

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

November 19, 2025

Senator Adrian Oscar Ayub introduced the following Resolution,
Senator Ryan Chamberlain seconded the following Resolution

A Resolution

SWANA Inclusion and Recognition

SR-2526-03

- Whereas:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of campus life;
- Whereas:** Students of Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) descent — including but not limited to Arab, Armenian, Assyrian, Chaldean, Kurdish, Persian, Turkish, Amazigh, Coptic, and related communities — contribute significantly to the social, cultural, academic, and civic fabric of Cerritos College;
- Whereas:** Cerritos College currently lacks a formal student organization or institutional recognition for SWANA students, despite their growing presence and contribution to the campus community;
- Whereas:** The California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), and other higher education institutions within the CSU system have officially recognized SWANA as a distinct cultural and ethnic identity category, enabling students from the region to self-identify accurately and receive appropriate representation in campus programs and data reporting;
- Whereas:** The SWANA designation provides a more equitable and inclusive alternative to outdated census and institutional classifications that group SWANA individuals under “White,” thereby erasing cultural identities and limiting representation in academic and student support services;
- Whereas:** Recognizing SWANA students and studies at Cerritos College would strengthen the college’s diversity mission and align it with regional higher education efforts to include Middle Eastern and North African heritage groups;
- Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) formally recognizes Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) students as a distinct and integral part of the Cerritos College community;
- Resolved:** This resolution shall be distributed to the Office of the President of Cerritos College, the Office of Student Equity and Success, the Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Planning & Grants, the Faculty Senate, and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for awareness and consideration

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Amendment History

Senator Valdez moves to insert “the Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Planning & Grants,” following the Office of Student Equity and Success in the final Resolved, seconded by Senator Rodriguez. No objection, motion passed.

Final Senate Action

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| Date of final vote: | November 19, 2025 |
| Senators Voting Aye: | Aquino, Ayub, Bennett, Castro, Chamberlain, Chavez, Chung, De Las Alas, Ferdous, Godinez, Haque, Hernandez, Kedir, Mateo, Miranda, Montoya, Nieto Mejia, Om, Raya, Rodriguez, Rubianes, Sosa-Diaz, Valdez, Vega & Villar |
| Senators Voting Nay: | None. |
| Senators Abstaining: | None. |
| Vote Count: | 25 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain |

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No