

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026; 10:00 to 12:00 PM
HUB 379 | Meeting Minutes
Approved on April 21st, 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	AL/P
Ananya Goyal	Undergraduate	X	A
Shlok Garg	Undergraduate		P
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	A
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Leila Haidar	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Jordan Steinhauser	Ex-Officio, GSA President		P
Luis Alvarez	Ex-Officio, 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: **10:08 AM**

1. Approve the Agenda
 - *Motion to Approve the Agenda by Kaden Ho, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.*
 - ***Agenda Approved Without Objections***
2. Asian Pacific Student Association – Subcommittee A
 - Director *William Caganap* introduced himself to the committee and highlighted Asian Pacific Student Association's (APSP) organizational chart and the department's organizational structure. *William Caganap* presented APSP's budget overview, which consisted of approximately \$338k in 20000 funds for staff salaries and \$29k in 20027 funds to support student events and salaries. *William Caganap* noted that APSP received \$4.5k from SSFAC last year which will support the AAPI Recognition Celebration. *William Caganap* stated that APSP is sending 5 students to the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) National Conference in Anaheim. *William Caganap* noted that due to its close distance, the department only needed to pay registration fees. Additionally, APSP dedicated \$2040 for student worker salaries, and any remaining costs will go towards AAPI heritage month. *William Caganap* requested \$33k in unmet needs to support three priorities. Priority 1 consists of dedicating \$25k towards hiring 5 student workers. *William Caganap* highlighted the integral role student workers have in APSP in creating and organizing student-oriented programs and events. Priority 2 consists of dedicating \$5k to expand graduate student programming. *William Caganap* noted that currently APSP only has one program, Grad Time, for the graduate student body. Finally, Priority 3 consists of allocating \$3k towards student conference travel such as the APAHE Conference. Due to the growing student body, *William Caganap* stated that APSP plans to collaborate with departments across campus to create more academic units and organization such as the API Alumni Association and the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Committee. *William Caganap* stated that the newly formed API Alumni Association will help APSP create a potential financial pool for scholarships, events or internships. Additionally, *William Caganap* noted that the AANAPSI Committee consists of students from across the UC system that allow departments to apply for grants to support AAPI students.
 - Sally Tavizon asked if APSP has reached out to external funding sources. *William Caganap* replied that APSP has discussed the possibility and is looking for opportunities like AANAPISI.
 - Chair *Andrew Wong* asked what gaps are found within graduate programming and how \$5k would help with the increase in engagement. *William Caganap* answered that due to APSP's lack of funding and staff, it was difficult to conduct graduate specific programs. The additional funding will allow APSP to work with other departments to garner resources.
 - *Jordan Steinhausser* thanked *William Caganap* for his commitment to create more graduate student programming and asked how many graduate students

APSP is looking to serve. *William Caganap* responded that the department is aiming to support as many AAPI students as possible.

- *Tony Jimenez* commented that many graduate students are going for post-doctoral degrees. *William Caganap* added that APSP has reached out to other AAPI professors as UCLA in hopes to attract students to conduct post-doctoral research.

3. African Student Programs – Subcommittee A

- Director *Jamal Myrick* introduced himself to the Committee and gave a departmental overview of African Student Programs (ASP). ASP's core services include maintaining a body of black scholars and ensuring their safety, education, culture, and community on campus. *Jamal Myrick* reviewed ASP's budget and listed four priorities for unmet needs. Priority 1 requested \$20k towards ASP's 828 Summer Bridge Program. *Jamal Myrick* elaborated that ASP has partnered with the Highlander Early Start Academy to create a 7-week summer experience for incoming first-year students on how to navigate UCR, introduce campus resources, and explore their cultural identity. *Jamal Myrick* added that 50 students have participated in the program, with retention continuing to grow in recent years. Priority 2 requested \$20k towards ASP's Legacy of Excellence, originally known as Black Grad. *Jamal Myrick* explained that this free event celebrates and recognizes student accomplishments and milestones during their tenure at UCR. Priority 3 requested \$20k for ASP's No Boundaries Alternative Break Experience, a 9-day education trip to Georgetown, Georgia to learn about its history, interact with political leaders, and developed students' own leadership skills. Finally, Priority 4 requested \$10k towards student staff salaries. With the incoming increase in student enrollment, *Jamal Myrick* stated that ASP plans to hire an administrative assistant and has been looking into applying for grants internally and externally.
- *Chair Andrew Wong* asked if ASP has investigated permanent funding sources for the 828 Summer Bridge Program. *Jamal Myrick* replied that historically, the program has received permanent funding along with HESSR funds. Currently, the program will continue to utilize both HESSR and SSFAC funds to support this experience.
- *Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva* asked if students need to meet a criterion to participate in the No Boundaries Alternative Break. *Jamal Myrick* responded that the students must have a GPA higher than 2.7, write essays, and attend onboarding class. *Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva* asked if the students must pay any additional fees. *Jamal Myrick* answered that traditionally ASP has funded the entire trip for the students in the past. However, due to lack of funding, ASP only pays for airline and hotel fees. *Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva* asked how ASP envisions to utilize \$20k for the 828 Summer Bridge Program. *Jamal Myrick* stated that last summer, 20 scholars participated in biweekly excursions that were paid for by ASP.

4. Chicano Student Programs – Subcommittee A

- *Chair Andrew Wong* informed the Committee that Chicano Student Programs has rescheduled their presentation to next week.

5. Veterans Resource Center – Subcommittee D

- Director *Tami Thacker* introduced themselves to the Committee and gave a quick overview of the Veterans Resource Center's (VRC) history and mission statement. *Tami Thacker* gave a budget overview and requested \$115,000 in unmet needs to support four funding priorities: increasing student staff salaries, providing professional development opportunities (i.e. attending conferences and career-building programs), funding programming and events, and supporting operational needs such as supplies and basic materials. *Tami Thacker* emphasized departmental challenges including rapid student population growth, limited space capacity, lack of permanent funding, and inability to provide consistent programming. Additionally, *Tami Thacker* noted that without funding, the department would be reduced to a basic space with minimal functionality. Thus, lacking the ability to provide meaningful services or engagement opportunities for students.
- *Chair Andrew Wong* asked how the department envisions SSFAC supporting long-term sustainability without becoming the primary funding source for ongoing operations. *Tami Thacker* responded that the VRC has previously requested permanent funding but was denied, potentially due to its prior structure under other departments. Currently, as VRC operates as its own unit, there may be future opportunities for institutional funding; however, this is uncertain. *Tami Thacker* added that the department continues to rely on grants and external funding sources in the meantime. *Chair Andrew Wong* also asked how the department has adjusted internal operations to manage a 42% increase in demand. *Tami Thacker* answered that due to limited funding, the department relies on low-cost or no-cost activities such as arts and crafts, painting events, and games like tournaments. These activities utilize donated materials and existing supplies to maintain student engagement without revealing funding limitations.
- *Sally Tavizon* asked about the potential for developing consistent funding through partnerships such as Enterprise. *Tami Thacker* replied that while these partnerships are promising, funds are often restricted for specific uses such as employment programs rather than general programming. Thus, continued networking efforts are expected to support future funding opportunities.
- *Shlok Garg* asked whether the department has collaborated with academic colleges for financial or programmatic support. *Tami Thacker* responded that while colleges such as the School of Medicine and School of Business host events and provide programming for students, they do not directly provide funding to the VRC.

6. VC Health, Wellbeing, & Safety – Subcommittee B

- Director *Agam Patel*, Financial Analyst *Jonathan Godoy*, and Chief Financial & Administrative Officer *Veronic Ruiz* introduced themselves to the

Committee and gave a brief overview of the programs Health, Wellbeing & Safety (HWS) overseas. The department includes multiple divisions such as CAPS, Student Health Services, Case Management, Basic Needs, CARE, and UC Police. *Agam Patel* noted that HWS focuses on prevention, intervention, and holistic care, with initiatives including crisis response (SWIFT), safety programs, and campus-wide partnerships. *Agam Patel* highlighted external funding efforts and grants as key components of sustaining operations. *Agam Patel* stated that HWS will not be requesting any unmet needs this year. The department did not receive any question from the Committee.

7. Open Comments

- N/A

8. Chair Comments

- *Chair Andrew Wong* stated that subcommittees will now begin deeper evaluations of their assigned departments. Subcommittees are expected to review departmental materials, apply SSFAC guidelines, and begin preliminary funding discussions. *Chair Andrew Wong* also noted that subcommittees will reconvene during regularly scheduled meetings to present their evaluations and recommendations. Additionally, each subcommittee is responsible for selecting a chair internally to help coordinate their work. *Chair Andrew Wong* reminded committee members that all relevant documents, including subcommittee assignments, expectations, and guiding questions, were provided in the email and agenda packet. *Chair Andrew Wong* offered to resend materials if needed and confirmed that members should have sufficient time to begin their work.
- *Chair Andrew Wong* will be traveling to UC Santa Cruz this weekend for the final CSF meeting of the quarter. *Chair Andrew Wong* shared plans to present UCR's audit and review process to showcase how UCR conducts its budget calls. *Chair Andrew Wong* emphasized that UCR is unique among UC campuses because it allows all departments to present, whereas other campuses selectively choose which departments to review. *Chair Andrew Wong* expressed interest in encouraging other campuses to adopt a more inclusive and transparent process like UCR's approach.
- *Chair Andrew Wong* mentioned working on improving SSFAC's Instagram outreach efforts. A form will be distributed to committee members to submit their headshots and information for upcoming posts. *Chair Andrew Wong* encouraged members to participate and contribute in increasing visibility and engagement.

9. Adjourn: 11:47 AM

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