

The Associated Students of Saint Mary's College of California  
**Associated Students Senate Meeting**  
April 24th, 2026 1:30pm Dryden

- I. Call to order  
**1:33pm**
- II. Roll call  
**Absent: Chair Ng, Senator Davis, Senator Morales, Senator Mitra**  
**Late: Senator Bokum,**
- III. Minutes
  - A. Review of [Minutes](#)
    1. Minutes must be distributed prior to the meeting
  - B. Approval of minutes  
**Motion to pass: Chair Parkinson, Senator Terry**
- IV. Review of Agenda  
**Chair Parades: Motion to reallocate budget, Second by Parkinson**  
**Motion passed**
- 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.  
**None**
    2. Vidya Chandrasekaran - Director of Assessment and Educational Effectiveness  
**Presentation on Assessment and Accreditation Overview & student involvement**
  - B. Reports
- A. Committee Reports
  1. Finance Committee -*VP for Finance*  
**Clubs contacted to balance programming funds that were requested**
  2. Institutional Affairs Board- *VP for Administration*  
**Nothing new to report**
  3. Student Organization Council- *VP for Student Orgs.* **Nothing new to report**
  4. Committee on Diversity, Belonging, and Liberation College Committee on Inclusive Excellence - *AS President* **Nothing new to report, last mtg in May**
  5. Food/Culinary Council Committee- *Senator Parkinson and/or Senator Mitra*  
**Nothing new to report**
  6. Governing Documents Committee- *AS VP for Administration* **Voting today on final documents**
  7. Senior Week Committee- *Chair Ng* **Senior week next week**
  8. Student Code of Conduct - *Senator Penalber* **Nothing new to report**
  9. Wellness Committee - *Senator Mitra* **Not present**

10. Commencement Committee - *Chair Ng* **Work completed**
11. Student Rank and Tenure Committee - *AS Representatives are Senators Bokum, Senator Owen, Senator Pacheco, Senator Farrell, Senator Valdez, Senator Parent* **Nothing new to report**
12. Grade Appeals Committee - *AS Representatives are Senators Bokum, Senator Owen, Senator Pacheco, Senator Farrell, Senator Valdez* **Nothing new to report**

B. Class Reports

1. Senior Class Chair – *Chair Ng* **Nothing new to report**
2. Junior Class Chair – *Chair Paredes* **Nothing new to report**
3. Sophomore Class Chair – *Chair Parkinson* **3 resolutions on agenda**
4. First-Year Class Chair – *Chair Halstead* **working on diversity & inclusion event w/Professor Ahnen; activism art event; genocide awareness/MENA partnership**

C. Executive Team Report

1. Vice President for Finance – *Vice President O’Sullivan* **finance committee finishing expense reports**
2. Vice President for Student Orgs. – *President Molitoris* **Nothing new to report**
3. Vice President for Admin. – *Vice President Montano* **Last Senate mtg**
4. Associated Students President – *President Molitoris* **VPSO Victoroff removed from position on Tuesday; full Senate entering next year**

VI. Open Business

- A. Audio recording [Resolution](#)  
*Presentation and Discussion*  
*Motion to Edit resolution to include the word test (Chair Halstead, second by Chair Paredes)*  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Senator Penalber Y**  
**Senator Halliman Y**  
**Chair Paredes Y**  
**Senator Parent Y**  
**Senator Pacheco Y**  
**Chair Parkinson Abstain**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**  
**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Y**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum Y**  
**Senator Valdez Y**

*Motion to edit resolution title to includes “for the Academic Year 2026-2027” (Farrell, second Senator Gates)*

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Senator Penalber Y**

**Senator Halliman Y**  
**Chair Paredes Y**  
**Senator Parent Y**  
**Senator Pacheco Y**  
**Chair Parkinson Abstain**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**  
**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Y**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum Y**  
**Senator Valdez N**

*Motion to vote on resolution (Senator Pacheco, second Parent)*

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Senator Penalber N**  
**Senator Halliman Abstain**  
**Chair Paredes Y**  
**Senator Parent N**  
**Senator Pacheco N**  
**Chair Parkinson Abstain**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**  
**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Y**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum Y**  
**Senator Valdez N**  
*Resolution passed*

*Motion to amend meeting agenda to immediately discuss budget (Senator Valdez, Senator Holliman)*

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Senator Penalber Y**  
**Senator Halliman Y**  
**Chair Paredes Y**  
**Senator Parent Y**  
**Senator Pacheco Y**  
**Chair Parkinson Y**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**  
**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Y**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum Y**  
**Senator Valdez Y**

B. [Town Hall Committee Resolution](#)

*The AS was unable to discuss or vote on the resolution*

C. [Syllabus Transparency](#) Resolution

*The AS was unable to discuss or vote on the resolution*

VII. New Business

A. Vote on revised Governing Documents

1. [Bylaws](#)

**Senator Parkinson motions to pass Bylaws (second by Chair Halstead)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Senator Penalber Y**

**Senator Halliman Y**

**Chair Paredes Y**

**Senator Parent Y**

**Senator Pacheco Y**

**Chair Parkinson Y**

**Senator Terry Y**

**Senator Gates Y**

**Senator Farrell Y**

**Chair Halstead Y**

**Senator Ramirez Y**

**Senator Bokum Y**

**Senator Valdez Y**

2. [Election Code](#)

**Chair Halstead motions to pass Election Code (second by Senator Gates)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Senator Penalber Y**

**Senator Halliman Y**

**Chair Paredes Y**

**Senator Parent Y**

**Senator Pacheco Y**

**Chair Parkinson Y**

**Senator Terry Y**

**Senator Gates Y**

**Senator Farrell Y**

**Chair Halstead Y**

**Senator Ramirez Y**

**Senator Bokum Y**

**Senator Valdez Y**

B. Vote on [Allocation Budget](#)

1. *Amended recommendation for budget:*

- a) **Chair Paredes:** concern over allocation to CAB, particularly to request for increased stipends for staff; additionally requesting that CAB's budget in the budget be broken down similar to SAE, IC, AS; concern over how funds are being spent; specific request to reduce CAB by \$5500 to re-allocate to AS for retreat & AS meetings, which aren't currently within the proposed budget

*Discussion:*

**Senator Halliman:** should the money be reallocated to clubs, not AS?; conflict of interest having CAB director be on finance committee or clubs being represented on finance committee

**Chair Halstead:** reduce money from CAB proposal in order to prove consistency; clubs deserve more money

**Senator Bokum:** memorable events hosted by CAB and clubs have opportunity to collaborate to do more

**Senator Valdez:** difficult to reward or punish for past CAB leadership; reduce AS budget

**Senator Farrell:** CABs attendance at events does not meet the number of requested funds

**Senator Gates:** looking at Presence, many CAB events have no or very limited attendance; planning through SAE has been a struggle

**Senator Terry:** Agreed on attendance record and concerned they are not demonstrating student engagement; other clubs could likely do same with similar funding

**Senator Penalber:** Agreed on reduction of CAB budget but not to increase AS; CAB is utilizing funding sources that take away from clubs such as Programming Fund

**Senator Parent:** Can Finance Committee discuss why CAB was not cut after appeals? Concern with decreasing the Programming Fund; Desire to review BSU & Rock Climbing to increase based on their requests

**Senator Pacheco:** Should funding be redirected from CAB to other clubs; Snow club should have been reduced based on leader's reactions at last AS meeting;

**Chair Halstead:** CAB needs to prove consistency and even more allocated money; CAB feels like a monopoly

**Halstead motions to reduce CAB's budget to \$65,0000 (second Gates)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Senator Penalber Y**

**Senator Halliman Y**

**Chair Paredes Y**

**Senator Parent Y**  
**Senator Pacheco Y**  
**Chair Parkinson Y**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**  
**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Abstain**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum N**  
**Senator Valdez N**

*Discussion on Finance Committee findings*

**Chair Parkinson and Senator Bokum described decisions made by Finance Committee based on last AS meeting; decisions based on presentations, clarity of numbers.**

**Motion by Senator Parent: \$2045 to AS, \$13,100 to Programming Fund, \$1400 to Rock Climbing; \$500 to BSU**  
*No second, motion doesn't move forward*

**Motion by Senator Valdez: \$2,045 to AS, \$15,000 to Programming Fund**  
**(second by Senator Bocum)**

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Senator Penalber Y**  
**Senator Halliman Y**  
**Chair Paredes Abstain**  
**Senator Parent Y**  
**Senator Pacheco Y**  
**Chair Parkinson Y**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**  
**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Y**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum Abstain**  
**Senator Valdez Abstain**

**Senator Terry motions to pass AS 2026-2027 budget (Chair Halstead second)**

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Senator Penalber Y**  
**Senator Halliman Y**  
**Chair Paredes Y**  
**Senator Parent Y**  
**Senator Pacheco Y**  
**Chair Parkinson Y**  
**Senator Terry Y**  
**Senator Gates Y**

**Senator Farrell Y**  
**Chair Halstead Y**  
**Senator Ramirez Y**  
**Senator Bokum Y**  
**Senator Valdez Y**

VIII. Adjournment

A. Passing of the Torch May 8th

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm**