



**IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED  
STUDENTS**

11.12.2025

Senator Valdez introduced the following Bill  
Senator Hernandez seconded the following Bill

**A BILL**

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**Funding for the Psychology Club/Psi Beta Chapter Conference Travel  
SB-2526-01**

- Whereas:** Cerritos College Psychology club was established to provide students with invaluable, real-world research experience in the field of Psychology. It enhances their understanding of current research trends, deepens their academic engagement, and develops essential skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, and professional networking.
- Whereas:** The Cerritos Psychology club facilitates activities that prepare the students for intercollegiate research conferences that can generate positive recognition that contributes to institutional prestige. Moreover, many of our students successfully transfer to four-year institutions, and participation in conferences further validates the college's role in preparing students for academic and professional advancement. Conference attendance also allows returning students to bring back knowledge, resources, and inspiration that can be shared through workshops, classroom discussions, and club activities—benefiting their peers and enhancing the learning environment for all. Importantly, based on Cerritos College alumni presenting at conferences, our advisor, Dr. Kimberley Duff, was asked to serve on a multi-million dollar grant with CSULB to fund the BUILD Program, Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD).
- Whereas:** The Psychology research team strives to represent Cerritos College at various research conferences, which reflects positively on the Psychology Department, highlighting our commitment to experiential learning and academic excellence. Faculty involvement in mentoring student presenters reinforces faculty-student collaboration and supports high-impact practices that are central to our department's mission. The visibility of our students and faculty at academic conferences helps to establish our program as one that fosters scholarly engagement and achievement.
- Whereas:** In addition to the academic benefits, attending conferences allows students to network with peers from other institutions, providing opportunities for collaboration and professional development in psychological and other related fields.
- Whereas:** The Western Psychological Association (WPA) was founded in 1921 to stimulate the exchange of scientific and professional ideas among students, professors, and practitioners of psychology. WPA Presidents and members have included the top psychologists in the world including Albert Bandura, Gordon Bower, Christina Maslach, Philip Zimbardo, Stanley Sue, and Elizabeth Loftus. Because of the relatively small size of the annual convention (about 1,500 psychologists and

students), students in attendance have exciting opportunities to actually meet, closely interact with, and learn from the best psychologists in the field. Students participate by presenting papers and posters that feature their research undertaken with their professors. They also attend presentations, informal conversation hours, and receptions. Thus, WPA serves as a major and unique vehicle for students to enhance their educational experience and learn about professional careers as psychologists.

**Whereas:** The Psychology club is requesting funding that will be used for the Western Psychological Association Convention, which can send up to 4 students to the conference.

**Resolved:** The ASCC Senate will approve SB-2526-01, and a maximum of \$4,717.00 may be expensed from the Senate Fund (600-03-015) to enable the Psychology/ Psi Beta Honor's Chapter club to successfully carry out its research convention next semester.

Item Name	Description	Price / Single Student	Total Cost for 4 Students
<b>Lodging</b>	Requesting 2 guest rooms. Each room is 350 sqft/32 sqm, equipped with 1 king-sized bed, 1 bathroom, and standard basic amenities for two students to share. For 3 days.	N/A	\$2200
<b>Airfare (Roundtrip)</b>	Roundtrip flight for 4 Students.	\$320	\$1280
<b>Per Diem</b>	Daily per diem will encompass the full time from Thursday, April 30, until landing in Santa Ana on Sunday, May 3.	\$42	\$672
<b>Conference Registration</b>	The one-time payment for a student registration ticket, with discount provided for registering at least one month in advance of the conference date.	\$95	\$380
<b>Transportation (Roundtrip)</b>	Roundtrip transportation via Uber from SEA to the hotel.	N/A	\$185
<b>TOTAL REQUEST:</b>			<b>\$4,717</b>

## Amendment History

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None.

### Final Senate Action

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<b>Date of final vote:</b>	November 12, 2025
<b>Senators Voting Aye:</b>	Ayub, Bennett, Castro, Chamberlain, Chung, De Las Alas, Ferdous, Haque, Hernandez, Mateo, Miranda, Montoya, Nieto-Mejia, Om, Raya, A. Rodriguez, Rubianes, Sosa-Diaz, Valdez, Vega, Villar, & Walters
<b>Senators Voting Nay:</b>	None
<b>Senators Abstaining:</b>	None
<b>Vote Count:</b>	22 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

### Committee Referral

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**Referred to Committee? Yes**

**Committee Performing Review (if applicable): Appropriations**

**Committee Chairperson: Senator Valdez**

**Committee Action:**

Reviewed revised copy of legislation from Psi Beta/Psychology Club that included fully itemized breakdown of expenses, and reduced funding request from \$6,300.00 to \$4,417.00. Appropriations Committee recommended the revised legislation as presented on November 12, 2025.

### Presidential Action

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**Presidential Action: Approved**

**Presidential Signature:**



**Date: November 17, 2025**