



CYPRESS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REGULAR MEETING



September 29, 2025 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 September 29, 2025. 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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Vice President of Public Relations _____	Yessenia Oseguera
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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

I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

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

Absent: Ward, Sundehi, Sania

Late: Alec, Yessenia

(1.2) Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda for September 29, 2025

(1.3) Review of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for September 22, 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.

Black Student Union's newly elected president came to introduce himself and welcome anyone to the Legacy center as well as any further meetings.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(3.1) N/A

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(4.1) Language Exchange Space Discussion

An introduction of the Language Exchange Space will be discussed

Language Exchange space in HUM 110, ESL, Spanish, Chinese, French, Japanese etc. hosting events relating to language and building a community. Workshops on things like how to get certificates taken care of and bringing in counselors for students. Can be reached at LECS@cypresscollege.edu. Can also be used as tutoring for the language classes offered here on campus.

(4.2) Data Club Grant

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

Joseph would like to use funds for snacks and food for meetings. Using subscriptions like Wix for websites and to help further research they do in the club. APPROVED

(4.3) Honors Club Grant

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

Zach would like to use funds to help with snacks and foods. Help to promote events and create a better environment for the honors students. APPROVED

(4.4) Voting Town Hall Discussion and Funding

The council will discuss ideas and concerns for the voting registration town hall and approve funding to not exceed \$300 for the Voting Registration Town Hall

October 14 from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

We will be catering subway sandwiches, chips, and bottled waters.

Possibly bringing in guest speakers would be nice to maybe have local figures in public policy but we aren't going to stress if they can't make it.

We will begin with a general idea of why voting is important, the change you can make etc

Move into Prop 50 and explain it in a nonpartisan way (prob create script or double check with others to ensure this) We can explain prop 50 as it is the only thing being voted for in this special election.

Include any other key points needed to explain stuff, talk about how meteoric of a vote this is and how it is very important that people go out and vote. Bring up ways people can vote.

After the presentation, go into a segment where people can be helped when it comes to registering to vote. Have physical copies of the registration forms as well as the links to the online registration. (Need to figure out whether we can turn these physical copies in or if they need to do this themselves.)

Plan to get many clubs and support services involved to promote the event.

More so, my main goal is to get people out and voting especially in the area that we are in and the cities that border Cypress, i.e. Buena Park, Anaheim, Stanton where there are many marginalized groups who will be affected by this proposition who probably have no idea what it is until its way too late.

APPROVED

(4.5) Cat Town Hall Funding

The Council will approve a funding to not exceed \$200 for Cat Town Call

APPROVED

(4.6) Thanksgiving Baskets and Funding

The Council will discuss Thanksgiving Baskets and approve funding to not exceed \$500 for Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Baskets will be made and will contain nonperishables, gift cards, and other basic necessities for families in need during Thanksgiving time. APPROVED

(4.7) National Coming Out Day Funding

The council will approve funding to not exceed \$400 for National Coming Out Day

Serving nachos to students while bringing awareness to National Coming Out Day. APPROVED

V. EVENT RECAP

(5.1) Club Rush Day 1 and Day 2

The council will discuss a recap on both days of Club Rush

Strong layout for club rush, many clubs might need more support for the proceeding events. A couple clubs did not have shade, make sure clubs that are not registered beforehand are not able to steal others tables. Possible communication issues from ICC representatives for clubs. Possible "registration table" for clubs to make everything more organized. Noted that many people in the buildings had no idea a club rush was happening, might need to gain more exposure. Some of the members could have been delegated to better spots. For the AS table next club rush when people express interest they can put their information down so they are notified when the application cycle opens up again. Map layout is needed for students to navigate. Overall a very strong showing for club rush, but many improvements can be done.

VI. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Shared Governance Committees

(6.1) Accreditation Steering Committee

| **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

Dr Thayer went over Cat Town Hall with the committee. They are hiring a new dean of counseling by this semester. Director of Equity also hopefully hired by Spring. After the Golf Tournament there is around \$220,000 in scholarship money.

(6.5) Professional Development Committee | A. Gibson

Went over budget and clear guidelines for Flexday sessions. Keeping discussions nonpolitical, want to present the requested budget to the president's staff.

(6.6) Safety Committee | S. Hassan

NO REPORT

Representative Bodies

(6.7) Academic Senate | A. Hernandez

Many liaisons were bringing up political things going on overseas. During a public forum a student came up and noticed Antisemitism and Islamophobia around him on campus. Wanted to ensure that students do genuinely feel safe. Liaison for fitness brought up a new fitness lab for faculty and staff. Coursedog being implemented in following semesters. Unison of Winter and Spring units are being looked to split, currently hard for some students to take all their required classes as they hit the credit cap. Also looking into limiting the number of classes taken in winter.

(6.8) Curriculum Committee | G. Garza

NO REPORT

Campus Committees

(6.9) Guided Pathways Committee | S. Sweiss

Working on revised new student orientation. Court repeat adjustment maximum amount of two. Wanted to reintroduce QR code at end of surveys for student feedback. Working on campus tours and orientation for staff specifically.

(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

Workgroups and Taskforces

(6.13) Sustainability Committee | A. Anan

NO REPORT

Associated Students Internal Committees

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

NO REPORT

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

NO REPORT

(6.16) Inter-Club Council | A. Anan

NO REPORT

(6.17) Civic Discourse Committee | C. Foley

NO REPORT

(6.18) Public Relations Committee | Y. Oseguera

NO REPORT

(6.19) Mental Health Committee | S. Hassan

NO REPORT

(6.20) Campus Garden Committee | G. Garza

NO REPORT

(6.21) Civic Engagement | C. Jung

NO REPORT

(6.22) Student Representation Committee | A. Anan

NO REPORT

(6.23) Voter Registration Committee | C. Foley

NO REPORT

Student Representative Affairs

(6.23) Region VIII Executive Board | S. Usmani

Alisha Nagpal elected as SSCCC VPLA

(6.24) Delegate Assembly | S. Usmani

NO REPORT

VII. ADVISOR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

(7.1) David Okawa, Advisor

Those of you going to CCCSAA bring Cypress College merchandise to represent our school at the conference.

Thanksgiving food drive and Pumpkin Bash should be put on the marquee entrance in the front. Wondering if we

plan on going to local businesses to promote Pumpkin Bash. Wondering if anyone would like to volunteer to help talk about AS to a class for COUN 140C on Friday the 17th. Really liked Club Rush.

(7.2) Joseph Shonkwiler, Co-Advisor

Working through charter applications for clubs. A decent majority are going to be approved. Transitioning the ICC rep members from other portals of communication to Slack to improve communication. Expecting members to be present throughout townhall.

(7.3) Connor Foley, Executive Secretary

In our committee meeting, we began by introducing ourselves and establishing how the hiring committee will move forward. We reviewed the cover letter rubric and confirmed the minimum qualifications required for the position. We discussed potential interview components, including questions, short writing prompts, and presentation prompts for the December interviews, and finalized the list of questions to be asked. We also made sure that all areas and perspectives of the college were represented in the process. Overall, the meeting set a clear plan for moving forward in a fair and organized way. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17th from 1 to 5 PM. Also just to establish the VPI is the Vice President of Instruction is what is being hired, this position handles all of the student things like overseeing all aspects of the college's academic programs and curriculum. This role is pivotal in ensuring that the college delivers high-quality, equitable, and effective educational experiences to its students.

(7.4) Yessenia Oseguera, Vice President of Public Relations

Flyer for voter registration done by tomorrow, reel done next week.

(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

NO REPORT

(7.8) Sania Usmani President of Internal & External Affairs

NO REPORT

(7.9) Zachary Colinco, Student Trustee

Looking to enter an agreement with Commercial Energy that will help assist in our district's energy costs. The board was presented with the timeline draft for the development of the 2026-2030 District-wide Strategic Plan (Student rep request tbd) Passed resolution 25/26-14 to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month.

(7.10) Samantha Sweiss, Executive Vice President

Will help whoever volunteers at the COUN 140C class with Angel to make them as well prepared as possible.

(7.11) Angel Hernandez, President

Wants to have AS follow a theme at pumpkin bash. Would be looking into possibly having a theme for Senators, Activities Coordinators, and Executive Board.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8.1) N/A

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A. Hernandez

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 2:11pm

Agenda Reviewed and Approved by:

Angel Hernandez, President

David Okawa, Advisor