



Associated Students of Glendale Community College
ASGCC Legislature Committee Minutes
March 17, 2025
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Student Center 208 – Verdugo Campus

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- I. Call to Order at 1:01pm by President/Student Trustee Lilit Yerkanyan**
- II. Flag Salute**
- III. Roll Call:** Lilit Yerkanyan, Carlos Matute, Claris Boghosian, Iren Abelian, Isabelle Karayan, Levon Chaglasian, Alejandro Zamarripa, Masaki Sannomiya, Tamar Chavdarian, Hasmik Khachatryan, Lena Markosian, Nathan Andriassian, Alex Kalantaryan, Eric Tsaturyan, Ryan Avakian, Natalie Hairapetian, Arevik Grigoryan, Sharon Solares, Aren Sepanian, Liana Issaian, Mane Asilbekyan, Fransisco Corletto, Alberto Huerta, Emily Kasumyan, Sayat Teker, Ani Vardanyan
- Absent:** Sharon Solares
- Non-voting members:** Dr. Tzoler Oukayan, Student Advisor, Claudia Juan, Student Advisor
- IV. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2025**
- MSC:** Mane Asilbekyan / Aren Sepanian
- V. Approval of Agenda – March 17, 2025**
- MSC:** Aren Sepanian / Nathan Andriassian
- VI. Report of President/Student Trustee – Lilit Yerkanyan**
- Lilit will be present at the Board of Trustees event and is looking for a student speaker for the Pledge of Allegiance. She mentioned that more people should be present at events so we can have a bigger group of people present.
- VII. Report of Administration Committee – Carlos Matute**
- Tamar talked about this committee's first educational initiative, which will be on April 2 from 12:00pm through 2pm in SC 212. This event is aiming to bridge the gap between AS and student athletes. Coaches and athletes will come to talk to the student population and perhaps gain more interest in sports.
 - Alejandro mentioned that the General Assembly will take place April 4 through 6. Resolutions will be discussed and voted on. A review of 129 resolutions will be happening to support those who help students, professors, staff, and communities.
 - Masaki covered the goal of their educational initiative and mentioned that today, in their committee meeting, they will discuss more about the educational initiative.
 - Carlos thanked everybody who came on Saturday. Further stating that it is important to be present at these events. Also mentioning that those who are running for student senate should see the needs of the students and community colleges.
- VIII. Report of Finance Committee – Claris Boghosian**
- Claris talked about the finalization of their first educational initiative, Tax Talk with ASGCC, which will be on April 3 from 12:00-1:30pm. Further mentioning how it is important to educate our students on how and why to file taxes.
- IX. Report of Activities Committee – Iren Abelian**
- Eric talked about their Lego Lab event this Thursday, March 20, from 5:00-7:00pm in SC 212. There will also be another event, Cooking Class, next Friday March 28. This is going to take place in the culinary department where pesto pastas will be made. We are meeting with the chef tomorrow, to finalize event details.
- X. Report of Relations Committee – Isabelle Karayan**
- Mane covered the details of their educational initiative. Here, they will have students that have transferred to other schools from GCC and talk about their experience at the schools they attend.
- XI. Report of Organizations Committee – Levon Chaglasian**

- Levon mentioned that they have orientation for IOC and then after the orientation, they will be having the IOC meeting. For their first educational initiative, they will have a Sports Day.

XII. Report of Officers

- None.

XIII. Reports of Governance/Special Committee Meetings

1. College Executive Committee - Lilit Yerkanyan / Carlos Matute

- Carlos went over the presentations that Dr. Cornner will be presenting.
- Lilit mentioned that Dr. Cornner will be presenting at the Board of Trustees tomorrow. Further mentioning how they also went over AR 5135, catalog rights and they also reviewed the 2025-2026 academic calendar.

2. Enrollment Management Committee - Carlos Matute / Lena Markosian

- Lena talked about how they went over the 2024-2025 summer credit activities and how they had a positive attendance. Fall and winter credit also increased overall, so GCC is now on par with Spring. Further talking about how we're slowly coming back from the pre-pandemic enrollment. We have established five new high connections so we can interact and talk more about enrollment in the Welcome center. Lena also mentioned that there will be two enrollment fairs scheduled for June 16, 2025, and July 10, 2025. As well as Counselor Day, which is projected to be in October 2025. The numbers for Promise Plus are looking very good but people are not taking full advantage of the early registration deadline and that is causing problems because now there are not enough spaces in class when seats are not available due to the enrollment cap.
- Carlos mentioned how they were also discussing the value of the California Dream application. They will be helping those students how to fill out the application. We are looking at how colleges can help immigrant students get more experience and professional careers.

3. Budget Committee - Lilit Yerkanyan / Claris Boghosian

- Cancelled.

4. Administrative Affairs Committee - Isabelle Karayan / Ryan Avakian

- Ryan informed us that there was a bidding contract from responsible leaders. Following with construction updates such as they need certain licenses before starting and how they will try to keep their area clean.

5. Curriculum and Instruction (C and I) Committee - Tamar Chavdarian / Sharon Solares

- Tamar informed us that Dance 103 will be taught by a dance teacher instead of a historian. Further giving us an update on the renumbering of classes, this way it can be applied everywhere.

6. Student Fees & Tuition Committee - Nathan Andriassian / Liana Issaian

- Nathan talked about how some items were tabled for the upcoming meeting. There were new exemptions made to AR 5020, to tuition that we introduced, including for undocumented students, refugees and children of deported parents, and this revised policy expanded options for non-resident students to qualify for in state tuition. Followed by the approval of an increase of \$1.00 Student Health Center fee. Hopefully this increase will make a big difference and we will be able to provide services like Timely Care, long term.

7. Placement and Assessment Committee - Iren Abelian / Hasmik Khachatryan

- Iren discussed how there was a discussion to offer more eight-week classes because there are some concerns about this. Further mentioning that there is concern for not having ESL zero level for international students, as they are coming from different countries, and some do not have enough knowledge of the English language.

8. Open Educational Resources Senate (OER) Committee – Ani Vardanyan / Tamar Chavdarian

- Ani talked about ASCCC and how they offer webinars and office hours. Further talking about how they received new funding from the Chancellor's Office to assist or to collaborate with whoever they have in mind. Also mentioning that all colleges must report the use of ZTC funds by May 2, 2025.
- Tamar clarified that ASCCC is the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges. Also stating that this committee asked for their input on some matters.

9. Institutional Planning Coordinating Committee – Hasmik Khachataryan / Jahkara Smith

- Hasmik talked about enrollment trends and how Spring 2025 had an increase of 7% when compared to the previous year. Going over some of the board policies and administrative regulations, Hasmik said that GCC will follow a five-year review cycle for its board policies, to ensure that 1/5 of all policies are reviewed and updated annually as needed. 2025 is the first year of the cycle, so the college will prioritize policies related to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility alongside the standard yearly review process. The goal is that by the end of the five-year cycle, all governance

documents will have been updated. GCC will comply with all accreditation standards to develop plans for necessary improvements.

XIV. Guest Speakers

- **Jamie Sanchez**

- Jamie gave a brief introduction about herself and talked about Student Equity and the learning communities, which are a combination of academic support for students but also having community on campus for our students. Further explaining the three learning communities, La Comunidad, Black Scholars, and APIDA. Jamie also explained the merger of Student Equity and the Multicultural Community Engagement Center. Going over the various benefits of joining a learning community and the options there are if you need further assistance in being a part of a community.

- **Gerardo Zárate**

- Gerardo gave a brief introduction about himself and mentioned the many resources they have on campus at the Multicultural Community Engagement Center. Also mentioning how there is a GCC Pride Center to provide a secure supported space for students that form part of the LGBT community. Further talking about the Rising Scholars and how and it is designed to create a pathway to formally incarcerated students or systems impacted individuals. A lot of our students haven't been in school for a really long time. So, our main goal is to connect students with the resources that are on campus and also outside campus.

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

1. Approval of \$1,000.00 for Sports Day – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring

MSC: Tamar Chavdarian / Emily Kasumyan

2. Approval of \$600.00 for Student Transfer Panel – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Claris Boghosian

3. Approval of \$1,500.00 for Tax Talk with ASGCC – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring

MSC: Alex Kalantaryan / Nathan Andriassian

XVII. Reports of Advisors

- **Tzoler Oukayan**

- Dr. Tzoler commended the great reports from governances. Also reminded everyone that the scholarship application is due this Friday. Further acknowledged the Relations committee for the work they are doing with the classroom visitations. Encouraging everybody to keep on reaching more students that way they know who they can go to when they have concerns and issues. Dr. Tzoler mentioned that all of us are doing great work across this organization and on the campus. Acknowledging Lilit, Pacheco, Alejandro and Iren for being present on Saturday at the event where our community members and were trying to recruit new students. Reminding us that we should show up and be present at various events to know what is happening because we are student advocates.

- **Juan Claudia**

- Mrs. Claudia retouched on how great the reports were and liked how we all take accountability and include ourselves in these committees. Further reminding us to pay attention and be respectful in these meetings. Also mentioning how our voice needs to be heard at every governance committee and in future meetings with people. Mrs. Claudia talked about two upcoming dates, May 3, Open House and the IDEA Conference May 10 and the importance of being present at these events.

XVIII. Announcements/Information

XIX. Adjournment at 2:15pm

MSC: Carlos Matute / Isabelle Karayan



**Submitted by Alejandro Zamarripa
Senator of Administration
March 20, 2025**