



Associated Students of Grossmont College

8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon 92020

Board of Directors | Regular Meeting | 4/10/2026 | 9:00AM | 60-207

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- I. **PRELIMINARY ITEMS**
 - A. **Call to order**
 - B. **Roll Call**

ASGC Board of Directors	
President (P) <i>Lu Tri Vi Huynh</i>	Vice President (P) <i>Eric Anzures</i>
Secretary (A) <i>Nathaniel Harris</i>	Advisor / Dean of Students Affairs* (P) <i>Sara Varghese</i>
Board Member 1 (P) <i>Joel Sanchez</i>	Board Member 2 (P) <i>Jade Medina</i>
Board Member 3 (P) <i>Valerie Reyes</i>	Board Member 4 (P) <i>Gabby Wright</i>
Board Member 5 (P) <i>Jayden Pelayo</i>	Board Member 6 (P) <i>Alessandra Velasco</i>
Board Member 7 (P) <i>Nicholas Pata</i>	Board Member 8 (P) <i>James Joyner</i>
Director of Campus Activities (P) (Board Member 9) <i>Anahi Mendez</i>	Director of Student Legislation (A) (Board Member 10) <i>Joseph Anthony Cruz</i>

Vice President of Finance (P) (Board Member 11) Khaley Kaesser	Director of Publicity (P) (Board Member 12) Jayson Alvarado
Board Member 13 Vacant	Board Member 14 Vacant
Board Member 15 Vacant	<i>Student Trustee* (P)</i> <i>Lu Tri Vi Huynh</i>

****denotes ex-officio / Italicized = Non-voting***

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Adoption of the Agenda for April 10, 2026

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mendez/ Sanchez (U). Motion carried.

E. Adoption of the Minutes for [March 20, 2026](#)

Motion to adopt the minutes of March 20, 2026 by Kaesser/Joyner (U). Motion carried.

F. Public Comment:

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the board on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of five (5) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The Board may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. However, for further information, please contact the ASGC Director of Board Affairs for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Government Code §54954.2) - None

II. REPORTS (2 minutes max per report)

A. Board of Directors Reports

i. President

SSCCC General Assembly 26 (GA26): ASGC-authored Resolution 26.07.06, advocating for state funding of tutoring support services in remedial mathematics at California Community Colleges, was adopted by the General Assembly with a vote of 67 in favor and 4 opposed. A second resolution submitted by ASGC had not yet been officially released at the time of reporting; the President indicated it was likely also adopted.

Budget Committee: The committee is amending the budget augmentation rubric. Changes under consideration include removing the sustainability and prior funding use criteria; adding legal compliance and consequence-if-unfunded criteria; and revisiting the equity and inclusivity criteria and point distribution. The next Budget Committee meeting has been rescheduled from the second to the third Thursday of May, May 17, 2026.

- ii. **Vice President - None**
- iii. **Secretary - Absent**
- iv. **Board Member(s) - None**

B. Student Trustee Report

The next GCCCD Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Griffin Center. Meeting time is 5:15 PM; agenda may include a Basic Needs Center tour and may include a discussion regarding Grossmont College's engineering course offerings. Board members were encouraged to attend.

C. Advisor Report

Health Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Main Quad. Activities include a scavenger hunt, sound healing, and other wellness programming.

Advisor Varghese reiterated election guidance: board members running for office should direct all election-related student questions to the Elections Committee or the Advisor; board members should not approve or post campaign materials at the ASGC level.

D. Institution Committee Reports

i. College Council

Board Members Sanchez and Reyes served as proxies at the last College Council meeting.

ii. Budget Committee

Reported under President's Report above.

iii. Facilities Committee

iv. Planning and Institutional Effective Committee

v. Professional Development Committee

vi. Staffing Committee

vii. Student Success and Equity Committee

The committee splitted in 3 work groups. The basic needs destigmatization group discussed strategies including an open house, a promotional video at Gizmo Kitchen, multilingual materials, and student welcoming initiatives. Board Member Medina reported on a separate work group focused on textbook cost reduction, including advocating for faculty to list course materials with the bookstore so students can apply voucher funds.

viii. Technology Committee

ix. Other Committees

E. Internal Committee Reports

i. Legislative & Governance Committee

(Director of Student Legislation)

In the absence of Director Cruz, VPF Kaesser reported that the committee discussed the current revised Bylaws (effective 02/27/26) and concluded that the structure may not be functioning as intended for the current board. The committee is considering a proposal to revert to the prior Bylaws, which would restore executive voting power, eliminate the Secretary role in favor of Directors, reduce board member seat counts, and strike the current standing internal committee structure. This proposal has not been brought as a formal action item; it will be placed on a future agenda.

The committee also discussed benefit sticker enhancements, including: a potential 30% discount on MTS bus passes (current student rate: \$57.60); a bookstore discount modeled on peer institutions; potential café perks; Regal movie ticket sales; two free transcripts; formalizing the monthly giveaway program currently listed on the ASGC website as "coming soon"; removing the ASGC scholarship listing from the website; and developing a vendor partnership list (e.g., Starbucks, Albertsons, gym membership).

ii. Finance Committee

(Vice President of Finance)

The most recent Finance Committee meeting covered the All My Ears grant, which was reported at the prior board meeting. No new items to report.

iii. Communications & Outreach Committee

(Director of Publicity)

Upcoming events: game night (Kahoot format) planned for April 22, 2026, approximately 5:00–5:30 PM. Flag football game scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2026, 4:00 PM, campus field. Election outreach to include class visits by non-running board members, tabling with candidate profile displays, and campus banner postings. ASGC confirmed tabling participation at the Earth Day sustainability fair.

**iv. Campus Activities Committee
(Director of Campus Activities)**

Planned events: game night on April 22 with gift card prizes; potential movie night in May (requires club partnership for copyright compliance; no venue or date confirmed). Earth Day sustainability fair: ASGC will table and encourage community donations. Additional event logistics to be coordinated with Director Alvarado.

III. DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

Board members will discuss and pull items from the docket of business for discussion. Public may request an item to be pulled for separate consideration. Board members will vote to approve, as requested, all items on the Consent Calendar, except for those items pulled for separate discussion.

IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Discussion | 2026 ASGC Election Timeline & Outreach Options

Anahi Mendez | 20 minutes (Action)

The Board shall hear from eligible candidates and appoint ASGC Board Members.

B. Action | Approval to Move Forward with the Investment of the Maturing Certificate of Deposit at East County Schools Federal Credit Union

Khaley Kaesser | 10 minutes (Action)

The Board will consider and may approve the reinvestment of the maturing \$43,610.97 certificate of deposit into a CD ladder strategy at East County Schools Federal Credit Union. The proposed strategy would divide the funds into four certificates with staggered maturity terms of 6, 12, 18, and 24 months at the best available rates, approximately 3.95% to 4.05% APY, in order to balance yield, liquidity, and low risk.

VPF Kaesser reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the matter and recommends allowing the maturing \$43,610.97 certificate of deposit to roll over at East County Schools Federal Credit Union (ECSFCU) at the current

rate of approximately 3.95% APY. The committee's recommendation was to accept this renewal rather than pursue the CD ladder strategy at this time, as it provides a higher rate than a savings account and gives the incoming board the opportunity to revisit reinvestment strategy at the next maturity date.

Motion to approve reinvestment of the maturing CD at East County Schools Federal Credit Union by Kaesser/Velasco (U). Motion carried. CD to roll over at ECSFCU at approximately 3.95% APY.

C. Action | Mascot Options

Gabby Wright | 10 minutes (Action)

The Board will review mascot procurement options and may approve the expenditure of already allocated funds, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for the selection and purchase of a mascot option.

Board Member Gabby Wright presented research on three vendor options for a new mascot costume, against a previously approved budget not to exceed \$20,000:

- **The Mascot Company:** Quote of approximately \$10,780. Has produced mascots for NFL and NHL franchises. Lead time up to one year; estimated 30-year durability. Company confirmed capability to produce a Griffin costume and shared a reference portfolio.
- **Loonie Time Costumes:** Responsive vendor. No formal quote received yet. Also offers individual mascot parts (heads, hands, feet) for repairs.
- **Carol Flemming:** Quote of approximately \$19,000. Not recommended by Board Member Wright.

Wright recommended The Mascot Company as the primary vendor for a new costume, and Looney Time Costumes as a source for replacement parts to improve the existing mascot in the interim. The board discussed design preferences and agreed that the remaining budget could fund interim repairs.

First motion: Board Member Velasco moved to approve an immediate purchase from The Mascot Company. Seconded by Board Member Reyes. After discussion, the motion was called to vote. The majority of members voted in opposition. Motion failed.

Second motion: Motion to authorize Board Member Wright to continue design development with The Mascot Company and return to the board with a

finalized design proposal for subsequent approval by Board Member Velasco. Seconded by Board Member Reyes. No objections. Motion carried.

Third motion: Motion to authorize Board Member Wright to research and pursue replacement parts for the current mascot through Looney Time Costumes by VPF Kaesser. Seconded by Board Member Velasco. No objections. Motion carried.

D. Approval | Club Grant

Khaley Kaesser | 10 minutes (Action)

The Board will review and vote to approve the following club grants:

- Computer Science and Cybersecurity Organization (an amount not exceeding \$1,000): Club funds for HackMesa Hackathon LA

Advisor Varghese spoke to the club's dedication and initiative. Board Member Reyes noted that CSCO's faculty advisor raised a concern about the complexity of the current club grant process and encouraged improvement of that process going forward.

Motion to approve the club grant for the Computer Science and Cybersecurity Organization in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for HackMesa Hackathon LA by Kaesser/Pata (U). Motion carried.

E. ASGC Graduation Stoles

Anahi Mendez | 5 minutes (Action)

The Board will receive information regarding the design process and distribution of ASGC graduation stoles for eligible members. Eligible recipients include Khaley Kaesser, Jade Medina, Anahi Mendez, Lu Tri Vi Huynh, and Nathaniel Harris.

Director Mendez presented a proposed graduation stole design incorporating the ASGC logo. The design features the recipient's first and last name, abbreviated position title (President, Vice President, Director, or Board member), and ASGC branding in gold embroidery on a green stole. Advisor Varghese confirmed she would coordinate vendor selection and ordering. The original eligible recipient list included five members.

During discussion, Board Member Velasco was identified as an additional eligible graduating member.

Motion to add Alessandra Velasco to the eligible recipient list for ASGC graduation stoles by Board Member Reyes. Seconded by VPF Kaesser. No discussion. No objections. Motion carried.

Final approved recipient list: Khaley Kaesser, Jade Medina, Anahi Mendez, Vi Huynh, Nathaniel Harris, Alessandra Velasco.

Advisor Varghese will coordinate final design approval and vendor ordering

F. Discussion | 2026 ASGC Election Timeline & Outreach Update

Anahi Mendez | 20 minutes (Info) minutes (Info)

The Board shall be informed of recent activities and changes regarding the 2026 ASGC Elections.

Director Mendez and Advisor Varghese provided the following update:

- Filing period closes April 20, 2026. Ten days remain.
- Voting window: April 28–29, 2026.
- Outreach plans: Tabling near the ASGC office or Gizmo Kitchen (non-candidates only); distributing candidate personal statements as flyers; planned candidate forum with rules and questions to be developed; QR code voting promotion during the voting window.
- Advisor Varghese reminded all board members currently serving who are running for re-election that they must formally submit an application. She directed all election questions from students or board members to the Elections Committee or herself, and instructed that campaign posters must be routed through Student Affairs for approval rather than posted directly.

G. Appoint Board Members to ASGC Internal Committees

Lu Tri Vi Huynh | 10 minutes (Action)

The board shall apportionately appoint board members to ASGC Internal Committees.

President Huynh reviewed the current internal committee roster. Board Member Wright had no standing committee assignment. The following appointments were made:

Member	Committee	Schedule
Gabby Wright	Legislative & Governance Committee	Tuesdays, 3:00 PM
Gabby Wright	Campus Activities Committee	Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

H. Appoint Campus Governance Committee Delegate

Lu Tri Vi Huynh | 10 minutes (Action)

The President shall appoint members to various campus governance committees.

Member	Committee	Schedule
Valerie Reyes	Student Success & Equity Committee (proxy for President Huynh)	Thursdays, 2:00 PM

V. INFORMAL DISCUSSION

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President Huynh announced that the ASGC office will remain closed to general use until it has been cleaned and reorganized by the board.

The following schedule was established:

Day	Lead	Available Time
Monday, Apr. 13	President Huynh	After 12:30 PM
Tuesday, Apr. 14	VPF Kaesser	After 12:00 PM
Wednesday, Apr. 15	Board Member Pata	After 12:20 PM

Board members are asked to contribute at least two hours during the week. Board members in leadership positions were asked to take ownership of their respective areas. Once complete, the office will reopen to normal operations.

The first flag football game is Friday, April 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM. The board discussed spirit section activities including a green and gold theme, balloon arches, fan engagement materials, and fan-side postings. Planning to be coordinated through the Communications & Outreach and Campus Activities committees.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting: Friday, April 17, 2026, 9:00 AM, Room 60-207.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 11:15 AM