



The Associated Students of Saint Mary's College of California
Associated Students Senate Meeting
February 27th, 2026 1:30pm Hagerty Lounge DLS
MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to order
Called to order at 1:33pm
- II. Roll call
Absent: Senator Penalber, Senator Davis, Senator Pacheco, Senator Owen, Senator Gates, Senator Ramirez
- III. Minutes
 - A. [Review of minutes](#)
 1. Minutes must be distributed prior to the meeting
 - B. *Approval of minutes by Chair Ng, second Parkinson*
- IV. Review of Agenda
Chair Parnes, Chair Halstead
- V. Public Forum
 - A. Anyone from public, with stipulations
 1. Senators and those who wish to address the Senate will raise their hands and be called on by the VP of Administration.
 2. The discussion will be finished at the discretion of the VP of Administration.
VPSL Sciuto reminded Senate of Saturday's Student Leadership Conference, upcoming accreditation event for students and announcement of generous donor creating Brother Glenn Student Leadership Reward
 - B. Reports
 - A. Committee Reports
 1. Finance Committee -VP for Finance – *Next Programming fund mtg next week; completed workshops for returning club allocation process; new clubs have upcoming workshop*
 2. Institutional Affairs Board- *VP for Administration – nothing to new to report*
 3. Student Organization Council- *VP for Student Orgs. – Met to determine recommendations for chartering new clubs;*
 4. Committee on Diversity, Belonging, and Liberation College Committee on Inclusive Excellence - *AS President – nothing to new to report*

5. Food/Culinary Council Committee- *Senator Parkinson and/or Senator Mitra – Seeking more representation on committee from athletes and AS; would like more connection to clubs; new seating in Pub; mySMC portal suggestion for access*
6. Governing Documents Committee- *AS VP for Administration – meeting on Tuesday*
7. Senior Week Committee- *Chair Ng – beginning planning, looking to secure more funding, challenge in finding time for Soda Center*
8. Student Code of Conduct - *Senator Penalber – nothing to new to report*
9. Wellness Committee - *Senator Mitra – weekly wellness event; safe spring upcoming event*
10. Commencement Committee - *Chair Ng – Matthew Dellevodova announced as Speaker; needing more seniors because several Class are eligible for Valedictorian*
11. Student Rank and Tenure Committee - *AS Representatives are Senators Bokum, Senator Owen, Senator Pacheco, Senator Farrell, Senator Valdez, Senator Parent– nothing to new to report*
12. Grade Appeals Committee - *AS Representatives are Senators Bokum, Senator Owen, Senator Pacheco, Senator Farrell, Senator Valdez– nothing to new to report*

B. Class Reports

1. Senior Class Chair – *Chair Ng – senior week, Senator Penabler working on resolution*
2. Junior Class Chair – *Chair Paredes - working on resolution re: club connections to AS; finishing kits for restrooms and CWGE*
3. Sophomore Class Chair – *Chair Parkinson – partnering with CAPS on mental health initiative; beginning to write resolutions*
4. First-Year Class Chair – *Chair Halstead – flag football event on March 13; planning on brand fair; MMC Fair Trade Friday partnership*

C. Executive Team Report

1. Vice President for Finance – *Vice President O’Sullivan – allocation form due on April 10 (in-person April 11)*
2. Vice President for Student Orgs. – *Vice President Victoroff – nothing to new to report*
3. Vice President for Admin. – *Vice President Montano– nothing to new to report*
4. Associated Students President – *President Molitoris – attend leadership conference; attend office hours and notify of when*

VI. Open Business

A. Club Presentations

1. Pre-dental club
Pre-dental Club presented to AS on progress of their club
2. Neuroscience Club
Neuroscience Club presented to AS on progress of their club

B. Voting on chartering Clubs

1. Law Club

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council – *Recommends Yes because of their activity, solid presentation in fall, and communication*

b. Senate discussion – *Parkinson supports; Halstead supports; Terry supports*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Yay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Yay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Yay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Yay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Yay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Abstain*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Abstain*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Yay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Abstain*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Yay*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Yay*

Valdez *Yay*

By a vote of six (6) affirmative, three (3) abstentions, and zero (0) no's, the Law Club was voted in as a chartered Saint Mary's College Associated Students club.

2. Board Game Club

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council– *Recommends No based on no response to inquiries and failure to show at presentation*

b. Senate discussion – *Chair Ng: are they meeting? VPSO Unknown; Chair Halstead: Have they had any events? VPSO: Have not heard anything; Chair Parkinson: If no contact then should vote no; Senator Parrent: When was last contact? VPSO: none since fall; Senator Bokum: Who was president? VPSO: I don't know*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Nay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Nay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Nay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Nay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Nay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Nay*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Nay*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Nay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Nay*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Nay*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Nay*

Valdez *Nay*

By a vote of twelve (12) no's and zero (0) affirmatives, the Board Game Club was denied membership as a chartered organization for the Saint Mary's College Associated Students.

3. Gael Brotherhood

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council– *Recommends No because leadership did not communicate and failed to present to Senate*

b. Senate discussion – *Chair Parkinson indicated they failed to show for meeting and indicated they were no longer interested in attending; Chair Ng indicated they should not be;*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Nay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Nay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Nay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Nay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Nay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Nay*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Nay*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Nay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Nay*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Nay*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Nay*

Valdez *Nay*

By a vote of twelve (12) no's and zero (0) affirmatives, the Gael Brotherhood was denied membership as a chartered organization for the Saint Mary's College Associated Students.

4. Snow Club

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council– *Recommends Yes for activities and meetings, planned things, & solid presentation*

b. Senate discussion – *Senator Halstead positive because of inclusivity & action; Senator Bokum: solid leadership and paying back for others; Senator Morales: Finance Committee has met with club and provided some funding but some concerns regarding communication and what is happening with money and expectations may not be fully met; Chair Ng: Safety risks, would lack of communication harm chance, VPSO: Students sign waivers for events and are attempting to mitigate risks; Senator Valdez: will leadership actually be able to support and caretake club during events?; Chair Parkinson: at beginning, clear communication...but have they gone to allocation workshop? VPF: No as that happens later, Finance Committee has requested info and not received response and they did overspend; Senator Holliman: Is there an advisor? VPSO: No; Chair Paredes: How did they overspend? VPF: Spent more than requested amount with claim that prices changed; VPF asked SAE Coordinator Hubbard for more information, SAE Hubbard: discount had been lifted so pass cost went up*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Nay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Nay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Nay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Nay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Nay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Yay*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Yay*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Nay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Yay*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Yay*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Yay*

Valdez *Yay*

With a tie in voting, the Vice President for Administration provided the tiebreaking vote:

VPA: Nay

By a vote of seven (7) no's to six (6) affirmatives, the Snow Club was denied membership as a chartered organization for the Saint Mary's College Associated Students.

5. Powerlifting Club

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council– *Recommends Yes*

b. Senate discussion – *Chair Halstead positive for nutrition & events; Chair Bokum: proper teaching is important; Chair Parkinson: positive for social; Senator Farrell: Work at Rec Center and impressed with them; Senator Holliman: body positive, might need*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Nay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Yay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Yay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Yay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Yay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Yay*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Yay*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Yay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Yay*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Abstain*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Yay*

Valdez *Yay*

By a vote of twelve (11 affirmatives, one (1) abstention, and one (1) no's, the Powerlifting Club was voted in as a chartered Saint Mary's College Associated Students club.

6. Pre-dental Club

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council– *Recommends Yes for activity and positive presentation*

b. Senate discussion – *Chair Parkinson: importance of academic club; Chair Halstead: positive influence*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Yay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Yay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Yay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Yay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Yay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Yay*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Yay*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Yay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Yay*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Yay*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Yay*

Valdez *Yay*

By a vote of twelve (12) affirmatives to zero (0) no's, the Pre-dental Club was voted in as a chartered Saint Mary's College Associated Students club.

7. Neuroscience

a. Recommendation from Student Organization Council– *Recommends Yes because of make up presentation and for student interest*

b. Senate discussion – *Chair Paredes: Leadership has been responsive & committed; Senator Parrent: any request for funding? VPF: No; Senator Terry: professional and good presentation; Chair Parkinson: philanthropic aspect of club positive*

c. Roll call vote

Senior Class Chair Ng - *Yay*

Senior Vice Chair Penalber *Absent*

Senior Senators:

Davis *Absent*

Holliman *Yay*

Junior Class Chair Paredes *Yay*

Junior Vice Chair Morales *Yay*

Junior Senators:

Owen *Absent*

Parent *Yay*

Pacheco *Absent*

Sophomore Class Chair Parkinson *Yay*

Sophomore Vice Chair Terry *Yay*

Sophomore Senators:

Gates *Absent*

Farrell *Yay*

First year Class Chair Halstead *Yay*

First Year Vice Chair Bokum *Yay*

First year Senators

Ramirez *Absent*

Mitra *Yay*

Valdez *Yay*

By a vote of twelve (12) affirmatives to zero (0) no's, the Neuroscience Club was voted in as a chartered Saint Mary's College Associated Students club.

VII. New Business
No new business

VIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 2:44pm