

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

February 25, 2026

Senator Sosa-Diaz introduced the following Bill,
Senator Mateo Seconded the following Bill.

A BILL

Funding to send MEChA Students to NACCS Conference

SB-2526-13

- Whereas:** Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana de Aztlán (MEChA) is a student organization founded in 1960 by college students in the United States to advocate for the representation of Hispanic and Latino students on college campuses.
- Whereas:** This bill is to support the attendance of four (4) MEChA club Cerritos College students at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Conference in April 2026.
- Whereas:** The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) is a national academic and community-based organization dedicated to advancing Chicana/o and Latina/o studies, social justice, cultural awareness, and student leadership. The annual NACCS conference brings together students, scholars, educators, and activists from across the country to participate in research presentations, workshops, and panels centered on education, equity, history, and community empowerment.
- Whereas:** Attendance at NACCS provides students with valuable learning experiences beyond the classroom. Students will:
- Engage with academic research related to Chicana/o and Latina/o studies
 - Participate in workshops focused on leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement
 - Network with scholars, graduate programs, and professionals
 - Gain motivation to pursue higher education and community-based careers
- Whereas:** For many first-generation and underrepresented students, NACCS is often their first experience in a national academic space where their identities and lived experiences are centered and affirmed;
- Whereas:** MEChA's participation in NACCS directly supports its mission of education, empowerment, and community engagement. Upon returning to campus, participating students will: *Host a MEChA presentation to share knowledge gained from the conference *Educate the campus community on NACCS and MEChA's mission *Encourage student involvement in academic conferences and leadership opportunities. This ensures the impact of the funding extends beyond the six attendees and benefits the broader Cerritos College community.
- Whereas:** The funding request consists of the items below, detailed as follows:

Item	Amount
Lodging	\$1,327.74
Airfare	\$1,540.00
Conference Registration	\$120.00
Ground Transportation (Uber)	\$105.63
Total	\$3,093.37
Less Existing Club Funds	\$1,765.00
Grand total from Senate Fund	\$1,328.37

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Resolved:

The ASCC Senate will approve SB-2526-13, and a maximum of \$1,328.37 from the Senate Fund (600-03-015) will be allocated to support Cerritos College's MEChA club to attend the NACCS conference, for the purpose of enabling four (4) Cerritos College students to attend the 2026 NACCS conference.

Resolved:

The ASCC Senate will approve reallocation of \$1,765.00 within the existing MEChA account (600-02-081) to fund the conference attendance for their members to attend the 2026 NACCS conference.

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Amendment History

Senator Mateo moved to reduce food to \$30 per student per day, with a revised meal amount of \$480 total. Seconded by Senator Sosa-Diaz, and approved unanimously.

Senator Rubianes moves to strike meals in the amount of \$480, and insert new grand total of \$1,328.37, add a line to the chart in the last Whereas to include "Less Existing Club Funds" in the amount of \$1,765.00, and a "Grand total from Senate" line in the amount \$1,328.37. Seconded by Senator Raya, no objections, motion passed.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: February 25, 2026

Senators Voting Aye: Ayub, Bennett, Castro, Chamberlain, Chavez, Chung, De Las Alas, Godinez, Haque, Hernandez, Lara, Mateo, Miranda, Montoya, Nieto Mejia, Om, Raya, Rodriguez, Rubianes, Ruiz, Sosa-Diaz, Vega, Villar

Senators Voting Nay: None

Senators Abstaining: None

Vote Count: 23 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

Senators Absent (3): Aquino, Biji Jacob, Valdez

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No

Presidential Action

Presidential Action: APPROVED

Presidential Signature:



Date: March 2, 2026