

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

December 1, 2021

Senator Alamgir introduced the following Bill, brought forth by Senate Advisor Dr. Miller,
Senator Gomez seconded the following Bill

A BILL

Student Representation Stipend Program SB-2122-02

Whereas: Student representation is critical to ensuring the participatory governance structure at Cerritos College is maintained. Student representation roles on campus include ASCC Cabinet, Court, and Senate, shared governance committee membership, and participation in campus hiring committees. These opportunities allow the student voice to be heard, and make a difference in District decisions that affect students.

Whereas: Involvement in these student representative opportunities require ongoing time commitments by students, and may reduce the time they are able to spend in outside employment. To offset possible impact to students, small stipends are proposed to recognize the time and contributions of student representatives.

Whereas: The ASCC Constitution allows for the payment of ASCC Cabinet (Article II, Section 7), Court (Article III, Section 6), and Senate (Article I, Section 7) members.

Whereas: To ensure duties of representatives are completed in full, the following will describe the stipend amounts and requirements. These requirements are to ensure engaged and participatory student representation, and dis-incentivize those becoming a representative solely for compensation.

Student Government Branches – Cabinet, Court, Senate:

- Attend and participate in their assigned position and/or appointment, and complete all requirements for their positions as outlined in the ASCC Constitution and By-laws.**
 - Cabinet – must attend in person for stipend
 - Senate – must attend in person for stipend
 - Court – must attend in person, or have camera on for remote meetings
- Participate in at least 1 check-in appointment with their Branch leader (President, VP, or Chief Justice)
- Maximum stipend amount:
 - Fall - \$240
 - Spring - \$340
 - Stipend amount will be determined by attendance at meetings, and verified by the Branch leader. Members must attend at least 85% of each meeting to be given attendance credit. Percentage of total semester meetings attended will equal percentage of stipend awarded. Stipends will be awarded following conclusion of the semester, and verification requirements were met.

**Exceptions to in-person and/or cameras-on may be considered for significant extenuating circumstances, with one week's prior written approval by Branch leader.

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Shared Governance Committees

- Attend and participate in appointed committee meetings
- Submit meeting summary report within one week following the meeting
- Maximum stipend amount:
 - \$20 per meeting, dependent on summary report submitted in a timely manner
 - Audit of meeting minutes will be conducted to ensure attendance was officially recorded
 - Stipends will be awarded following conclusion of the semester, and verification requirements were met.

Hiring committees

- Attend required meetings and interviews
- Complete application screening/rating
- Obtain verification from interview committee chair that obligations were met (email to Advisor: Amna Jara, Elizabeth Miller, or Diana Madueno)
- Maximum stipend amount
 - \$100 per hiring committee

Whereas: It is proposed the funding for this initiative be taken from the Student Representation Fee account, which currently is budgeted at \$86,697.33. The Student Representation Fee was initiated in January 2020, and is a mandatory \$2 fee each semester that supports student representation efforts at the local and state level. \$1 of the fee goes to support the state-wide Student Senate of the California Community Colleges (SSCCC), and \$1 of the fee goes to the efforts of our the Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) to be used toward representing Cerritos College students at the local and state level.

Whereas: The financial impact to ASCC would be an annual maximum cost of \$36,920.00 from the Student Representation Fee budget. This maximum costs would include full appointment/election of all available representation positions, and those eligible for stipends fulfilling all requirements.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

- **Student Government - \$32,480.00**
 - Cabinet – 22 members - \$12,760.00
 - Fall -\$5,280.00
 - Spring - \$7,480.00
 - Court – 8 members - \$4,640.00
 - Fall - \$1,920.00
 - Spring - \$2,720.00
 - Senate – 26 members - \$15,080.00
 - Fall - \$6,240.00
 - Spring- \$8,840.00
- **Shared Governance Committees - 24 committees**
 - 24 committees x 8 months (1 mtg/month) = 192 meetings x \$20/meeting - \$3,840+600.00
- **Hiring Committees**
 - Students sit on manager and executive searches, which open infrequently.

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- Anticipate up to \$600 per year (6 searches)

Whereas: The ASCC President, Vice President, and Chief Justice are not eligible for this program, as their positions are already paid by stipend.

Resolved: The ASCC Senate will approve SB-2122-02 to implement the Student Representation Stipend program, drawing a maximum of \$36,920.00 from the Student Representation Fee annually. Stipends to students may be issued via check or via gift card. If paid via check students must submit a Claim Statement and a W-9 form (for taxes). If students are unable to provide a W-9 form, they may receive their stipend in the form of a gift card (i.e. Amazon, Bookstore, etc.).

Resolved: Full implementation of requirements to be initiated Spring 2022. Retroactive stipends for Fall 2021 will be provided, without the following requirements: in-person attendance at meetings (or camera on if virtual), and shared governance committee reports.

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Amendment History

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: 12/1/2021

Senators Voting Aye: Alamgir, Cao, Criollo, Dominguez, Gomez, Ortega, Poblete, & Lola

Senators Voting Nay:

Senators Abstaining:

Vote Count: 8 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? Yes/No

Committee Performing Review (if applicable):

Committee Chairperson:

Committee Action: (Report complete disposition, amendments, committee vote, or date of final action.)

Presidential Action

Presidential Action (Approved or Veto): _____ Approved _____



Presidential Signature: Sandra Abundio _____

Date: _____ **12/15/2021**

If vetoed, state reason: