Associated Students of College of San Mateo



Student Senate Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 24th, 2025, 2:15 pm

In-Person: Center for Equity, Leadership and Community Building 17, Room 146 College of San Mateo; 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.; San Mateo, CA 94402

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)
- 5. Announcements and Hearings of the Public

During this time, members of the public may address the Senate on non-agenda items. Limit of 15 minutes per topic and 3 minutes per speaker.

6. Reports

a. Officers

- i. President Anthony Pena Vasquez
- ii. Vice President Aidana Rysbekova
- iii. Finance Director Diana Kunze
- iv. Vice Chair Michael Llanell
- v. Secretary Vanshika Sharma
- vi. District Student Trustee Chloe Johnson

b. Senators

Including reports from ASCSM boards and committees, ASCSM task forces, College and District participatory governance committees, and other boards, committees, or organizations.

c. College of San Mateo Administration

Including the College president, the vice president of Student Services, members of the executive leadership team, deans, and any other College administrators wishing to report to the Student Senate.

d. Advisors

- i. Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager
- ii. Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant
- ii. Mondana Bathai, Student Life Staff Assistant

7. Appointments - President Vasquez

The Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Student Senate, ASCSM Boards and/or task forces, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary. Possible action to take place.

8. Update from the CSM Library

The Senate shall hear and discuss an update from the CSM Library. No action to take place.

9. Updates from Sustainability Board

The Senate shall hear and discuss an update from the District Sustainability Committee and discuss a possible collaboration for an Earth Day celebration. Possible action to take place.

10. Funding for Art Competition - RecForVets

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support prizes and supplies for an art competition. Possible action to take place.

11. Funding for Transfer club workshop - Transfer Club

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support refreshments at a post-UC application deadline mental health support workshop. Possible action to take place.

12. Funding for Club Olympics - Phi Theta Kappa Club

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support a Club Olympics event organized by PTK. Possible action to take place.

13. Funding for UC Santa Cruz Tour - Black Student Association

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support a tour of the UC Santa Cruz campus and a visit to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk for members of the Black Student Union/Umoja. Possible action to take place.

14. Funding for UC Santa Cruz Tour - Puente Latinx Club

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support a tour of the UC Santa Cruz campus and a visit to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk for members of the Puente Latinx Club. Possible action to take place.

15. Funding for Food for Final Semester Meeting - Katipunan

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support food at Katipunan Club's final meeting of Spring 2025. Possible action to take place.

16. Funding for Week of the Young Child Event - Volunteer Club

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support an event organized by the Volunteer Club in conjunction with the CSM Child Development Center to celebrate the week of the Young Child. Possible action to take place.

17. Funding for Tinikling Sticks Workshop - Katipunan Club

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support supplies for Katipunan's tinikling stick workshop. Possible action to take place.

18. Funding for Relax and Create DIY Workshop - International Students Association

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support a Relax and Create DIY workshop organized by the ISA. Possible action to take place.

19. Funding for AAPILD Night Market

The Senate shall discuss and consider the allocation of funds to support AAPILD's Night Market event. Possible action to take place.

20. Endorsement of Advocacy Board Key Issues for Washington DC Trip - Advocacy Board

The Senate shall discuss and consider adopting the Advocacy Board's proposed key issues for the Washington, DC Advocacy Trip. Possible action to take place.

21. Appointment of the ASCSM Election Commission

The Senate shall discuss and appoint members to the Election Commission to oversee the 2025-2026 ASCSM Election. Possible action to take place.

22. Past event(s) debrief

- a. New Years Around the World Equity Affairs
- b. Night Tabling event Programming Board

23. Future Agenda Items

During this time, members of the Senate may suggest agenda items for consideration for future meetings.

24. Final Announcements and Hearing of the Public

During this time, members of the Senate and the public may voice any concluding comments. Limit of 15 minutes per topic and 3 minutes per speaker.

25. Adjournment

Associated Students of College of San Mateo



Student Senate Regular Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

Monday, March 17th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Anthony Pena Vasquez, Vice President/Chair Aidana Rysbekova, Finance Director

Diana Kunze, Secretary Vanshika Sharma, Vice Chair Michael Llanell, Student Trustee Chloe Johnson, Senators Jericho Batac, Matthew Chang, Jasmine Cheng, Guillermo Garcia Zacarias, Mya Hmuu Han, Simon Htet, Heather Khaing, Sam LaCarrubba, Nathan Low, Max Magidin,

Amy Nguyen, Jing Ee Ong, Alessandra Rengifo Herrada, Joey Situ

Advisors Present: Aaron Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership Manager; Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and

Leadership Assistant

Others Present: Alex Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Senator Zacarias, seconded by Senator Oo. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025, ASCSM Senate meeting as presented by Senator Han, seconded by Senator Khaing. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025, ASCSM Senate meeting as presented by Senator Herrada, seconded by Senator Llanell. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS

President Vasquez reported that the Building 10 tabling was successfully kick started by Senators Herrada and LaCarrubba, and appreciated all the members who have signed up for volunteering at the future tabling and at all the other events that are taking place over the semester. He also gave a shout to Vice-President Rysbekova for celebrating her birthday over the weekend!

Vice President Rysbekova reported that the Sustainability committee is currently brainstorming their plans for the Earth Day event, and she would like for ASCSM to help and collaborate with them to celebrate Earth Day together – as it aligns well with their set goal of Sustainability. A representative from the committee can be expected to come to an upcoming meeting to talk about the expectations and the possible support they need from ASCSM to host the event successfully. She gave a shout to President Vasquez for his recent birthday too!

Secretary Sharma reported that the upcoming two sets of pair to clean the Senate office would be Senator Cheng and Vice President Rysbekova, and President Anthony and Finance Director Kunze.

Student Trustee Johnson joined the meeting virtually and said she had heard concerns from both Cañada and Skyline about the recent upgrades to WebSMART and the online class schedule system.

Mr. Guiriba, Vice President of Student Services, reported that:

- Campus Life and Leadership Award Nominations are open until Friday, 21st.
- Commencement has been decided to be on May 22nd, 5-7 pm.
 - All ASCSM graduates are encouraged to apply as a student speaker for Commencement the deadline to apply is April 4th.
 - o Commencement rehearsal is on the afternoon of May 21st.
 - o A Commencement speaker is decided!
- Monday, March 24th, the college will be holding a Campus wide Violent Intruder Drill at 11 am and 7 pm.
- Health Fair Next week Wednesday
- Personal Counseling Team and AAPLID are supporting a Mental Health talk next Monday

Mr. Schaefer, Student Life and Leadership manager, reported that:

- Two weeks until Spring break, woohoo! But we have a couple big events planned for the next couple days so please be present and volunteer for everything you sign up for.
- It's an understandable time of the year to have post high-school senioritis because most of you are done with transfer apps and are only waiting on decisions, but please try to be present and active until the end of the semester to honor the commitment you made of joining student government.
- PLEAS clean up after the events properly and keep things organized in the prep room Board chairs, potentially have assigned members to keep stuff back in their original place after the events.

Mr. Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant, reported that clubs and ASCSM should be mindful of the funding approval timeline and plan their events accordingly.

APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made.

FUNDING FOR FOOD AND GUEST SPEAKER EVENT - GIRLS WHO CODE

Girls Who Code is requesting funding to buy food for their Guest Speaker Event.

Motion to allocate \$400.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support the same by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Cheng. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR FIELD DAY - PUENTE LATINX CLUB

The Puente Latinx Club is requesting funding to support refreshments at their outdoor, "Field Day" club meeting on March 21st.

Motion to allocate \$90.41 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support this by Senator Cheng; seconded by Senator Zacarias. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR MOVIE NIGHT – BURSA

BURSA is requesting funds to organize a Movie Night for their club members and anyone else who is interested on March 27th, between 4-6pm.

Motion to allocate \$500.00 from the Club Assistance/ICC account (5031) to support this by Senator Herrada; seconded by Senator Zacarias. The motion was carried with all members present voting in favor.

FUNDING FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR NEW YEARS AROUND THE WORLD - BURSA

Request was cancelled due to the lack of preparation time.

FEEDBACK ON SOFTWARE UPDATE AND IT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

The members of ASCSM gave feedback to Mr. Guiriba regarding the new front-end changes to the Web Schedule and Web Smart interfaces, along with the ways to get in touch with the IT support for any online issues the students face.

ASCSM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.6

Tabled for the meeting until after Spring Break.

PAST EVENT DEBRIEF

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Inviting a Sustainability Board Representative
- ICC Funding Requests

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Potentially switching around the agenda item(s) order depending on the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:19 pm by Senator Nguyen; seconded by Senator Han. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried.

Submitted by,

Vanshika Sharma

ASCSM Secretary 🐙

Agenda Item #7: Appointments

The Senate shall discuss and consider any and all appointments and/or recommended appointments to the Student Senate, ASCSM Boards and/or task forces, any College and/or District participatory governance committees, and/or any other appointments that may be deemed necessary. Possible action to take place.

Agenda Item #8: Update from the CSM Library

The Senate shall hear and discuss an update from the CSM Library. No action to take place.

Agenda Item #9: Updates from Sustainability Board

The Senate shall hear and discuss an update from the District Sustainability Committee and discuss a possible collaboration for an Earth Day celebration. Possible action to take place.

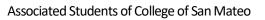


For the meeting of	ICC: March	18, 2025 / S	tudent Senate: N	March 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding fo	r Art Compet	ition		
Being Proposed by	RecForVets		Le Coordinat	_	
Event Date(s)	n/a				
ASCSM Account	5031 Club	Assistance/IC	С		
DESCRIPTION					
The artist will be	e given a 8 inch b	y 10 inch blank o	anvas for the compe	tition. You may use any a	art materials you like.
•		e form of recreati e for the art pieco	•	e appropriate and respec	ctful. Again, a
Canvas will be s	upplied but art r	naterials will not.			
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Item Description 1. Visa gift car	d				Cost \$100.00
	u tore gift cards				\$90.00
	(10" Super Value	e Canvas			\$30.00
4. art supplies		e canvas			\$50.00
					\$270.00
			7	Total Funding Request	<u></u>
For ASCSM Secretary	Use Only			0 - 4	
Motion by			Second by		
Result of Vote II	n Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Passed	Failed



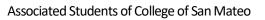


For the meeting of	of ICC: March 18, 2025 / Student Senate: March 24, 2025				
Title of Proposal	Funding for Transfer Clu	b Workshop			
Being Proposed by	Transfer Club	Lead Coordinator	Jaden Nguyen		
Event Date(s)	April 7, 2025				
ASCSM Account	5031 Club Assistance/ICC				
DESCRIPTION					
	r Club mental health support for l		•		
	, anxiety, and pressure from peer		•		
	ts can better process their emotion			n) from the mental	
health and welln	ess center to present on the topic	and support attendees.			
Item Description				Cost	
1. Sushi				\$185.00	
2. Takoyaki				\$65.00	
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5.					
J		Total	Funding Request	\$250.00	
For ASCSM Secretary	Use Only		_		
Motion by		Second by			
Result of Vote In	Favor Opposed	Abstained	Passed	Failed	





For the meeting of	ICC: March 18, 202	5 / Student Senate: Ma	rch 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding for Club O	lympics		
Being Proposed by	РТК	Lead Coordinator	Sam LaCarrubba	
Event Date(s)	April 7, 2025			
ASCSM Account	5031 Club Assistan	ce/ICC		
new friends! This		ity to connect with new clubs a variety of fun activities such		
-Monday, April 7	th, 2025 from 1:30pm-3:3	Opm on lawn in front of Buildi	ng 10.	
-Estimating for 7	5 people.			
-We hope to hav	e free sandwiches and bob	oa for participants.		
Item Description				Cost
1. Sandwiches	(Ikes)			\$1,300.00
2. <u>Boba (75 dri</u>	nks)			\$500.00
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5.		Tot	al Funding Request	\$1,800.00
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Result of Vote In	Favor Opposed	Abstained	Passed	Failed

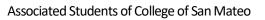




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Title of Proposal	Funding fo	r UC Santa Cru	z Tour			
Being Proposed by	Black Student	t Union/Umoja	I Coordin	ead ator Kw	vame King	
Event Date(s)			_			
ASCSM Account	5031 Club	Assistance/ICC				
our members op	otions for transfe	to partner with Pue erring. After the too beach. For 35 stude	ur is completed w	e would	love to take our r	
Item Description 1. Santa Cruz b 2.	ooardwalk attrac	tion cards for stud	ents to use after (amnus t	our	Cost \$700.
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For the meeting of	ICC: Marc	h 18, 2025 / St	udent Senate: I	March 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding fo	or UC Santa Cr	uz Tour		
Being Proposed by	Puente Latin	x Club	Le Coordinat	_	
Event Date(s)	April 18, 2	:025			
ASCSM Account	5031 Club	Assistance/IC	С		
DESCRIPTION					
receive a tour ovisit Santa Cruz able to enjoy w	of the campus ar Beach Boardwa vith Group MyBo	nd learn about the lk to enjoy the bea ardwalk Cards con	various services and ach, rides, arcades, a staining pre-paid poi	ve a trip to UC Santa Cruz, programs available. Additing other attractions, which the covering these attractions and snacks for our members	onally, we plan to students will be on costs. For our trip,
Item Description					Cost
1. Belgian wa	ffles				\$135.00
2. Water and	juice				\$52.00
3. Breakfast b	oiscuits, granola	bars, and Cuties			\$73.00
4. Gas					\$300.00
5. Group Myl	Boardwalk Cards				\$150.00
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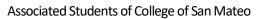




For the meeting of	ICC: Mar	ch 18, 2025 / Stu	udent Senate: I	March 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding	for Food for Fina	al Semester Me	eeting	
Being Proposed by	Katipunan		Le Coordinat	^{ad} or Aki Dayag	
Event Date(s)	May 8, 20	025	_		
ASCSM Account	5031 Clul	b Assistance/ICC	:		
DESCRIPTION					
We are requesti from Jollibee.	ng \$300 for fo	od for our last meeti	ing to celebrate the	end of the year. We are pi	cking up catering
Item Description					Cost
1. Jollibee Fam	nily Meal - Buc	ket Treat D (5)			\$275.00
2. Additional R	lice (9)				\$25.00
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			7	Total Funding Request	\$300.00
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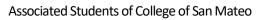


For the meeting of	ICC: Marc	h 18, 2025 / Stu	udent Senate: Ma	rch 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding fo	or Week of the	Young Child Even	nt	
Being Proposed by	Volunteer Cl	ub	Lead Coordinator	Mya Hmuu Han	
Event Date(s)	April 8, 20)25, 3:15 pm – 4	4:15 pm		
ASCSM Account	5031 Club	Assistance/ICC			
DESCRIPTION					
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(We are mainly everything we n		akerspace supplies f	for the muppets but ju	st in case the library do	es not have
Item Description					Cost
1. Snacks and	Drinks(cuties, w	vheat thins, juice bo	oxes, etc.)		\$150.00
2. Muppet Ma	king Supplies				\$50.00
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J			Tota	al Funding Request	\$200.00
or ASCSM Secretary	Use Only			- -	
Motion by Result of Vote Ir	n Favor	Opposed	Second by Abstained	Passed	Failed
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For the meeting of	ICC: March 18, 2	025 / Student S	enate: Ma	rch 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding for Tinil	kling Sticks Wor	kshop		
Being Proposed by	Katipunan		Lead Coordinator	Christian Batac	
Event Date(s)	n/a				
ASCSM Account	5031 Club Assist	ance/ICC			
DESCRIPTION					
	oot-long bamboo sticks nit but should be cheap		for dance pe	rformance. It can be u	used for future years.
Item Description					Cost
 Bamboo Stic 2. 					\$200.00
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For ASCSM Secretary Motion by	Use Only	Secc	Tot	al Funding Request	\$200.00
Result of Vote In	Favor Oppo	osed Ab	stained	Passed	Failed





For the meeting of	ICC: March	18, 2025 / Stu	dent Senate:	March 24, 2025	
Title of Proposal	Funding for	Relax and Cre	eate DIY Wor	kshop	
Being Proposed by	International S	tudents Associati	on Coordir	Lead nator Jeslyn Ang	
Event Date(s)	April 9, 202	5			
ASCSM Account	5031 Club A	ssistance/ICC			
DESCRIPTION					
and relaxing brea participants to e	ak. This event will ngage in hands-o	include fake tatt	oos, air-dry clay o comote stress rel	eek activity to provide stud crafting, and flower crown r ief and self-expression. Mat	naking, allowing
Activities:					
Fake Tattoos – To	emporary tattoo	station where stu	dents can choose	e and apply designs.	
Air-Dry Clay Craf	ting – A space for	students to mold	and create sma	ll clay figures or designs.	
Make Your Own crowns.	Flower Crown – A	\ hands-on activit	y where students	s can design and assemble t	heir own flower
Item Description					Cost
1. Supplies					\$200.00
2. Food and dri	inks				\$50.00
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				Total Funding Request	\$250.00
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For the meeting of March 24, 2025

Title of Proposal Funding for AAPILD Night Market

Being Proposed by CSM Asian American Pacific Islander Lead

Leadership Development Program Coordinator Hao Tian

Event Date(s) Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

ASCSM Account 5050 Ethnic and Cultural Affairs

DESCRIPTION

The Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPILD) Leadership Development Program is a pioneering student organization that trains AAPILD student leaders to lead culturally inclusive storytelling, activities, and advocacy. Representation for AAPI communities is essential to highlight for various reasons such as increasing campus inclusivity, shedding light on Anti-Asian Hate, and dismantling the idea that the AAPI community is a monolith. AAPI are often perceived as highly educated "model minorities." This harmful generalization obscures significant differences that exist between diverse groups within the demographic category. As of the 2023-2024 academic year, Asian students made up 19.20% of the district's student body, while Pacific Islander students made up 1.40% of the district's student body. As an AANHPI-serving institution, at least 10% of CSM's student population self-identifies as AANHPI and, as recipients of the AANAPISI Program grant, we feel that the AANHPI-centric event will fulfill the goals of this grant, raising cultural awareness, supporting students, and sharing community.

Due to recent policy actions of the Trump administration, many Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, which aim to promote fair treatment and equal opportunities for marginalized and underrepresented groups, such as BIPOC and LGBTQ+ people, are being repealed. The loss of these initiatives could increase the marginalization of underrepresented groups in the classroom and workplace, potentially resulting in higher unemployment rates among minority populations, stagnant progress on diversity in hiring practices, and a greater risk of unchecked discrimination, creating a less inclusive and equitable environment for everyone, not just minority groups. Celebrating diversity and recognizing culture has never been more important, both in the AAPI community and beyond. We aim to create a fun, inclusive event and safe space for all students, from all backgrounds, to enjoy and learn about different AAPI cultures and traditions.

During AAPI Heritage Month (May), AAPILD plans to put on the AAPI Night Market event, which aims to highlight diverse traditions through food and cultural games. Night markets have played significant roles throughout AAPI history, often used to showcase different lifestyles and cuisines, and have made significant aspects of AAPI traditions more accessible across a multitude of communities. Every ethnicity uses food to bond with others, and an AAPI Night Market is another opportunity to support this cultural exchange. In collaboration with various College of San Mateo student clubs and local AAPI-owned businesses, foods and games from eight different AANHPI cultures will be served in sampling sizes to the student body. Specifically, we plan on catering food from small local Asian businesses, as we want to encourage students to further explore the variety of unique cultures in a delicious way. In addition, ordering from local businesses allows us to uplift AAPI entrepreneurs, raise awareness of other cultural communities that aren't as well known, and expose students to the variety of local cultures. Each food or game will be accompanied by an educational aspect, which will be accomplished through informational posters. Additionally, we will reach out to clubs associated with each culture (CSSA, VSA, etc.) and invite them to bring cultural games and teach attendees about their culture. We hope that this event provides diverse representation, in terms of the heritage and pride of the AAPI community, and contributes to others at the College of San Mateo, toward a more welcoming and vibrant learning environment for all students/staff at CSM no matter their background.

This event will take place in the 1:00pm. We will market across We anticipate around 300 atte	the entire campus			
Item Description				Cost
1. Food				\$2,600.00
2. Facilities				\$1,200.00
3. <u>Information/Educational P</u>	osters			\$270.00
4. Decorations				\$1,625.00
5. Games				\$100.00
			Total Funding Request	\$5,795.00
For ASCSM Secretary Use Only				
Motion by	0	Second by		F-II- d
Result of Vote In Favor	Opposed	Abstained _	Passed	Failed

Agenda Item #20

TO: ASCSM Student Senate

FROM: ASCSM Advocacy Board

PREPARED BY: Fauzi Hamadeh, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

ENDORSEMENT OF ADVOCACY BOARD KEY ISSUES FOR WASHINGTON DC TRIP

The Advocacy Board is proposing the following key issues to lobby lawmakers on during the upcoming Washington, DC Advocacy Trip in April.

• Financial Relief for Students (Lower-Income Communities)

Advocating for increased financial aid, grants, and resources to alleviate the financial burden on low-income students. This includes expanding access to scholarships, emergency relief funds, and affordable learning materials to ensure equitable educational opportunities.

• Anti-Curriculum Reduction (Limiting STEM or Languages)

Opposing efforts to limit or eliminate STEM and language courses that are vital for student career pathways and cultural enrichment. This initiative aims to protect diverse academic offerings and ensure students have access to the courses needed for transfer and professional development.

• Expanding Courses

Supporting the expansion of course availability, including evening, weekend, and online classes, to accommodate diverse student schedules and learning preferences. This effort seeks to improve graduation rates and increase accessibility for working students and non-traditional learners.

• Advocating For Anti-Educational Ban Culture Advocating

Challenging policies and practices that restrict academic freedom and censor educational materials. This includes advocating for inclusive, diverse curricula that reflect the experiences and histories of marginalized communities and protect intellectual discourse.

• International Student Retention

Enhancing support services for international students, including academic advising, cultural integration programs, and visa assistance. This initiative also aims to create

pathways for career development and community engagement to improve retention and success rates.

• Job/Housing Availability

Addressing the affordability crisis by partnering with local businesses and housing organizations to provide students with access to affordable housing and employment opportunities. This effort aims to reduce financial stress and support student success.

• Financial Relief

Advocating for increased funding and financial support systems, such as tuition waivers, textbook subsidies, and food security programs. This initiative aims to reduce economic barriers that hinder academic achievement and student well-being.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Student Senate discuss and act on endorsing these topics as the Senate deems appropriate and necessary.

Agenda Item #21: Appointment of the ASCSM Election Commission

The Senate shall discuss and appoint members to the Election Commission to oversee the 2025-2026 ASCSM Election. Possible action to take place.

Agenda Item #22: Past Event(s) Debrief

- a. New Years Around the World Equity Affairs
 - i. Overall event outlook
 - ii. Challenges faced/new learnings
 - iii. ASCSM goals met
- b. Night Tabling event Programming Board
 - i. Overall event outlook
 - ii. Challenges faced/new learnings
 - iii. ASCSM goals met