

Monday, February 23rd, 2026; 9:00 to 11:00 AM
HUB 367 | Meeting Minutes
Approved on March 31st, 2026

Name	Association	Voting Privilege ¹	Attendance ²
Andrew Wong	Undergraduate, Chair	X	P
Kaden Ho	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Grace Su	Undergraduate	X	P
Ananya Goyal	Undergraduate	X	P
Shlok Garg	Undergraduate		A
Amrit Johal	Undergraduate		A
Chandana Anand Rangappa	Graduate	X	A
Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva	Graduate, Vice Chair	X	P
Gene Brewer	Faculty	X	P
Zhijia Zhao	Faculty	X	P
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Leila Haidar	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Jordan Steinhauser	Ex-Officio, GSA President		A
Luis Alvarez	Ex-Officio, VCSA		A
David Barrera	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Emily Lee	Student Secretary, VCSA		P

¹ “X” indicates voting privilege

² P: Present | A: Absent | AL: Arrived Late | LE: Left Early

Call to Order: 9:04 AM

1. Approve the Agenda
 - *Motion to Approve the Agenda by Gene Brewer, Seconded by Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva.*
 - ***Agenda Approved Without Objections***
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – February 9th, 2026
 - *Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of February 9th, 2026, by Ananya Goyal, Seconded by Grace Su.*
 - ***Meeting Minutes of January 26th, 2026, Approved Without Objections***
3. Case Management– Subcommittee C
 - Director *Laurie Lee* introduced herself to the Committee and began the department overview. Case Management is a nonclinical resource that aids in academic concerns, familial/peer relationships, mental/physical health concerns, and other safety issues that may affect the student's well-being. *Laurie Lee* stated that Case Management aids 3.4% of the student population, with a total of 938 students supported by the Case Management office. *Laurie Lee* commended this achievement as the team only consisted of three people. *Laurie Lee* noted that Case Management also experienced an increase in total outreach events and presentations of 27.5%. *Laurie Lee* stated that Case Management is looking to request \$30k to hire an additional student assistant to support the team. *Laurie Lee* commented that student workers are trained to pick up calls, create appointments, and improve overall service accessibility as the department does not have funds for additional administrative support. The department's strategic vision is to increase staffing and student worker programs to continue supporting the office workload. *Laurie Lee* stated that Case Management aims to increase outreach within first year and transfer student community as well as increase collaboration partnerships to mote the department's visibility. Currently Case Management, has partnered with Student Health Services to gain a Case Management Manger.
 - *Grace Su* asked how many student workers Case Management plans to hire. *Laurie Lee* replied that more than 1-2 students would be ideal as it would provide more coverage in picking up calls and creating appointments.
 - *Sally Tavizon* asked what percentage of undergraduate or graduate students Case Management has supported. *Laurie Lee* replied that Case Management has provided services to 90% of undergraduate students and 10% of graduate students. *Sally Tavizon* advised reaching out to student learning communities to gain more visibility. *Laurie Lee* replied that the department has been working with SWIFT and other programs to reach out to the greater student body. *Sally Tavizon* commented that UCR is releasing a school psychologist program in Fall 2027 and advised Case Management to hire students within that program. *Laurie Lee* expressed enthusiasm for the suggestion and thanked *Sally Tavizon* for the insight.

3. Counseling and Psychological Services – Subcommittee C

- Director *Elizabeth Mondragon* introduced herself to the Committee and gave brief information about her role in Case Management, CAPS, and SWIFT. CAPS provide services for mental health including individual/group therapy, crisis consultation, 24/7 phone consultation and more. These services are provided virtually or in-person depending on the students' preferences, however, more students have been leaning towards in-person services. *Elizabeth Mondragon* stated that CAPS consists of three administrative staff, one outreach coordinator, and several student workers. *Elizabeth Mondragon* noted the importance of SFAC continued support for CAP's 24/7 phone consultation. This resource utilizes Protocall services, a program that connects students with a licensed clinician at any given time. SSFAC has provided funding for this service in the past two years. *Elizabeth Mondragon* stated that 95% of CAPS budget goes towards professional staff. 19900 funds are being utilized by student staffing; however, high salary individuals raise concerns for future budgeting. *Elizabeth Mondragon* noted that strategic budgeting is required to continue supporting specific programs and there is very little room to supplement other components of health. CAPS is requesting \$40k for continued support for Protocall Services and approximately \$27k to support student assistant salaries and general administration. With this funding, CAPS plans to reengage the program, Biofeedback, a student-run program that provides a visual representation of the positive effects of deep breathing and relaxation techniques. The program can provide a small amount of revenue that can assist in funding future staff at CAPS. *Elizabeth Mondragon* shared CAPS's vision of providing in-house rates when students engage in psychological services and utilizing a grant to bill the county for the services CAPS is providing. This would allow students to receive the same amount of care on campus for lower prices compared to outside services. Additionally, CAPS has collaborated with Mantra to meet the demands of the students, allowing individuals on the waiting list to be referred to a remote clinician within 1-2 days. *Elizabeth Mondragon* noted that as more students become distressed each day, extra support is needed to properly and efficiently assist in their wellbeing.
- *Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva* asked if the increase of in-person appointments has affected the costs and waiting times for other students. *Elizabeth Mondragon* replied that due to its hybrid setup, there has been no impact yet. However, the department will continue monitoring the appointments and note if they begin to see additional operation costs. *Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva* asked if the demand for mental health increased within the past year. *Elizabeth Mondragon* affirmed and added that CAPS had to reopen the Triage Program, a 15-minute phone call program, to meet the demand of calls.
- *Chair Andrew Wong* asked what the current counselor to student ratio is. *Elizabeth Mondragon* answered that it was 1 counselor to 1128 students in Fall 2025 and commented that between 1 to 1000 and 1 to 1500 is ideal.
- *Zhijia Zhao* asked how CAPS have collaborated with other departments to help students determine which program will best benefit them. *Elizabeth Mondragon* replied that CAPS is in constant communication with Case Management when referring students.

4. Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education – Subcommittee C
 - Director *Omonike (Nikki) Hutchinson* introduced themselves to the Committee and began presenting the CARE's mission statement: Being committed to ending sexual violence through direct advocacy and services that will support students on campus. *Nikki Hutchinson* stated that CARE have completed a total of 1277 sessions that utilized an empowerment model aimed at those impacted by sexual violence. Additionally, CARE employed several organizations such as BSAV (Brothers and Sisters Against Violence) and SAVE (Sexual Assault and Violence Education), that lead outreach programs to train students about the culture of consent and what a healthy relationship looks like. In total, 136 programs took place with 1200 student present. *Nikki Hutchinson* noted that CARE provides healing and empowerment programs such as yoga, plant care, aromatherapy, and art workshops to promote alternative healing modalities. *Nikki Hutchinson* noted how trauma-informed services are incorporated within each of the workshops to allow students to reconnect with their body that does not need to be provided through 1 on1 counseling. *Nikki Hutchinson* added how CARE collaborates with programs off campus to bring in professional services for the students to help reframe the narrative regarding sexual violence. *Nikki Hutchinson* commented that initiatives such as outreach and marketing, direct programming, student experiences, and people power allow students to realize and become aware of their situation and to define a label to the problem.
 - Chair *Andrew Wong* asked if CARE has investigated other funding sources to support their mission. *Nikki Hutchinson* affirmed and noted the difficulty in gaining funding to support preventive measures compared to advocacy measures.
 - *Grace Su* asked if the increase in student population has increased demand. *Nikki Hutchinson* replied that the department has experienced increased demand throughout the Fall and Winter Quarter and commented that it may be a combination of the current political climate, increased awareness, and the increased student population.
5. The Well – Subcommittee C
 - Director *Connie Marmolejo* introduced herself to the Committee and began discussing the importance of The Well's core services. *Connie Marmolejo* stated that the heart of the departments are the students. Liaisons for veterans, fraternity/sorority life, graduate students, and other resources are tailored to assist the student body. *Connie Marmolejo* stated that a lot of care services are relied on TEMP funds which fluctuate every year. *Connie Marmolejo* requested a \$160k split between five priorities: Health Education and Promotion, Student Staffing/Peer Educators, Graduate Well-Being Liaison, Power of the Peers Conference, and the Leadership Training. The Health Education and Promotion will allow students to continue having access to low-barrier, non-clinical prevention services that will help reduce stress. In Fall 2025, *Connie Marmolejo* stated that The Well was able to serve 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students with 3,270 direct student visits. Secondly, Student Staffing/Peer Educator will support student staff wages and

help restore staffing capacity and expand service availability. *Connie Marmolejo* noted that The Well consists of four distinct student-run groups that support the department's programs and activities. Thirdly, the Graduate Student Liaison role would provide dedicated coordination, outreach and prevention-focused programming for graduate students. *Connie Marmolejo* commented that this position relied on TEMP funding previously. However, if funded, graduate students will continue to receive tailored support. Fourthly, the Power of the Peers Conference is a summer leadership program where peer leaders can convene across different departments on campus. *Connie Marmolejo* stated that peer leaders become more connected through this shared training and can prevent miscommunication errors throughout the year. Finally, the Leadership Training and Student Development is a program that will create Certified Peer Health Educators including onboarding, certification preparation and a Winter leadership retreat. *Connie Marmolejo* stated that The Well has relied on previous TEMP funding in the past and would like to make the official request to SSFAC to solidify the program.

- *Chair Andrew Wong* asked how lack of dedicated funding would affect the department's direct service capacity. *Connie Marmolejo* replied that The Well is utilizing funds to provide training programs before the school year. Lack of funding can push the training back during the school year and potentially overwhelm the students with busy schedules.
- *Grace Su* asked about the budget breakdown for the Power of the Peers Conference. *Connie Marmolejo* replied that the funds were used to serve food to approximately 250 leaders. Different schools across campus have also supported the conference within their budget restraints. *Sally Tavizon* asked what are the different schools that attend the conference. *Connie Marmolejo* replied that leaders representing CHASS First, CNAS, VCSA, and more have attended the conference.

6. Open Comments

- N/A

7. Chair Comments

- *Chair Andrew Wong* appreciated the Committee's efforts in reaching quorum and noted that the presentation are going smoothly.

8. Adjourn: **10:29 AM**

- *Motion to Adjourn by Kaden Ho, Seconded by Grace Su*
 - ***Adjournment Approved without Objections.***