

Associated Student Government Student Senate Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 7:03-8:39 p.m. | UC 225

Presiding: Vice President Jessalyn Gallegos | Minutes: Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff

I. Call to Order

Vice President Jessalyn Gallegos called the Associated Student Government Student Senate meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in UC 225.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Senator	Present	Excused	Unexcused
Kelbee Ammirati - Art & Design Senator	X		
Paul R. Dieterichs - Music Senator	X		
Gabby D. Gallegos - Language, Literature & Mass Communications Senator	X		
Alyssa Yee Gonzalez - Montrose Senator	X		
Ben D. Himes - Mathematics & Statistics Senator	X		
Raven R. Kopko - Computer Science & Engineering Senator	X		
Ramon Rodelo - Biological Science Senator	X		
Darius C. Washington - Health Science Senator	X		
Connor G. Webb - Social & Behavioral Sciences Senator	X		
Logan Wilson - Senate Leader	X		

Quorum was established. All ten seated senators attended. Senator Washington was formally added to the roll by motion after the initial roll call.

Action: The motion to add Senator Washington to the roll was seconded and adopted without objection.

III. Approval of the Agenda

President Elijah Lorica requested that Senate Bill 27-04, concerning the October 3 breast-cancer-awareness tailgate, be added to New Business. Members clarified that Senate Bill 27-04 and Expenditure Bill 27-04 were separate measures.

Action: A motion to add Senate Bill 27-04 to the agenda was seconded and adopted without objection.

Action: The September 23 agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of the Previous Minutes

The Vice President asked whether there were any objections to the September 9, 2026, Senate minutes. No objections were raised.

Action: The September 9, 2026, Senate minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

V. Public Input

No public input was offered.

VI. Executive Reports

Press Secretary Brooklyn Lee

- No report was given.

Chief of Staff Caleb Bishop

- No report was given.

Director of External Affairs Sophia Tassinari

- Announced Meet ASG Grill Night for October 1 and asked senators to attend so students could meet their representatives and learn about ASG positions.
- Requested substantial ASG assistance at the October 3 tailgate.

Chief Financial Officer Guerin Smith

- Confirmed that no senators reported difficulty accessing the distributed budget information.
- Noted that the prior Senate meeting had included extensive discussion of Expenditure Bill 27-04 and encouraged members to focus on unresolved questions and clarify any confusing figures rather than repeat already-completed deliberation.

President Elijah Lorica

- Reported that Executive Order 27-02 concerned an executive-team dinner at Olive Garden paid from the Presidential Discretionary Fund. He explained that the fund would primarily support food for executive officers and other ASG members and reminded senators that the Senate may vote to veto an executive order.
- Announced that biennial meetings would begin Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. in UC 213, with later meetings in UC 222. Senators were strongly encouraged to attend at least one meeting or review the minutes before considering the House funding recommendations in December.
- Reported that Expenditure Bill 27-04 could qualify for the Regional and National Competition Fund because Mock Trial had received a specific invitation. He explained that a Senate amendment differing from the House version could send the measure to conference and recommended observing the adopted 50-percent funding limit rather than repeatedly suspending the rule.
- Reported that the Vice President and Press Secretary were preparing campus posters showing student-fee-funded organization budgets and funding information. Public input would also be accepted during the biennial meetings.

Vice President Jessalyn Gallegos

- Reminded senators that each member must join at least one internal or external committee and asked anyone with a schedule conflict to contact an executive officer.
- Emphasized attendance at Grill Night as part of ASG's transparency, accountability, and outreach to students.

VII. Branch Leader Reports

House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada

- Reported that the House was nearly full and that two additional candidates were expected the following Monday.
- Reported that the House was preparing for the biennial process and invited senators to observe the Tuesday meetings.

Senate Leader Logan Wilson

- Encouraged senators to assist at upcoming tailgates and to begin considering initiatives or campus changes they wanted to pursue. Additional guidance would be distributed by email.
- Explained that several agenda bills addressed internal ASG needs, including apparel and outreach materials, and encouraged members to take care of their academic and personal well-being.

VIII. New Business

A. Appointment of Jachin Glassman as Supreme Court Justice

Jachin Glassman introduced himself as a junior political-science major with minors in communication studies and legal studies. He previously served as the Language, Literature & Mass Communications Senator, a member of the Internal Committee, a student advocate on the Student Conduct Board, and a student resident assistant. Glassman said he was preparing for law school and ultimately hoped to become a federal judge.

Senator Gonzalez supported the appointment based on Glassman's Judicial Committee interview, interest, and communication. Senator Rodelo explained that he had voted against the recommendation in committee because some answers about the Constitution and judicial responsibilities lacked specificity, while acknowledging that other committee members considered Glassman's experience persuasive. President Lorica supported the appointment based on Glassman's prior ASG experience, familiarity with governing documents, and ability to provide continuity through the next academic year.

Roll-Call Vote - Appointment

Voting Member	Vote
Senator Kelbee Ammirati	Yes
Senator Paul Dieterichs	Yes
Senator Gabby Gallegos	Yes
Senator Alyssa Yee Gonzalez	Yes
Senator Ben Himes	Abstain
Senator Raven Kopko	Yes
Senator Ramon Rodelo	No
Senator Darius Washington	Yes
Senator Connor Webb	Yes
Senate Leader Logan Wilson	Abstain
Result	7-1-2; passed

Action: Jachin Glassman was confirmed 7-1-2 by roll call as a Supreme Court Justice. Chief Justice Ady Bautista administered the oath of office immediately after the vote.

Action: A brief recess was moved, seconded, and adopted. The Senate resumed at 7:24 p.m. A second brief recess was taken while members obtained the correct version of Expenditure Bill 27-04, and the Senate resumed at 7:28 p.m.

B. Expenditure Bill 27-04 - Mock Trial

Senator Connor Webb, the Senate sponsor, read Expenditure Bill 27-04. The measure requested \$2,000 for ten students traveling to a Mock Trial invitational in Tucson, Arizona, from November 7-9, 2026. The filed cost schedule totaled \$3,650 and listed \$375 in student registration fees, \$875 in Mock Trial registration fees, \$800 for gas, \$400 for a rental vehicle, and \$1,200 for lodging.

Mock Trial President Gavin Peonio reported that the organization had raised \$1,850 and expected an opportunity to earn approximately \$650 through MavRides during Halloween weekend. He stated that the newer and first-year members would perform most of that MavRides work. Mock Trial was also pursuing support from Alpine Legal Services, Davis Law Group, the CMU Foundation, and Court Appointed Special Advocates. Peonio argued that receiving the travel support up front would allow the organization to concentrate on fundraising for its remaining activities and potentially avoid returning to ASG later in the year.

- The presenters confirmed that the bill primarily supported lodging and transportation. No direct student contribution had yet been requested, although students would pay for their own food and could be asked to cover a remaining shortfall.

- President Lorica reported that Chief Justice Bautista had reviewed the invitation documentation and considered the event eligible for the Regional and National Competition Fund. Previous Mock Trial trips to Tucson had also used that fund.
- Members discussed the adopted 50-percent funding limit, the approximately \$22-per-participant difference between \$2,000 and half of the \$3,650 filed cost, student affordability, the value of the professional opportunity, freshman participation in fundraising, and the effect of preserving funds for later organizations.

Action: Senate Leader Wilson moved to enter cross-talk indefinitely with executive officers.

The motion was seconded and adopted, and cross-talk began at 7:59 p.m.

During cross-talk, members distinguished confirmed funds from prospective MavRides and community donations and debated whether the organization should receive \$2,000 or the 50-percent maximum of \$1,825. A nonbinding straw poll showed majority support for \$1,825 and support for using the Regional and National Competition Fund.

Action: A motion to end cross-talk was seconded and adopted, and cross-talk ended at 8:06 p.m.

Action: The Senate amended Expenditure Bill 27-04 to allocate \$1,825 from the Regional and National Competition Fund. The amendment was seconded and adopted without objection.

Roll-Call Vote - Expenditure Bill 27-04 as Amended

Voting Member	Vote
Senator Kelbee Ammirati	Yes
Senator Paul Dieterichs	Yes
Senator Gabby Gallegos	Abstain
Senator Alyssa Yee Gonzalez	Yes
Senator Ben Himes	Abstain
Senator Raven Kopko	Yes
Senator Ramon Rodelo	No
Senator Darius Washington	Yes
Senator Connor Webb	No
Senate Leader Logan Wilson	Yes
Result	6-2-2; passed

Action: Expenditure Bill 27-04, as amended, passed 6-2-2 by roll call, allocating \$1,825 from the Regional and National Competition Fund to Mock Trial.

C. Senate Bill 27-02 - Associated Student Government Merchandise

Action: Senate Leader Wilson moved to amend Senate Bill 27-02 to add himself as the Senate sponsor. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Senate Leader Wilson read Senate Bill 27-02, which authorized \$1,565 from the ASG Operating Budget for merchandise benefiting ASG members and the student body: \$1,345 for polos and T-shirts and \$220 for 500 promotional stickers.

President Lorica presented the apparel and sticker plans. He explained that the polos and T-shirts had already been ordered because of production and event deadlines, while the stickers had not yet been ordered. Senator Webb questioned the practice of seeking approval after an expenditure had already been initiated. Senate Leader Wilson and Supreme Court Justice Glassman stated their understanding that the cited reimbursement restriction applied to outside clubs and organizations rather than ASG itself. Vice President Gallegos said the administration intended to seek advance legislative approval when possible, but communication and time constraints had caused the order to be placed first.

Action: Senate Bill 27-02 passed unanimously by voice vote, with no opposition or abstentions, allocating \$1,565 from the ASG Operating Budget.

D. Senate Bill 27-03 - Pops and Pups and Meet ASG Grill Night

Action: Senate Leader Wilson was added as the Senate sponsor by motion, second, and adoption without objection.

The distributed bill funded the September 15 Pops and Pups event and the October 1 Meet ASG Grill Night. The document contained inconsistent figures: the stated fiscal impact and itemized breakdown totaled \$145.14, while the enactment clause stated \$195.20. The concerning line also incorrectly identified Grill Night as October 3.

Action: A motion to amend the concerning line to identify the October 1 Grill Night was seconded and adopted without objection.

President Lorica reported that hot dog buns had been omitted from the Grill Night breakdown. Members reviewed the itemized costs and reconciled the bill's conflicting totals. The final calculation added \$38.80 for buns to the \$145.14 itemized total, producing a corrected cumulative fiscal impact of \$183.94.

Action: The Senate entered cross-talk with executive officers at 8:20 p.m. to reconcile the figures and ended cross-talk at 8:26 p.m.

Action: The bill was amended to add the hot dog buns and state a fiscal impact and allocation of \$183.94 from the ASG Operating Budget.

Action: Senate Bill 27-03, as amended, passed unanimously by voice vote, with no opposition or abstentions.

E. Senate Bill 27-04 - October 3 Tailgate Breast Cancer Awareness

Action: Senate Leader Wilson was added as the Senate sponsor by motion, second, and adoption without objection.

Senate Leader Wilson read Senate Bill 27-04, requesting \$690 from the ASG Operating Budget for the October 3 breast-cancer-awareness tailgate. The filed breakdown included \$190 for ribbons, temporary tattoos, pink necklaces, foam boards, tribute tags, banners, and a balloon-dart activity, plus \$500 for complimentary student drinks from the Wave truck.

Director Tassinari explained that the materials would support giveaways, a photo backdrop, and tags on which students could recognize loved ones affected by cancer. Executive officers reported that the Wave truck had not yet been finally confirmed, but they had high confidence it would participate; the \$500 allocation would cap the complimentary drinks distributed to students.

Action: Senate Bill 27-04 passed unanimously by voice vote, with no opposition or abstentions, allocating \$690 from the ASG Operating Budget.

IX. Senate Discussion

- Senator Webb reported that the Internal Committee had completed its proposed edits to the ASG Student Code of Conduct. The updated draft was expected to be distributed for review before a possible Senate vote the following week.
- Senator Kopko asked whether student organizations could reserve space and conduct fundraising at tailgates. Vice President Gallegos and Director Tassinari agreed to confirm the process with professional staff member James and requested the names and contact information for interested organizations.
- Senator Gonzalez asked how the ASG Student Code of Conduct applied to the Montrose Senator and the students she represented. Vice President Gallegos explained that the document establishes general conduct expectations for all ASG members rather than position-specific participation requirements and agreed to distribute the draft for further review.
- Vice President Gallegos and Senate Leader Wilson planned a Senate group chat for urgent schedule or location changes. Wilson asked members to remain briefly after adjournment so he could collect phone numbers.

X. Announcements

Senator Kopko proposed a Senate team-bonding activity. A motion to enter cross-talk indefinitely with executive officers was seconded and adopted, and cross-talk began at 8:37 p.m. Members discussed bowling, dinner, and other local activities. Cross-talk ended at 8:39 p.m. No additional announcements were offered.

XI. Adjournment

Vice President Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff

