

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

3/11/2026

Senator Adrian Ayub introduced the following Resolution,
Senator Caleb Om Seconded the following Resolution

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Advancing SWANA Representation and Collaboration

SR-2526-20

- Whereas:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) unanimously passed SR-2526-03 recognizing Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) students as a distinct and integral part of the Cerritos College community; and
- Whereas:** Since the passage of SR-2526-03, no formal institutional implementation framework or structured follow-up process has been established to advance the resolution's intent; and
- Whereas:** Efforts to circulate and promote awareness of SR-2526-03 have required informal and individual outreach rather than coordinated institutional engagement; and
- Whereas:** Fullerton College also passed a Resolution in Support of SWANA Students on May 7, 2024, affirming the importance of culturally responsive resources and institutional engagement for SWANA students; and
- Whereas:** The Northern Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) has established associations such as the SWANA Faculty and Student Association (SWANA FSA) at Fullerton and Cypress colleges; and
- Whereas:** Recognition is strengthened through continued collaboration, leadership development, and structured institutional engagement; and
- Whereas:** Community colleges serve as primary transfer pathways into California's public universities and benefit from alignment and cooperation with institutions that have advanced SWANA initiatives, including California State University, Fullerton; and
- Resolved:** That the Associated Students of Cerritos College reaffirm its commitment to advancing SWANA student representation through leadership development, programming, and institutional collaboration; and
- Resolved:** That ASCC encourage and support the formation or strengthening of a SWANA student organization at Cerritos College in accordance with established club charter procedures; and
- Resolved:** That ASCC initiate outreach to student governments at other California Community Colleges to explore voluntary collaboration, shared programming, and leadership dialogue regarding SWANA initiatives; and
- Resolved:** That the ASCC Director and Deputy of Equity and Diversity provide support to SWANA-related activities and associations with needs related to promoting diversity; and
- Resolved:** That the SWANA-related clubs and associations will be active participants in cultural events and other events related to SWANA as a whole; and

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Resolved: That ASCC request a joint informational meeting between SWANA student leaders and the Office of Student Equity & Success within the academic year to explore implementation pathways for previously adopted SWANA legislation; and

Resolved: That this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the Office of Student Affairs, Student Equity & Success, the Inter-Club Council, and interested California Community College student governments for awareness and collaboration purposes.

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Amendment History

None

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote:	March 11, 2026
Senators Voting Aye:	Ayub, Chavez, Haque, & Om
Senators Voting Nay:	Aquino, Biji Jacob, Catsro, Chamberlain, Chaves, De Las Alas, Hernández, Montoya, Rubianes & Villar
Senators Abstaining:	Mateo, Nieto Mejía, Rodríguez, Valdez, & Vega
Vote Count:	4 Aye, 10 No, 5 Abstain
Does not pass	

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No