



Associated Students of Glendale Community College
ASGCC Legislature Committee Minutes
November 18 , 2024
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Student Center 208 – Verdugo Campus

I. Call to Order at 1:00pm by President/Student Trustee Lilit Yerkanyan

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Present: Lilit Yerkanyan, Carlos Matute, Claris Boghosian, Iren Abelian, Isabelle Karayan, Levon Chaglasian, Alejandro Zamarripa, Lianna Avanesian, Lidiia Khanheldian, Hasmik Khachatryan, Ryan Avakian, Lena Markosian, Kelin Minasian, Alex Kalantaryan, Anahit Nazloyan, Masaki Sannomiya, Aren Sepanian, Mane Asilbekyan, Emily Churukian, Arineh Khachikian, Tamar Chavdarian, Liana Issaian, Emily Kasumyan, Francisco Corletto

Non – voting: Dr. Tzoler Oukayan, Advisor, Claudia Juan, Advisor, Dr. Alen Andriassian

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2024

MSC: Anahit Nazloyan / Lianna Avanesian

V. Approval of Agenda – November 18, 2024

MSC: Claris Boghosian / Iren Abelian

VI. Report of President/Student Trustee - Lilit Yerkanyan

- International Student Thanksgiving is on November 26, 57 PM. I encourage everyone to help. Isabel will present part of the slideshow; we need one more volunteer. I'll share the slideshow today.
- Exec Thanksgiving is on November 25 at Isabel's house. She'll provide details in her report. I'll attend the CCLC conference in SF this Wednesday through next Monday with Tzoler Oukayan.

VII. Report of Administration Committee - Carlos Matute

- Tomorrow is our second education initiative from 5:30 to 8 PM. Presenters will discuss a program that helps immigrants with starting businesses and achieving their goals.

VIII. Report of Finance Committee - Claris Boghosian

- The second education initiative is on November 27, from 12:30 to 2 PM in SC 212, alongside the finance fair.
- Departments like Scholarships, GCC Cares, and Financial Aid will be available for student questions. There will also be hot chocolate, gingerbread cookies and Santa Claus.

IX. Report of Activities Committee - Iren Abelian

- Last week, we held our second education initiative. Thank you all for your help and support, it was a great success.
- This week, we have Pause for Yoga on Thursday, November 21, from 12:30 to 2 PM. Hope to see everyone there.

X. Report of Relations Committee - Isabelle Karayan

- The Pause for Yoga reel will be posted today.
- Classroom visitations begin this week, and a Google Sheet will be available for sign-ups. You can visit classrooms alone or in pairs, depending on your preference.
- Thanksgiving is on Monday, November 25, from 6–9 PM at my house. Please arrive by 6 PM and use the Uber Sheet to sign up for the food you'll bring. It's a potluck-style event, and parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended.

XI. Report of Organizations Committee - Levon Chaglasian

- Today is our second and last IOC next door. Just finalizing the visitor respectability for study buddies.

XII. Report of Officers

- No report

XIII. Reports of Governance/Special Committee Meetings

1. College Executive Committee - Lilit Yerkanyan / Carlos Matute

- Family Care program expanded to include GCC campus and non-credit students.
- Land acknowledgment ceremony discussed, representative attending tomorrow's Board of Trustees meeting.
- Final change order for Buena Vista Disability Center issued, \$4.2M remains for completion by next semester.
- Athletics building already named; stadium named John Cicuto Stadium.

2. Budget Committee Committee - Lilit Yerkanyan / Claris Boghosian

- Cancelled

3. Environment and Sustainability Committee - Carlos Matute / Kelin Minasian

- Facilities are planning a garden for planting tomatoes, potatoes, etc., which will include a fun, credit course for students.
- Potential location is northeast of Sierra Nevada building with the best sunlight.
- If the plan will be approved, it may begin early winter but requires extensive preparation.

4. Governance Review Committee - Tamar Chavdarian

- A governance member, possibly named Andra, is running for a Board of Trustees position.
- Academic Senate confirmed broad requirements for committees.
- Governance updates revealed some committees, like International Students and Student Equity, haven't reported since 2022.
- HighFlex meetings (chat-based on platforms like Zoom) were discussed; proposals included limiting chat usage and improving monitoring.

5. Campus Development Committee - Carlos Matute / Francisco Corletto

- Measure GCC was passed; next steps include FSP planning and sequencing to prioritize projects that won't disrupt students or require redoing soon.
- A new project, the Organic Urban Farming Program, was introduced by Dr. Federico.
- Focus is on replacing non-productive plants with fruit-bearing trees and functional greenery.
- These areas will primarily serve as faculty instructional spaces, though communal green spaces will also be created.
- The IBCC project is set to begin within the next two years and is a top FSG priority.
- A landscape architect is ensuring all projects comply with ADA standards for accessibility.

7. Baja Program Committee - Emily Kasumyan / Liana Issaian

- Evaluations for the summer courses, Biology 125 and 649, were discussed.
- Students noted issues with transportation, describing it as outdated, and suggested purchasing a four-wheel vehicle and a van for sessions.
- Suggestions included updating facilities, bathrooms, and equipment, slowing down the pace of the program, and adding reverse labs for Biology 131.
- Class size and transportation for Biology 131 were rated positively, but improvements like a backup generator, better AC, and addressing bee issues in bathrooms were recommended.

7. Administrative Affairs Committee - Isabelle Karayan / Anahit Nazloyan

- Last semester, AR 6200 was approved, but the wrong version was submitted.
- We reviewed the corrected version of AR 6200.
- The second review of the consent calendar is scheduled for the first week of December.

9. Enrollment Management Committee - Carlos Matute / Claris Boghosian

- Winter 2025 enrollment is up almost 45% compared to last semester due to a different registration date.
- Fall 2024 credit students increased by 9.3%, and non-credit students rose by almost 8%.
- Gabriel was absent, but Solar gave a brief update on Student Outreach Services: outreach is ongoing to connect with more students and schools, and college fairs are continuing.
- No communication update, but a workshop on improving degrees and awards is scheduled this Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, with coaches helping GCC.
- Fraud update: Students impersonating others is still an issue. GCC plans to implement ID me and create task forces with various departments, including IT. Video check-ins may become a mandatory assignment.
- There was a presentation showing a significant gap in Promise Plus students across ethnicities, especially at the transfer level in English and Math.

10. Curriculum and Instruction Committee - Tamar Chavdarian / Claris Boghosian

- Discussed the approval process for GE representative classes and how courses can qualify for more than one category.
- A revised DIA course catalog description checklist was proposed to ensure course descriptions are accessible and will be sent to teachers.
- There was a debate about whether ESL 151 should be required for English 101, as some students may qualify but struggle with reading at a college level.
- We discussed deactivating classes. Four CS courses (CS 119, 126, 180, and 263) and two accounting courses (Accounting 110 and 170) have been deactivated.

11. Placement and Assessment Committee - Iren Abelian / Lena Markosian

- AB 1705 is a bill requiring California community colleges to maximize enrollment in transferable, college-level coursework in English and mathematics.
- AB 1705 also impacts transferable classes, including calculus, which is now considered non-degradable for certain students, despite being a requisite.
- The bill advocates for non-credit enrollment for some students, as AB 705 does not currently address non-credit courses.
- The Garfield campus report highlighted adult conference enrollments, where students working on GE equivalence or enrolled in adult schools have opportunities to take campus classes.
- The introduction of placement tests is aimed at ensuring students are placed in the correct level, as self-placement has led to misplacements.

12. Senate OER committee - Lianna Avanesian / Francisco Corletto

- The mission of OER (Open Educational Resources) is to provide leadership and coordination to promote faculty use of zero-cost and low-cost textbooks, as well as alternative textbooks.
- The program has already saved \$8.8 million in textbook costs, with a goal to reach \$10 million by spring or by fall at the latest.
- New programs in development include the Open Education Link program, set to launch in March 2025, and the Textbook Affordability Cohort, starting in summer 2025.
- A faculty questionnaire is being used to gather feedback for revising the ASCCC OER guide.
- The OER program has created a sticker for faculty and staff, featuring a QR code that links to the OER section of the ASGCC website, where students can find information about zero-cost textbooks.

XIV. Guest Speakers

- **Dr. Alen Andriassian**
- Alan Andriassian expressed gratitude for contributions to the bond campaign, highlighting the 68% vote approval.
- Thanked for efforts on the campaign, which will bring \$600 million to the campus.
- Acknowledged the significant impact of past efforts and noted that future generations will benefit.
- Encouraged members to include their involvement in the campaign on resumes and applications as a standout achievement.

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

- 1. Approval of \$2,000.00 for International Student Thanksgiving - AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring**

MSC: Anahit Nazloyan / Mane Asilbekyan

- 2. Approval of \$1,500.00 for GCC Campus Banners - AS Sponsorship**

MSC: Alex Kalantaryan / Aren Sepanian

- 3. Approval of \$700.00 for Finance Educational Fair - Educational Initiative**

MSC: Anahit Nazloyan / Liana Issaian

- 4. Approval of an additional \$360.00 for Grateful Across Borders -AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring**

MSC: Alejandro Zamarripa / Masaki Sannomiya

- 5. Approval of Finance Report #8 – Action Item**

MSC: Carlos Matute / Alejandro Zamarripa

XVII. Reports of Advisors

- **Claudia Juan**
- Reminded that sweaters and shirts should be treated properly, not left around or damaged, and must be returned after use.
- Urged support for Isabel's classroom visitations and to sign up for events.
- Reminded members to submit applications by November 30 to avoid system crashes before the December 2 deadline.
- **Dr. Tzoler Oukayan**
- Discussed low sign-up rates for free health care and mental health counseling, with only 3 people signing up.
- Highlighted that if students don't use the services, the college may stop funding them, which would affect students without healthcare access.
- Suggested better communication strategies to inform students, including offering sign-ups at the start of enrollment or during mandatory counselor meetings.

XVIII. Announcements/Information - Lilit Yerkanyan/ Claudia Juan

- I would like to remind you that applications are open for ASGCC senators until December 18th and we will evaluate you based on how you performed this semester.
- Some spring classes will not be available on Mondays and Wednesdays as we have meetings at that time.

XIX. Adjournment at 1:59 pm

MSC: Alex Kalantaryan / Liana Issaian



Submitted by **Lidia Khanelidian**

Senator of Administration

November 21, 2024