



Associated Students of Glendale Community College
ASGCC Legislature Committee Minutes
April 7, 2025
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Student Center 208 – Verdugo Campus

I. Call to Order at 1:00 pm 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, Masaki Sannomiya, Lena Markosian, Nathan Andriassian, Alex Kalantaryan, Eric Tsaturyan, Ryan Avakian, Natalie Hairapetian, Arevik Grigoryan, Sharon Solares, Aren Sepanian, Liana Issaian, Mane Asilbekyan, Fransisco Corletto, Emily Kasumyan, Sayat Teker, Ani Vardanyan

Absent: Tamar Chavdaria, Hasmik Khachatryan, Alberto Huerta

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

IV. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2025

MSC: Francisco Corletto / Aren Sepanian

V. Approval of Agenda – April 7, 2025

MSC: Claris Boghosian / Iren Abelian

VI. Report of President/Student Trustee – Lilit Yerkanyan

- Lilit said she has been working with Claudia, the AS advisor, to organize the Kiwanis event, which will be held on April 22.
- Lilit reported that Isabelle Karayan is filming in several parts of campus for a social media project.

VII. Report of Administration Committee – Pacheco Matute

- Carlos presented the resolutions he voted for as a GCC delegate at the General Assembly organized by the Student Senate of Community Colleges in California.
- The resolutions moved by Carlos were two in aid to undocumented students and the other in support of having more centers for Indigenous people at California community colleges.
- Alejandro reported that on the day the resolutions were passed at the General Assembly, he and Pacheco debated providing more support to student athletes, and the motion passed after the debate.
- Alejandro commented that the Administration Committee is planning two more educational initiatives.
- Masaki said that the Finance and Administration Committees will be finalizing the dates for the next educational initiative, which will be created in collaboration between the two committees.

VIII. Report of Finance Committee – Claris Boghosian

- Claris reported that there will be collaboration with the management committee. The date for the event will be announced very soon.

IX. Report of Activities Committee – Iren Abelian

- Iren reported that the activities committee is working on organizing the second educational initiative, and it will likely be a self-defense class session.

X. Report of Relations Committee – Isabelle Karayan

- Isabelle reported that the committee is finalizing plans for the second initiative, which will take place at the end of April 2025.

XI. Report of Organizations Committee – Levon Chaglasian

- Levon confirmed that the IOC meeting will be held today, April 7, from 3:30 to 4:30 at SC 212.
- Also, Levon announced that their "Sports Day" event will be held on April 8 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the gym.

XII. Report of Officers

- Francisco reported that there would be an event in which the instructors would be performing and that it would be great to show our support as a student government by being present.

XIII. Reports of Governance/Special Committee Meetings

1. Committee on Distance Education (CoDE) Committee – Emily Kasumyan, Arevik Gigoryan

- Emily said that at the meeting, they discussed the possibility of adding the Grammarly app to Canvas, where students have all the information about their classes. This would make it a useful tool to use and learn better grammar, as the app is very helpful for students.
- GCC has adopted a Grammarly license, offering up to 5,000 student licenses, with training sessions.
- Plans for a short Mobile Design Conference were announced, focusing on online learning challenges in Glendale.
- Arevik mentioned that the OEI rubric is undergoing revision to include AI, RSI, equity, and privacy/security, with a new version expected in Spring 2026; minor updates will be made in the meantime, and Canvas shop changes will follow the finalized rubric.

2. Released Time or Extra Pay (RTEP) – Lena Markosian, Hasmik Khachatryan

- Lena informed that The DEIA coordinator role is currently under the Academic Senate, but when it became a co-chair position, the scope and responsibilities shifted.
- The aim is to expand the role to better support campus needs, with a focus on embedding DEIA principles across the entire campus. The committee hopes to establish a strong foundation for future coordinators.
- Also, Lena reported that there was a discussion about the importance of collaboration with the Senate, for greater impact on students.
- Concerns were raised about balancing student education with DEIA work, particularly regarding the budget and equity issues.
- There is a focus on working with adult development and ensuring Senate representation, though coordinators are unsure about the budget but aim to advocate for people and MESA regularly offers workshops and boot camps for students to improve skills before classes start.
- Lena informed that the MDC Proctoring Center has been crucial in supporting online classes, particularly with the full online associate degree for Transfer ADT in chemistry and physics.

3. Academic Calendar Committee – Hasmik Khachatryan, Eric Tsaturyan

- No report

4. Budget Committee – Claris Boghosian, Tamar Chavdarian

- Claris reported that at the meeting discussed the SCFF note the use of the higher of the 3-year average or the single-year total to determine funding for approximately \$82 million of revenue, and Garfield Campus is \$2 million.

5. Curriculum and Instruction Committee – Tamar Chavdarian, Sharon Solares

- Sharon informed that at the meeting the committee approval Defense class #3 and this class can now be certified to allow students to teach others including at home. Also, the Basic Medical Billing course has been removed.
- PE Course 110-112 content is being added to the curriculum and boxing as well.
- Sharon informed us that the Technical Certificate for UC, for UC and CU was approved because the committee realized that some students had taken engineering related courses that were not transferable to target schools.

6. Study Abroad Committee – Aren Sepanian, Emely Kasumyan

- Aren shared that countries may check traveler's phones for potentially problematic content. Also, could pose reentry issues especially for students with green cards
- Concern raised about students having teachers' personal phone numbers which could lead to harassment or spamming.
- Aren reported that Bali program has sufficient enrollment 17-18 confirmed. Armenia and Greece programs are full of waitlists. And the Study Abroad Orientation is scheduled for May 3, 2025.
- There will be an implementation of 8-week programs.

7. Equal Employment Opportunity Committee – Alejandro Zamarripa, Carlos Matute

- Alejandro informed that there will be possible collaboration between the committee and ASGCC since the committee would like to inform students about new changes or policies.

8. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Sayat Teker

- Sayat said that the main topic of the meeting was Earth Day that is going to be on April 22 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at SC 212. The committee will reach out to vendors to attract more students to the event.
- The committee will reach out to facilities to have tables, chairs and other necessary equipment for the future events.
- Also, Sayat informed about the Recycling and Solar Project that the current diversion rate is 54.1%. And a \$3 million loan approved for the project at 1% APR. Also, a \$1.6 million tax credit is currently on hold due to the stance of the current federal administration.

9. Campus Development Committee – Carlos Matute, Emely Kasumyan

- At the meeting, information was provided about the upcoming renovation of the GCC theater to provide more space for actors, practice, rehearsal, and changing rooms.
- Carlos mentioned that it is essential to have dedicated spaces for actors since preparing to perform requires specific locations for better concentration.
- Professionals were also present at the committee meeting to provide feedback on the renovations, including the increased parking near the soccer field. A portion of the renovation money will be used from the bond measure that GCC won from the City of Glendale last fall.

10. Library and Information Competency Committee – Ani Vardayan

- No report

XIV. Guest Speakers

- Brittany Grice, Vice President of Human Resources

- Brittany Grice couldn't attend.

- Lilian Hernandez

- Lilian commented that there is a great need to support migrant students. Lilian also mentioned that holding informational events about migrant rights will greatly help the community and students by informing them about their rights.

- Pateel Haytayan

- Pateel said she is a member of the V.O.I.C.E.S. club at GCC and sees the need to support them, as this club is made up of students from different cultures. If there is more promotion about it, many more students would like to be involved.

- Samuel Marin

- Samuel suggested ASGCC help the V.O.I.C.E.S. club by promoting it and having more members. He also suggested that students understand that it is a club full of cultures and that people learn from each other, as this creates a better learning environment.

- Jasmine Rios

- Jasmine thanked ASGCC for supporting her candidacy for Vice President of Legislative Affairs at the state level in the Student Senate of California Community Colleges.
- Jasmine announced that she will be seeking further collaboration with the student government to support students who are parents of families.

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

1. Approval of \$2,000.00 for Health Fair – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring Account

MSC: Sayat Teker / Francisco Corletto

2. Approval of \$1,500.00 for Snuggle Bunnies – AS Assemblies Account

MSC: Ryan Avakian / Arevik Grigoryan

3. Approval of \$1,132.21 March in March – Student Representative Fee Account

MSC: Arevik Grigoryan / Aren Sepanian

4. Approval of \$800.00 for the Armenian Heritage Month Celebration Event – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring Account

MSC: Aren Sepanian / Mane Asilbekyan

5. Approval of \$500.00 for Tax Talk with ASGCC – AS Educational Initiatives: Fall and Spring Account

MSC: Mane Asilbekyan / Masaki Sannomiya

6. Approval of Finance Report #17 – Action Item

MSC: Sharon Solares / Aren Sepanian

7. ASGCC Elections – Discussion Item

- Applications for candidates for the ASGCC executive position will be open from April 28th to May 2nd. All six executive positions will be available.
- Candidates who have multiple copies of the 100 signatures required to be a candidate and who are not the person running for the position and are passing the petition around to classes or other places to obtain the 100 signatures quickly will automatically be disqualified. This is because it's not fair to the other candidates who are passing the petition themselves, and it will not be allowed to ask permission from teachers to pass the copies in classes without being the candidate himself.

8. Armenian Genocide Candlelight Ceremony – Discussion Item

- On April 22 2025 there will be the Armenian Genocide Candlelight Ceremony at 7:00 pm at Plaza Vaquero, this ceremony is a collaboration between the Student Government and the Armenian Student Association at GCC.

XVII. Reports of Advisors

- Dr. Tzoler Oukayan

- The responsibilities of all ASGCC members end in June, following the elections. It is very important for students interested in pursuing an executive position to speak with the advisors and executive members, as they are the ones who can best advice on the position and the duties of president or vice president.
- The IDEA conference will no longer be held at the end of the spring semester but will now be held at the beginning of each fall semester, in October.
- Dr. Tzoler thanks all those who represented ASGCC at the General Assembly. GCC needs more representation at the lower level and in Region VII.
- On Saturday, May 3, 2025, there will be an open house, and most clubs and departments will be present to welcome future students and families who will be part of GCC. The event is also open to the community to attend and learn a little more about GCC.
- ASGCC must continue promoting TimelyCare, as it is very important that students know about this great, completely free way of connecting with doctors and mental health specialists.
- Dr. Tzoler concluded by saying that there will be a "Know Your Rights" event and that it will not only focus on migration but also on understanding rights in general.

- Claudia Juan

- Claudia thanked everyone who attended the general assembly and congratulated those who were nominated for a position at the state level.
- The Student Distinction Award will close on Friday, April 11, 2025, so Claudia suggested that students could dominate on their own and dominate others before the award closes.
- Support for sports games is very important, whether at home or on other campuses.

XVIII. Announcements/Information

XIX. Adjournment at 2:29 pm

MSC: Levon Chaglasian / Francisco Corletto

Richard M. Webster

Submitted by Carlos Matute

Vice President of Administration

April 14, 2025