



**Associated Students of Glendale Community College**  
**ASGCC Legislature Minutes**  
**April 20, 2026**  
**1:00 P.M – 3:00 PM**  
**Student Center 208 – Verdugo Campus**

**I. Call to Order at 1:01 PM by President and Student Trustee Nathan Andriassian**

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

**Present:** Nathan Andriassian, Chelsea Velasco, Sayat Teker, Isabella Verdia, David Zakaryan, Emily Kasumyan, Leila Khchoian, Stella Karsian, Lori Avetyan, Sofia Khatchikian, Jada Ali, Luis Garcia, Vahagn Manukyan, Nellie Daniel, Daniela Elpatova, Vahagn Grigoryan, Mia Marekhashvili, Lena Markosian, Pauline Cipriano, Maya Alchian, Hakob Avetisyan, Masaki Sannomiya

**Absent:** Katya Sarkisian, Jacob Bezdjian, Amy Novshadyan (Excused), Natalia Andriassian (Excused)

**Non-Voting Members:** Dr. Tzoler Oukayan

**IV. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2026**

- MSC: Nellie Daniel/Daniela Elpatova

**V. Approval of Agenda - April 20, 2026**

- MSC: Masaki Sannomiya/Hakob Avetisyan

**VI. Report of President/Student Trustee**

- I hope you guys had an amazing spring break. Our Earth Day is coming up, so I would love to see you guys helping out at this event. We are sponsoring it, so it would be really good if we could also help them coordinate the event.
- Also, Armenian Genocide Candlelight Vigil is going to be on April 22nd at 7:00 PM. We are sponsoring that event as well, so I think it's important to show up. And in case you guys are curious, it will be after the Board of Trustees meeting, so if you guys are interested, feel free to show up.
- Thank you Daniela for volunteering to do the Pledge.
- The registration is going to open during the meeting, so just do what you have to do, but just don't be disruptive

**VII. Report of Administration Committee**

- Hi guys, I hope you guys had a great Spring break. On May 28th during college hours we will have our second educational initiative. It is going to be "Build a Wellness Kit with ASGCC" where we will start off with a presentation talking about mental health coping mechanisms, then we will move on to the Kahoot, and end with wellness kit making. I would love your participation and your support.
- Also, thank you guys for keeping up with your governances

**VIII. Report of Finance Committee**

- I hope everyone had a great restful Spring break. We have finance report No. 17 on the agenda for later
- Also, the Finance Committee will look over budget applications this week

**IX. Report of Activities Committee**

- We will have our “Denim Day” on April 28th at Plaza Vaquero at 12:30 PM. We will be making matching patches and sharing resources
- We will also have a gardening event on May 7th

#### **X. Report of Relations Committee**

- Hi guys, I hope everyone is doing well. Our second educational initiative will be on May 5th at Plaza Vaquero. We are currently collaborating with CalWorks and the Health Center. We might also collaborate with GCC Cares. This event will be bouquet making for Mother’s Day, so we can engage people in something creative, while also learning more about student parent opportunities here on campus.
- In addition, we have also drafted a statement for Armenian Genocide Remembrance, which is currently pending for approval. So once approved, we’re going to post that.
- Also, on Saturday, Amy and I visited the Armenian American Museum, where we had the opportunity to get a tour with ASA. And it was really insightful to see the vision behind the museum. And we also shared some marketing strategies, since it’s not just targeted towards Armenians, but also showcasing the effect that Armenians had on other nations. We offered an idea for them to highlight the impact that Armenians had on other nations. That way, this will be more attractive for a broader audience, and make the museum more engaging to the wider community.

#### **XI. Report of Organizations Committee**

- I hope you guys had a good spring break. Our educational initiative is going to be tomorrow, from 12:00- 1:30 in SC 212 and it’s called “Petals to Remember”. It’s an event to honor Armenian History Month and the Armenian Genocide. And we’re going to be making the forget-me-not flowers, using pipe cleaners. We will also provide food, so I encourage everyone to come.
- Our next IOC is next Monday, April 27th

#### **XII. Report of Officers**

- Vahang Grigoryan: hope everyone had a good Spring break, thank you to everyone for the support you guys gave to MUN. We did really well on the competitions, we brought home an award for GCC
- Nellie Daniel: One of the GCC librarians was asking if we could help with organizing the event where we would help people vote in the upcoming midterm elections, she was mostly asking for sponsorship, so things like providing snacks for people that attended. I also recommended hosting the event at Kreider Hall, so she also wants to check out that.
- Nathan Andriassian: yes, we can help with the event
- Nathan Andriassian: Shoutout to Stella for being a part of the Sounds of Ararat concert
- Stella Karsian: thank you to everyone who came

#### **XIII. Reports of Governance/Special Committee Meetings**

##### **- CEC: Nathan Andriassian/Hakob Avetisyan**

- There might be some new additions to the board agenda (around spring break).
- We went over several committee reports, including the Budget Committee, they went over advocacy points
- Updated the board agenda for Armenian Genocide Remembrance
- Discussed several resolutions:
  - Armenian Genocide Remembrance resolution
  - Recognition of classified school employees resolution
  - Revising Board policies, some that I spoke about are:
    - BP 2015 & BP 2725 – Trustee compensation. Both relate to compensation for trustees, including the student trustee. Currently student trustee stipend is below what Ed Code allows. Further discussion scheduled for the next board meeting.
    - BP 2728 – Board/teacher incompatibility. They didn’t know much about this policy, aside from that it is being removed entirely. Policy stated: teachers cannot be on the board, and board members cannot teach at the school. It is being removed because it is redundant
    - Contracts & major expenditures over copier and maintenance. It is a 3-year agreement for \$215,000 (unclear if this is total for 3 years or annual).

→ Aircraft maintenance and engine replacement. Contract for about \$300,000, likely tied to advocacy for the aviation program

- Other contract approvals:
  - Related to Measure GCC bond projects
  - Montrose construction
  - Upcoming Cybersecurity update that the board will be hearing tomorrow
- Administrative regulations (ARs)
  - AR 4100 – Graduation requirements. Clarifies that students earning bachelor's and associate's degrees shouldn't need extra/superfluous units beyond what's required for their degrees
  - AR 4261 – AI Task Force. They didn't want to constrain teachers on how they should about AI, enforcing its use, as well as supporting its use
  - AR 5135 – Catalog rights. Expands acceptance of catalogs from other institutions, so students could get the credit that they deserve regardless of what institution they got it from

**- Enrollment Management: Maya Alchian/ Natalia Andriassian (proxi: Nellie Daniel)**

- Mike Davis gave an overview of the 4 enrollment phases:
  - Phase 1 – Pipeline building: focus on interest and applications. He mentioned lagging indicators (what has already happened/too late to fix): enrollment numbers, persistence rates, units completed. And leading indicators(predicted/influence outcomes): website traffic, social media page engagement, other online and events engagement.
  - Phase 2 – Enrollment conversion: turning applicants into enrolled students. Focus on FAFSA filing and FAFSA timing.
  - Phase 3 – Retention: keeping students enrolled.
  - Phase 4 – Completion and transfer: helping students graduate and/or transfer.
- Shared current data:
  - Noncredit enrollment down ~10%.
  - Credit enrollment up ~4%.
  - 72% fall-to-spring persistence, higher than last time measured.
  - Students in support programs have 10–16% higher persistence.
- Mike Davis also mentioned formula funding and how it is not beneficial to our school
- They asked us some questions about outreach and student conversion. They were asking about student retention rates and the topic of ECA got brought up and I could share my opinion as an ECA student.

**- Curriculum and Instruction**

- CourseDog will not be used by the committee or professors until September
- Elumen training for faculty will start around the same time
- Opened up a discussion for students to take multiple 1-unit Area 8 classes (e.g., music and dance).
- They started providing templates for a new curriculum for English classes which is coming from the state. It is causing a lot of confusion and turbulence because it is setting things like set novels/texts that “should/can” be used. Faculty are unsure how this will affect their curriculum freedom long-term.
- Also discussed new and updated courses:
  - Ethnic Studies – Hip Hop, added to GE category
  - Filipino Martial Arts
- Several courses tabled, including:
  - Elementary Classroom Teaching
  - Adjustment to Retirement / Readjustment
- Spanish 101 and Spanish 102 were updated for textbooks
- Remaining course items from the last governance meeting were just routine updates/revisions.
- Programs & degrees (program business):
  - New GE courses in General Education Section 3
  - New honors classes (GE classes)
  - New Computer Science Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) is being created
- Some courses were declared inactive/shut down. They either reinvented or had no one teaching/enrolled, so they were discontinued for now

**- Placement and Assessment: Sofia Khatchikian/Hakob Avetisyan**

- We talked about rephrasing the name of the meeting, going from Placement and

Assessment to Academic Readiness Committee. The main problem was that they felt like the name wasn't properly representing the committee, since Assessment suggested the evaluation of students. They wanted to make it more representative to the goals of the committee. After a long discussion we landed on the Academic Readiness Committee.

- A second part of the meeting focused on Title 5 updates:
  - Matriculation is now more clearly defined in Title 5. Now it says that students must complete: orientation, counseling, enrolling in classes, finishing those classes
- We also discussed the committee's new role: it will still handle placement, but will focus more on tracking whether students: complete these required steps, review possible exemptions, provide input on registration policies, and will coordinate with other programs such as: Enrollment Management, Student Equity, and similar programs.
- Boot camps were also discussed. In the past boot camps had low turnout, mostly due to weak marketing. The committee wants to improve outreach and connect boot camps more clearly to ECAP and Summer Bridge, especially earlier in the year.
- Right now the committee is working on: finalizing the name change and improving boot camp marketing, keeping track of 8-week classes, especially English, as well as creating clear communication for students
- No other updates from any of the departments, but Garfield campus plans to work advertising for boot camps, so they will continue working on that by making flyers and adding more people for ECAP visits

**- Student Fees and Tuition: Luis Garcia/ Lori Avetyan**

- In the next meeting they hope to vote against charging the International Student Activity fee, because it goes towards the International Students club, which is inactive right now. Unless they want to use that money, the committee will vote to put it onto agenda to stop changing that fee

**- Academic Calendar: Maya Alchian/Mia Marekhashvili**

- Summer Update: Flex days have been moved to August 23–27 to allow faculty dedicated time for professional development. These will be non-instructional days.
- Institute Day: rescheduled to Friday, September 17, since it previously conflicted with the final day to add/drop classes.
- Veterans Day: confirmed for Thursday, November 11.
- June 18th the campus will be closed because of Juneteenth
- Cesar Chavez Day will be renamed to Farmworkers Day. They also mentioned that Cesar Chaves and Native American Day are local options, so if locally bargained it will become a day on March 31st
- They have a lot of concerns on the fact that a lot of events are happening on Fridays, which cuts into Friday classes' instruction time
- Campus closed: December 24, 2026- January 3rd, 2027
- Administrative Regulations have not been updated since 2019. A revision process will begin to address outdated information, including adding Juneteenth and reflecting the name change to Farmworkers Day, along with other necessary updates
- Winter Break is being finalized, as of right now it is listed as starting on December 23rd, but that might change

**- Governance Review: Nellie Daniel/Jacob Bezdjian**

- We continued what we basically have been doing before. So, we have AR2511, which are the overviews that committee does and how information from each governance goes to each other
- AR2511 used to be 27 pages long, but Mike Davis cut down the document to 14 pages. However, as we were reviewing the document again, it shot up to 19 pages. So, right now we are revising his revisions

**- International Studies: Masaki Sannomiya/Mia Marekhashvili**

- We discussed drop deadline policies and their effect on international students. Right now students can drop a class before census day with no record or after census date with W notice on their transcript. However, students can also be dropped for inactive enrollment (Title 5, Section 58004), such as no-shows, withdrawals, or non-participation. From the faculty perspective those policies help maintain the class structure and the productive learning environment, which benefits the class. However, for international students, it is a significant problem. The impact is like that, if an international student has under 12 units, their visa is going to be invalid, which means

that they will have to leave the country. This also affects other groups, like financial aid, veterans, athletes, Promised Plus students

- Another thing that was discussed is the inconsistency between online and in-person courses and a lack of clear communication. A lot of students aren't aware of the support options available, such as excused withdrawal, pass/no pass, or grade replacement until it's too late
- So the goal is to improve these policies, which includes clear expectations from the start, such as early outreach before the student is dropped and a better awareness of better resources
- We also discussed the importance of collaborating with counseling and the International Student office, so moving forward we will continue these discussions across committees and begin working toward clear policy language
- Before this meeting, we only had one meeting scheduled per semester, moving forward we will have monthly meetings where we will be working on those policies

#### XIV. Guest Speakers

- Anthony Perez: Beeline Representative

- I am here from a local Beeline, which is the bus that you guys can see around town. I came here today to talk to you guys and get some feedback on your services. At the moment we are doing our Comprehensive Operational Analysis, so the point of that is to gain feedback directly from riders. We have also been on campus, so we got some feedback from students, but we also wanted to get some feedback from you guys as associated students. Since it is a local bus service there are some limitations of what we can change or include, however we are happy to hear all of your opinions and suggestions.
- Topics mentioned:
  - Add night bus times. At night there is not enough buses, especially after evening classes, which can be dangerous
  - Bus stops are inconsistent at Google Maps and Apple Maps.
    - They are signing a new contract with a company where the information will be shared directly with the apps
  - Sometimes bus comes early which makes people miss the bus
  - Drivers drive off if there is no one at the bus stop
  - Scooters don't fit onto the bus (clarify where they can put different stuff)
  - Add accessibility on the back doors
  - Drivers rush the people.
    - You can always call and report the driver or the situation on our website
  - Possibility for Sunday buses
    - There are buses on Sundays for Route 1 and Route 4, which ones should we include?
  - There is an app which allows you to see the bus in real time, however, it costs money. Is there any chance there can be a similar option for free?
    - There is a website to track the bus, it is slow, but it works for right now, it is [rider.umoiq.com](http://rider.umoiq.com)
  - People vape on the bus
  - Buses that are out of service don't get replaced by a working bus and people aren't notified of the cancellation
  - A guy was shaving a knife, would love a way of letting a

You can always add your reviews on [glendaletransit.com](http://glendaletransit.com)

#### XVI. New Business

1. Approval of Finance Report #17 - Action Item
  - MSC: Vahagn Grigoryan/Luis Garcia
2. Approval of \$3,000 for ASGCC Elections – AS Election & Recruitment
  - MSC: Lena Markosian/Vahagn Manukyan
3. Approval of \$350 for Petals & Parents - AS Educational Initiatives – Spring
  - MSC: Masaki Sannomiya/Maya Alchian

## **XVII. Reports of Advisors**

### **Dr. Tzoler Oukayan:**

- I hope you guys had a great spring break. We have 7 weeks left, they are going to go by very fast, try to take the deep breath, enjoy a moment, and reach out if you need any help
- Claudia will be back next week, so if you need any help reach out to me
- Do the Graduation Petitions even if you don't think you will complete your Associates Degree and you will have a couple classes left, if you are transferring, do your petitions. You could still walk the stage even if you have one or two classes unfinished, because technically you can finish them whenever
- We have our Honors and Awards Banquet on Friday, May 15th. Everyone is invited, and I know some of you are nominated or students of Distinction, congratulations on that. Great work, clearly you made a difference in people's lives and you are nominated. I appreciate all of your doings and we have over 50 students nominated. I am excited to see that and celebrate those
- We have a GCC Open House in 2 weeks the following Saturday. We hope to see everyone there, AS will be represented, there will be a lot of alumni, as well as future students, so it's a great place to recruit. I'm looking forward to it. Hang in there, we are almost there.

## **XVIII. Announcements/Information**

- Nathan Andriassian: Before we adjourn, I did want to talk a little bit about elections, we have our Petition Week coming up next week. During this week candidates will take their headshots with Claudia right outside of the SC. You need to get 100 signatures for the position that you are running for by the end of the week. Last year, I collected 100 signatures for the VP of Finance position, so when I changed my mind to run for President, I had to collect 100 new signatures. You will also have to write a candidate statement. Also, as a candidate you are required to attend one of the elections seminars, which is a quick presentation by Claudia and the election committee where you will hear the rules of elections and qualifications for each position. They will happen throughout the week, there is also a possibility of the virtual one. Try to attend the in person ones because they will be more engaging. Let's make it a fun and friendly competition.
- Nellie Daniel: GCC Coalition will be having a meet and Greet on May 6th. It is a great opportunity to get your foot in the door with some of the politicians. Dan Brotman and Elena Soutrian are confirmed to be there and we are waiting for a couple other people to be there as well, so I highly recommend everyone to come.
- Daniela Elpatova: It's really great to see all you guys, because we didn't have a legislature meeting last, so I missed you guys. And also, good luck with your classes, you got this. I hope everyone will have a great week

## **XIX Adjournment at 2:08 PM**

- MSC Nellie Daniel/Jada Ali



**Submitted By: Leila Khchoian**

**ASGCC Senator Of Administration**

**April 23rd, 2026**