Associated Students of Grossmont College

8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon 92020

Board of Directors | Regular Meeting | 5/8/2026 | 9:00AM | 60-207

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I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM by President Lu Tri Vi Huynh.

B. Roll Call

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

Anahi Mendez (TA)	Joseph Anthony Cruz (P)
Vice President of Finance (Board Member 11) Khaley Kaesser (P)	**Director of Publicity (Board Member 12)** Jayson Alvarado (P)
Board Member 13 Vacant	**Board Member 14** Vacant
Board Member 15 Vacant	***Student Trustee**** *Lu Tri Vi Huynh (P)*

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C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Adoption of the Agenda for May 8, 2026

Motion to adopt the agenda for May 8, 2026:

Moved by Joseph Anthony Cruz, Seconded by Khaley Kaesser (U)

The motion carried without objection.

E. Adoption of the Minutes for April 24, 2026

Motion to adopt the Minutes for April 24, 2026:

Motioned by Valerie Reyes, seconded by James Joyner (U)

The motion carried without objection.

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)

Public comment was opened. No formal public comment was recorded.

II. REPORTS (2 minutes max per report)

Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business

Khaley Kaesser moved to suspend the regular order of business and proceed to business items before reports.

Seconded by Joseph Anthony Cruz (U)

Motion carried without objection.

Reports were taken after the Order of Business.

A. Board of Directors Reports

i. President

President Huynh reported working on the ASGC budget tracker, planning the proposed Sacramento legislative advocacy trip, attending the Student Success and Equity Committee, meeting with the College President, and attending College Council.

ii. Vice President

No formal report recorded.

iii. Secretary

Secretary Nathaniel Harris reported assisting with preparation of the meeting agenda.

iv. Board Member(s)

No additional formal Board Member reports were recorded.

B. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Huynh reported that the next GCCCD Governing Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 4:15 PM at Cuyamaca College, I-209. He encouraged ASGC members to attend, noting it would be his final Governing Board meeting as Student Trustee. He also reported plans to attend an upcoming Grossmont Mesa activity related to an aerospace course review.

C. Advisor Report

Advisor Sara Varghese congratulated members who ran for office and were elected for the next year. She reported that elected members would be sworn in at the next meeting and would use “elect” status before officially taking office after commencement.

The Advisor also reported that commencement communications had begun, with weekly emails being sent to graduates. An information session for graduates was scheduled for Thursday at 11:00 AM via Zoom and would be recorded. Members were encouraged to volunteer at commencement.

The Advisor also reported that the Basic Needs survey received more than 700 responses. Results were still being compiled, but early feedback showed strong positive responses regarding staff friendliness and the accessibility of services.

D. Institution Committee Reports

i. College Council

No additional report recorded.

ii. Budget Committee

No formal report recorded.

iii. Facilities Committee

A brief report was given that the committee discussed ADA-related facilities matters.

iv. Planning and Institutional Effective Committee

No formal report recorded.

v. Professional Development Committee

The committee was noted as scheduled to meet on May 20, 2026.

vi. Student Success and Equity Committee

Members reported that the committee continued work in smaller groups focused on student-success goals. One focus area involved encouraging faculty to submit textbook information to the bookstore so students with book vouchers can use them effectively. Members also discussed survey work and student-facing messaging.

vii. Technology Committee

No report recorded. The meeting was noted as canceled.

viii. Other Committees

No report recorded.

E. Internal Committee Reports

i. Legislative & Governance Committee

(Director of Student Legislation)

Joseph Anthony Cruz reported that the committee met Tuesday and reviewed constitution and bylaw amendment procedures. Members discussed the procedural status of prior constitution amendments and the need to align current bylaws with the governing constitution. The committee planned to bring proposed bylaw revisions to the next meeting.

ii. **Finance Committee**

(Vice President of Finance)

No report recorded.

iii. **Communications & Outreach Committee**

(Director of Publicity)

The committee discussed possible additional student engagement activity before the end of the semester. No action was taken.

iv. **Campus Activities Committee**

(Director of Campus Activities)

No formal report recorded.

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.

The Board briefly discussed whether any items should be placed on the Consent Calendar. No items were ultimately approved through the Consent Calendar. The Board proceeded to the regular Order of Business.

IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Action | Mascot Options & Purchase

Gabby Wright | 15 minutes

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

The Board reviewed mascot procurement options and discussed a quote from The Mascot Company. The discussion included the proposed mascot design, color scheme, wings, body type, accessories, spare parts, shipping, and the purchasing process.

The quoted base cost discussed was approximately $10,780, with shipping discussed at approximately $565. Accessories were discussed at approximately $750 each, though members generally indicated that accessories were not immediately necessary and that spare parts or separately purchased seasonal items may be more practical. The Advisor explained that the purchase would need to proceed through the College purchasing process and that the quote would need to be converted into an invoice or processed through the appropriate purchasing steps. The quote validity period was also noted and may need to be updated.

Khaley Kaesser moved to approve proceeding with the mascot quote from The Mascot Company, using previously allocated mascot funds, subject to the purchasing process, with total spending not to exceed the previously authorized amount of $20,000.

Seconded by Gabby Wright.

Members discussed design preferences, spare parts, accessories, quote timing, and purchasing process requirements.

Motion carried without objection.

B. Action | Approve ASGC Budget for FY 26-27
Khaley Kaesser | 15 minutes
The Board will review, discuss, and may approve the ASGC budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

The Board reviewed a proposed FY 2026-2027 ASGC budget draft. Discussion focused on projected income, benefit sticker sales, carryover funds, interest income, student representation fees, executive/director fees, travel, and the role of the annual budget as a planning tool for the incoming Board.

The Advisor clarified that the proposed budget functions as a planning and authorization framework for the incoming Board, while individual expenditures still require appropriate approval unless already authorized through governing documents. Members discussed the need to work further with Ella Matkovski and the Advisor to verify account balances, assumptions, projected income, and expenditure categories.

Joseph Anthony Cruz moved to table Item IV. B, "Approve ASGC Budget for FY 2026-2027," to the next meeting on May 15, 2026.

Seconded by Valerie Reyes.

Motion carried without objection. Item IV. B was tabled to the next meeting.

C. **Action | ASGC Club Charter Approvals**
Eric Anzures | 15 minutes (Discussion/Action)
The Board will review and approve student organizations/student clubs for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Board reviewed a club charter request for Serendipity K-Pop.

Joseph Anthony Cruz moved to approve the charter for Serendipity K-Pop.

Seconded by Nicholas Pata.

Motion carried without objection. Serendipity K-Pop Club Charter was approved.

D. **Discussion | Proposed ASGC Legislative Advocacy Trip to Sacramento**
Lu Tri Vi Huynh | 15 minutes
The Board will receive a presentation and provide feedback regarding a proposed ASGC legislative advocacy trip to Sacramento, tentatively planned for January 21–24, 2027. The proposed trip would focus on legislative visits with state legislators and advocacy related to student issues for up to 10 ASGC members and one advisor, with a proposed funding cap not to exceed $30,000, pending further planning, district procedures, and applicable approvals.

President Huynh presented a proposed legislative advocacy trip to Sacramento, tentatively planned for January 21-24, 2027, for up to 10 ASGC members and one advisor.

The proposed trip would focus on direct legislative advocacy and student leadership development. The proposed schedule included travel to Sacramento, a Capitol visit, meetings or attempted meetings with state legislative offices, discussion with higher education policy staff, possible engagement with the Legislative Analyst's Office, possible engagement with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and attendance at a legislative floor session if available.

The preliminary estimated cost discussed was approximately $17,000, including contingency, though the presenter requested a higher cap for planning flexibility and compliance with travel procedures. Members discussed planning needs, including selecting participants by September, coordinating legislative appointments in the fall, working through appropriate

college or district contacts, and confirming logistics under district travel procedures.
No action was taken under Item IV. D.

E. **Action | Approval of Funding Cap for Proposed ASGC Legislative Advocacy Trip to Sacramento**
Lu Tri Vi Huynh | 15 minutes
The Board will discuss and may approve a funding amount not to exceed $30,000 for a proposed ASGC legislative advocacy trip to Sacramento, tentatively planned for January 21–24, 2027, for up to 10 ASGC members and one advisor, subject to final travel details, district procedures, and applicable approvals.

The Board considered approval of a funding cap for the proposed

Motion carried without objection (James Joyner/ Valerie Reyes).

F. **Action | Approval of Funding Cap for SSCCC General Assembly 2027**
Lu Tri Vi Huynh | 15 minutes
The Board will discuss preliminary travel planning for the SSCCC General Assembly, scheduled for April 9–11, 2027, in San Diego, including anticipated participation, estimated costs, and may approve a funding amount not to exceed $30,000

The Board discussed preliminary planning for the SSCCC General Assembly scheduled for April 9-11, 2027, in San Diego. The discussion noted that because the conference is local, costs may be significantly lower than out-of-area travel and may primarily include registration, local transportation, and possible meal/per diem costs depending on district guidelines and conference arrangements. Hotel costs were discussed as likely unnecessary unless later determined otherwise.

Members discussed the likely number of participants and narrowed the planning assumption to five students and one advisor.

Khaley Kaesser moved to approve an amount not exceeding $30,000 for SSCCC General Assembly 2027, scheduled for April 9-11, 2027, in San Diego, for five students and one advisor, subject to final travel details, district procedures, and applicable approvals.

Seconded by James Joyner.

Motion carried without objection.

V. INFORMAL DISCUSSION

This time is reserved for ASGC Board Members to discuss any topics that do not appear on the agenda and do not require action to be taken. If any item needs further discussion or action, please contact the ASGC President or Director of Board Affairs for the item to be placed on future agendas. A limit of five (5) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be enforced.

A. Board Recognition Plaque

Members discussed a possible ASGC Board recognition plaque listing the 2025-2026 Board of Directors. Possible locations discussed included the meeting room, ASGC office, Advisor's office, and another campus space. No action was taken. The item may return for future consideration if funding or approval is needed.

B. Benefit Sticker Package

Advisor Varghese noted that benefit sticker sales were already occurring through registration and that the physical incentive package should be finalized at the next business meeting. Members discussed reviewing existing inventory with Ella Matkovski and identifying a consistent package for students who purchase the benefit sticker. Business discounts may be added later, but physical pickup items need to be finalized soon for cashier and distribution purposes.

C. Canvas Service Disruption and Student Communication

Members discussed student concerns related to the Canvas service disruption, including communication from the district, instructor contact, assignments, and next steps. The Advisor stated that students should follow district guidance, check official email, contact instructors directly, use the faculty directory if needed, and escalate to a department chair if they cannot reach an instructor about urgent coursework. Members were also reminded to use secure password practices and avoid unofficial access methods.

No action was taken during informal discussion.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May 15th meeting was noted as the final regular business meeting of the term. Members were reminded that additional business items needing action should be placed on a future agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

President Huynh adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:59 AM.