The initiative aims to clarify and streamline this process across the district. This item was identified as mid-priority.

- “Are You My Counselor?” Project: This initiative focuses on improving how students identify and connect with their assigned counselor. The goal is to streamline communication, clarify counselor roles, and better guide students through their Guided Pathways journey. The project is informed by student feedback indicating confusion about:
 - who their counselor is,
 - the order in which students should seek support,
 - and how students are allocated to counselors.
 The effort aims to ensure students are matched with the most appropriate counselor earlier and more clearly.
- Feedback Group: A feedback group is being formed to provide input on the “Are You My Counselor?” project. Participation was requested to help refine communication strategies and improve student navigation of counseling services

GET REPORT FROM WILLIAM

(6.10) Student Equity and Achievement Committee | **D. Su**

NO REPORT

(6.11) Technology Committee | **I. Dumatol**

NO REPORT

(6.12) Distance Education Committee | **H. Vu**

NO REPORT

(6.13) Food Advisory Committee | **Z. Colinco**

NO REPORT

Workgroups and Taskforces

(6.14) Sustainability Committee | **J. Kim**

NO REPORT

Associated Students Internal Committees

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

NO REPORT

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

NO REPORT

(6.17) Inter-Club Council | **A. Anan**

NO REPORT

(6.19) Public Relations Committee | **Y. Oseguera**

Egg hunt PR is posted, going to start working on worldfest flyer.

(6.20) Mental Health Committee | S. Hassan

Took a tour around the health center, took pictures and videos. Talked about mental health resources they have and planning to reach out to get more info on Soluna.

(6.21) Campus Garden Committee | G. Garza

NO REPORT

(6.22) Civic Engagement | C. Foley

NO REPORT

(6.23) Campus Morality Committee | P. Patel

Someone already found today's basket. The event is going well so far.

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

Going to start gauging what the next polling event should focus on.

(6.25) Involvement and Action Committee | G. Ibarra

Last two set weeks for initiative coming up. Please check slack and excel for script and any other information.

(6.26) Statement for Action Committee | N. Lara

NO REPORT

(6.27) Student Development Committee | N. Verma

NO REPORT

(6.28) Civic Discourse Committee | C. Jung

NO REPORT

Student Representative Affairs

(6.29) Region VIII Executive Board | S. Usmani

All regional positions were elected at General Assembly, and regional summit happened as well.

(6.30) Delegate Assembly | S. Usmani

NO REPORT

VII. ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(7.1) David Okawa, Advisor

NO REPORT

(7.2) Joseph Shonkwiler, Co-Advisor

Reviewing immigration enforcement statements.

(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
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(7.6) Maddie Vuong, Vice President of Campus Activities
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(7.8) Sania Usmani President of Internal & External Affairs
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(7.9) Zachary Colinco, Student Trustee
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(7.10) Samantha Sweiss, Executive Vice President
NO REPORT

(7.11) Angel Hernandez, President
NO REPORT

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8.1) N/A

| A. Hernandez

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNED AT 3:06PM

Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:

Angel Hernandez, President

David Okawa, Advisor