



CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REGULAR MEETING



September 8, 2025 1 - 3 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 August 28, 2023. 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 _____	Pending

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

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

Advisor _____	David Okawa
Co-Advisor _____	Joseph Shonkwiler

I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

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

- Quorum established at 1:06
- Approved motion to increase budget for AS Retreat from \$400 to \$800

(1.2) Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda for September 8, 2025

(1.3) Review of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for August 25, 2025

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

N/A

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(4.1) CCAS Council Member Swear-Ins

Council members will swear-in for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Executive Secretary: Connor Foley

Senators: Alika Joshi, Claire Jung

- Connor and Claire sworn in, Alika not present during the meeting.

(4.2) Introduction of Cypress College President Dr. Thayer and commentary

Dr. Thayer will introduce himself and open discussion to address various items.

- Dr Thayer presented a powerpoint with the help of the Directors of Campus Safety and Communications. In this powerpoint, they brought up the ongoing issue of accused cat neglect on campus. They brought up key points such as cats not dying at Cypress College since last year, their catch, neuter, and release program, and future actions they wanted to take to help shift the idea of the public. Some officers suggested a recorded video to send out or a townhall where people could ask Dr Thayer questions directly, he said he would look into it. He wanted to ensure that people know these videos surfacing are in fact old and could be edited to make Cypress College look worse. He brought up how feeding feral animals is against regulations set on Cypress College, Fullerton College etc. but he did mention how there are set water stations for cats as they can leave out water, just not food. Ended off with how he will look into the officers ideas and hopefully come up with an idea that engages the student population and ensures they understand the full story.

(4.3) Cypress college governance-student representative appointments

Students will be appointed into individual committees

- Connor Foley appointed as member of Vice President of Instructional Hiring Committee
- David Su appointed as member of Dean of Counseling and Student Development Committee

(4.4) Philosophy Club Funding

The Council will approve a club grant to not exceed \$400 for the Philosophy Club

Asking for \$400 to provide food, club rush materials, and museum field trips for students. APPROVED

(4.5) Art Visionary Club Funding

The Council will approve a club grant to not exceed \$400 for the Art Visionary Club

Ace is asking for \$400 to use on supplies and help with the club. APPROVED

(4.6) Spanish Club Funding

The Council will approve a club grant to not exceed \$400 for the Spanish Club

Hosting event nights, food. APPROVED

(4.7) Chinese Culture Club

The Council will approve a club grant to not exceed \$400 for the Chinese Club

Tabled for next week

(4.8) Muslim Student Association

The Council will approve a club grant to not exceed \$400 for the Muslim Student Association

Tabled for next week

(4.9) Biology Club

The Council will approve a club grant to not exceed \$400 for the Biology Club.

Ashland asked for funding to host experiments, food, activities, and host workshops. APPROVED

V. EVENT RECAP

(5.1) N/A

VI. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Shared Governance Committees

- (6.1) Accreditation Steering Committee NO REPORT | D. Su
- (6.2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee | Ward Alkeelany
- (6.3) Planning and Budgeting Committee NO REPORT | J. Kim
- (6.4) President Advisory Cabinet

Introductory meeting, went over Roberts Law

(6.5) Professional Development Committee NO REPORT

(6.6) Safety Committee NO REPORT | S. Hassan

Representative Bodies

- (6.7) Academic Senate NO REPORT | G. Garza
- (6.8) Curriculum Committee NO REPORT | A. Anan

Campus Committees

(6.9) Guided Pathways Committee	NO REPORT		S. Sweiss
(6.10) Student Equity and Achievement Committee	NO REPORT		D. Su
(6.11) Technology Committee	NO REPORT		I. Dumatol
(6.12) Distance Education Committee	NO REPORT		H. Vu

Workgroups and Taskforces

(6.13) Sustainability Committee	NO REPORT		A. Anan
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Associated Students Internal Committees

(6.14) Events Committee (Activities Coordinators)	NO REPORT		S. Hassan
(6.15) Student Affairs Committee (Senators)	NO REPORT		S. Usami
(6.16) Inter-Club Council	NO REPORT		

| A. Anan

(6.17) Civic Discourse Committee	NO REPORT		Connor Foley
(6.18) Public Relations Committee	NO REPORT		Y. Oseguera
(6.19) Mental Health Committee	NO REPORT		S. Hassan
(6.20) Campus Garden Committee	NO REPORT		G. Garza
(6.21) Civic Engagement	NO REPORT		Claire Jung
(6.22) Student Representation Committee	NO REPORT		A. Anan

Student Representative Affairs

(6.23) Region VIII Executive Board	NO REPORT		S. Usmani
(6.24) Delegate Assembly	NO REPORT		S. Usmani

VII. ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(7.1) David Okawa, Advisor

Gave thanks to people attending the golf tournament. Brought up how we are getting close to CCCSAA, more info will be released soon.

(7.2) Joseph Shonkwiler, Co-Advisor

Gave thanks for a great retreat, thanked officers for being attentive during Thayer presentation.

(7.3) Pending, Executive Secretary NO REPORT

(7.4) Yessenia Oseguera, Vice President of Public Relations Asked if we should wait to post introductions, advised to wait.

(7.5) Ayesha Arif, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs NO REPORT

(7.6) Sundehi Hassa, Vice President of Campus Activities NO REPORT

(7.7) Alfa Madhu, Vice President of Student Organizations Brought up club rush happening this week as a reminder.

(7.8) Sania Usmani President of Internal & External Affairs NO REPORT

(7.9) Zachary Colinco, Student Trustee District going through a rebrand with logos, centralizing employee application pages. Introduction of Champions Cup for Fullerton and Cypress athletics. Nursing shortage brought up, lack of certified credentials, many are turning to private institutions which is a concern for community college, increase in class demand and waitlists. Demand for English 100 has made it so that students are forced to take it at a different time, possibly increasing more sections of these high demand classes.

(7.10) Samantha Sweiss, Executive Vice President Thanked everyone for a great retreat and brought up her committee that will be meeting on September 24th at 4:00PM.

(7.11) Angel Hernandez, President NO REPORT

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8.1) N/A

| A. Hernandez

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:04PM

Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:

Angel Hernandez, President

David Okawa, Advisor