Programs Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton
1/29/2026 2:30 PMPST
@ ASI Boardroom, Titan Student Union

Meeting Details

Meeting Called By: Luca Romero
Meeting Type: Regular
Meeting Attendees: Members, Staff, Public
CSU, Fullerton students, and members of the public may submit comments regarding any item posted on this agenda, or matters of importance to the student body through the Public Comment Form. Comments will be reviewed by the Board Leadership, and submissions received prior to the meeting that are applicable to the governing body will be read during the meeting.

1. ## Call to Order (Romero)

   Chair Romero called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.

2. ## Roll Call

   Members Present: Guzman, Mallareddygari, Romero, Soriano, Suzer
   Members Absent: Mendoza (E)
   Liaisons Present: Hesgard, Montano, Ryals
   Liaisons Absent: None
   According to the ASI Policy Concerning Board of Directors Operations, attendance is defined as being present prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business and remaining until the scheduled end of the meeting.
   * Indicates that the member was in attendance prior to the start of Unfinished Business but left before the scheduled end of the meeting.
   ** Indicates that the member was in attendance for a portion of the meeting, but not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business.

   Motion:
   Member Cesar Mendoza was excused due to personal business.
   The absences were excused by unanimous consent.

   Motion moved by Deniz Suzer and motion seconded by Isabel Soriano.

3. ## Approval of the Agenda

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   Motion:
   A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda by moving item 9.B to item 9.A due to a timing issue for presenters.
   The amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Motion moved by Jenny Guzman and motion seconded by Deniz Suzer.

4. Approval of Minutes

   None

5. Public Speakers

   Members of the public may address Programs Assessment Committee members on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters of importance to students.
   There were no public speakers.

6. Reports

   A. Chair (Romero)

   Chair Romero welcomed the Committee and highlighted upcoming events, including Beyond the Conversation with Terry Cruz on February 12th, noting limited plus ones, and Titan Talks with Queen Blackwell on February 19th. He reminded members to review emails and complete the required sign-up form. He emphasized that this was the Committee's final semester and encouraged members to complete at least one initiative tied to their campaign goals, offering support as needed. He also noted that election applications would close on February 10th.

   B. Director of Student Government (Hesgard)

   Chair Romero yielded to Rebecca Hesgard, ASI Student Government Director.
   Hesgard thanked members for their participation in recent outreach events, including Discover Fest and the ASI 50th Anniversary kickoff, noting their importance in engaging the student body and future leaders. She encouraged members to promote the ASI elections program and shared that there was an open board vacancy in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, urging members to share the still-open application. She reminded members to update their Spring office hours with Alora and to check in and out properly, as students had been scheduling meetings. She also previewed the Programs Assessment meeting, explaining that members would review familiar presentations and vote on action items related to new program proposals, before returning the floor to the Chair.

7. Time Certain

   None

8. Unfinished Business

   None

9. New Business

   A. Action: ASWI Student Organization Programs Proposal (Romero)

   The Committee will consider a new program proposal to expand ASI's support of student organizations relating to the ASI Student Wellness Initiative.
   PROG 005 25/26 (Mallareddygari-m/Soriano-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution accepting the AWSI Student Organization Programs Proposal.
   Chair Romero yielded to Rebecca Hesgard, ASI Director of the Student Government.

Hesgard discussed the ASI Wellness Initiative's efforts to enhance student organization support. She outlined four proposed programs: a Community Enrichment Grant to fund innovative student-led projects; TEAMS awards to supplement travel funding for students representing CSUF nationally or statewide; seed funding of about $500 to help newly established clubs recruit members and sustain operations; and a club rental support program to provide reusable event supplies like lighting or cameras. She emphasized these programs would complement, not replace, existing offerings and expand opportunities for student engagement and wellness. Chair Romero opened the floor to questions.

- Ryals asked what the process would be for student organizations or individuals to receive money through these initiatives and grants, and whether it would differ from the reimbursement process or be given as a direct grant.
  Hesgard replied that the programs had not been fully finalized, but they would likely follow ASI's reimbursement model, where money was allocated, spent on approved purposes, and reconciled, with any unused funds returned. She added that the exact process would be refined as the programs were developed.

- Suzer asked if, for proposed program #1, there could be an advisor or direct school support so students wouldn't have to pay out-of-pocket for large events. She also asked, for proposed program #2, whether there would be a limited number of awards or if it would be open to any eligible student.
  Hesgard replied that Ysais had volunteered to provide support for program #1, collaborating with student orgs and advisors. She clarified that while most funding follows a reimbursement model, ASI can pay vendors directly for large expenses to avoid students paying out-of-pocket. Regarding program #2, she estimated about 20 awards could be given, but the final number and budget would be determined later, and these awards would be in addition to existing ASI funding.

- Montano asked if the club rental program would require creating a new physical space on campus, since storing equipment might take up a lot of room.
  Hesgard replied that space needs were considered, but the program would start with a smaller inventory and grow based on feasibility and available physical space. She noted the program would be scalable and could expand over time as the initiative progressed.

- Suzer asked if the funds for proposed program number three would go directly to the student organization's account in SAGE, rather than through an ICC.
  Hesgard replied that the funds would be allocated to the organization's SAGE account, following all financial procedures and policies, allowing them to access it like raised funds, with the hope they could draw down on the amount as needed.

- Mallareddygari asked if the inventory for proposed program #4 would be free for students or if there would be a minimal checkout fee.
  Hesgard replied that the intention was to keep it free for students, unless there was damage or replacement needed, emphasizing that the goal of the wellness initiative was to provide and enhance resources, not generate revenue.

- Soriano asked how many newly established clubs there were in recent years and whether there would be a set amount each club could receive.
  Hesgard replied that they estimated $500 per club with a maximum of 40 clubs, totaling $20,000. She noted that in the past three years, no more than 33 clubs were added annually, so this would provide extra capacity to support new clubs.

- Suzer asked whether there were plans to address potential strain on the ICC and the reimbursement process if more students started clubs.
  Hesgard replied that an increase in student organizations would likely result in more check requests and reimbursements. She explained that the ASWI steering group and staff were considering long-term plans, including potential adjustments in HR, Facilities, and Accounting to manage the increased workload, though no specific staffing changes were finalized yet.

Chair Romero opened the floor to discussion.
- Suzer expressed concern that proposed program #3, which supports new clubs, could strain the interclub councils and existing clubs, especially given current issues with funding, training, and meeting deadlines.

- Ryals shared that as president of a newer organization, he faced financial challenges, like covering costs for supplies and recruitment, which hindered club success. He supported the initiatives, noting that providing funds through accounts like SAGE would help clubs sustain themselves, encourage student investment, and motivate members to stay engaged and grow their organizations.

- Chair Romero expressed support for all the proposals but noted that logistics still needed clarification. Specifically for proposed program #2, he emphasized ensuring fair and equitable distribution of the $1,000 travel awards, considering that some clubs travel more than others, and suggested setting limits on repeated usage by the same club.

- Guzman agreed with Chair Romero on setting limits for clubs that travel frequently and during the school year. She noted that some clubs, like hers, have summer conferences when agency accounts are locked, so funds come out of pocket, reinforcing the need for equitable distribution of awards.

The committee moved to a roll call vote.

📄 [Item 9.A ASWI Student Org Support Programs.pdf](#)

📄 [Item 9. A Resolution to Establish ASWI Student Club Support Programs.pdf](#)

📄 [Item 9. A Documentation - ASWI Student Club Support Programs.pdf](#)

> **Motion:**
> **PROG 005 25/26 Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0. The motion to approve the resolution accepting the AWSI Student Organization Programs Proposal was adopted.**
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> Motion moved by Yashwanth Mallareddygari and motion seconded by Isabel Soriano.

B. Action: AICA Program Proposal (Romero)

The Committee will consider a new program proposal to reallocate the Association for InterCultural Awareness program from the ASI Student Programs and Engagement department to the ASI Executive Senate program.

PROG 004 25/26 (Soriano-m/Suzer-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution to reallocate the Association for InterCultural Awareness (AICA) Program from Student Programs and Engagement to the ASI Executive Senate.

Chair Romero yielded to Austin Ysais, ASI Director of Student Programs and Engagement. Ysais presented a proposal to transition the Association for InterCultural Awareness program from Student Programs and Engagement to Student Government as an inter-club council within the ASI Executive Senate. He explained that the change was driven by audit findings and Chancellor's Office policies requiring compliance, as the current structure created the perception of improper oversight of student organizations. The proposal aimed to ensure compliance while maintaining continuity for clubs and organizations and minimizing any impact on students. Ysais outlined that AICA's core functions, including funding for Culture Nights, Club Programs, and Social Justice Week, would remain intact, with associated funding transferring accordingly. Student Programs and Engagement would continue to support signature programs such as Multicultural Fest and Culture Couture, working alongside AICA. He further clarified that Social Justice Week would remain a signature event through AICA. Ysais emphasized that the transition would strengthen advising support, preserve student leadership and decision-making, and allow AICA to continue growing while protecting its long-standing role and services.

Dev Vyas, AICA Chair, expressed his support for transitioning AICA to Student Government, emphasizing that AICA would continue operating consistently with the same meetings, resources, and funding opportunities for clubs. He noted that working directly with Student Government would improve transparency, reimbursement processes, and advising support. He thanked Student Programs and Engagement and Student Government for their guidance and stated that he and the AICA Board were willing to assist as needed to ensure a smooth transition.

Ysais emphasized that the transition was designed to be smooth and non-disruptive for students, with all AICA programs continuing as usual. He noted that the new advising structure would address compliance concerns while preserving student leadership and ownership. He added that increased campus involvement would strengthen partnerships and reaffirmed his team's commitment to supporting AICA throughout the transition.

Chair Romero opened the floor to questions.

- Guzman asked whether the proposal had been shared with current AICA organizations and what their feedback had been.
  Ysais responded that AICA representatives and member clubs had been consulted over the past two semesters, beginning in the Spring and again in November. He explained that the primary concern from clubs was whether funding and reimbursement processes would continue, and he confirmed that these processes would remain unchanged. He noted that addressing this concern was a key reason for pursuing the proposed transition, ensuring clubs could continue their programs without disruption.

- Montano asked if the transition would change AICA's funding.
  Ysais replied that funding would largely remain the same, with $100,000 continuing to support clubs and organizations. The only adjustment was the $20,000 allocated for Social Justice Week, reflecting the actual cost of the program, not new money. He noted that the budget process would be reviewed with clubs next year to ensure clarity.

Chair Romero opened the floor to discussion.

- Mallareddygari supported the transition, noting it ensured continuity of AICA operations, funding, and events. He added that closer work with Student Government and new campus advisors would streamline processes and help AICA grow.

- Hesgard explained that with AICA's transition, Student Government would oversee 20 funded councils, supported by a coordinator and graduate assistant for training and financial guidance. She emphasized that continuity would be maintained, with added support from a campus partner, ensuring students could run events smoothly while preparing for proper budget allocation.

The committee moved to a roll call vote.

📄 Item 9.B Resolution to Accept the AICA Program Transition.pdf

📄 Item 9.B UPDATED AICA PAC Presentation   FINAL.pdf

Motion:

PROG 004 25/26 Roll Call Vote:5-0-0. The motion to approve the resolution to reallocate the Association for InterCultural Awareness (AICA) Program from Student Programs and Engagement to the ASI Executive Senate was adopted.

Motion moved by Isabel Soriano and motion seconded by Deniz Suzer.

Motion:

(Soriano-m/Mallareddygari-s) A motion was made and seconded to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

The motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes was approved.

Motion moved by Isabel Soriano and motion seconded by Yashwanth Mallareddygari.

C. Discussion: Program # 3 The Pantry (Romero)

The Committee will discuss The Pantry
Chair Romero yielded to Kirsten Stava, ASI Director of the Titan Student Union.
Stava and Christina Truong from ASI Food Pantry presented an overview of the campus Food Pantry, including its history, operations, and impact. They explained that The Pantry, which opened in 2021 after initial ASI resolutions addressing food insecurity, had expanded to a larger location to meet growing demand. During the pandemic, the team maintained services through mobile pop-ups. The Pantry operated primarily by appointment, with recent additions including walk-ins on Fridays, pilot Saturday hours, and the offering of refrigerated lockers for perishable items.
Food was sourced mainly from Second Harvest Food Bank, grocery rescue programs, grants, donations, and campus funding. Over the past six months, the pantry facilitated over 14,000 appointments and distributed more than $131,000 worth of food, with usage increasing from 3,165 students in 2021 to 9,741 in 2024. Users were diverse, including first-generation students, undergraduates, full-time students, and Pell Grant recipients. Presenters shared that student feedback highlighted The Pantry as a reliable resource that supported nutrition and academic focus. They reviewed a SWOT analysis, noting strengths such as strong donor support and engaged staff, weaknesses included limited storage and occasional food waste. Opportunities to expand educational programming and culturally relevant offerings, and threats from reliance on grants and increasing demand. Recommendations included

maintaining current operations with efficiency improvements, increasing culturally relevant food, optimizing appointment scheduling during recesses, and collaborating with TSU operations for better logistics, with all plans adaptable to the ASI Wellness Initiative.

Chair Romero opened the floor too questions.

- Soriano asked about actions The Pantry was taking to address the stigma associated with using its resources.
  Truong responded that the pantry focused on increasing visibility through promotional materials featuring diverse students, including student leaders and athletes, using The Pantry. She also noted that the growing prevalence of campus pantries nationwide helped normalize usage. Additionally, The Pantry aimed to emphasize educational messaging about providing basic food needs, highlighting that it offered essential staples rather than luxury items. Truong concluded that a combination of outreach, visibility, and education was being used to reduce stigma and encourage students to utilize The Pantry.

- Guzman asked about communication regarding the refrigerated lockers, noting a lack of signage about their availability and the potential for food to be discarded after building closure.
  Truong replied that students were informed at checkout that items must be retrieved by the end of the day. She acknowledged that a few students had left items past closing, which could not be kept overnight for food safety reasons. She noted that in one instance, a student's cooler backpack was safely held and the student contacted. Truong added that additional signage had been installed in the lockers and that emails to students included pickup deadlines. She also explained that while the lockers remain refrigerated overnight, staff are not present to monitor them, and unexpected events such as power outages could pose a safety risk.

Chair Romero opened the floor to discussion.

- Montano recommended expanding outreach and educational efforts for The Pantry, highlighting the benefit of weekend operations for students in dorms without weekend meal plans. She suggested hosting a pop-up or event in the dorm quad to increase awareness and provide food access to freshmen. Additionally, she proposed exploring larger storage solutions to accommodate The Pantry's growth, including space for cooking workshops and centralized storage.

- Suzer suggested that student leaders encourage faculty to link basic needs resources, including The Pantry, on their course pages to improve accessibility for students who may not be aware of available support. She also agreed with Montano's point about the importance of keeping The Pantry open on weekends, noting her own experience without a weekend meal plan.

- Guzman inquired about improving accessibility to The Pantry entrance for individuals with disabilities, noting that the door was difficult to open for students using wheelchairs. She asked whether there could be a system for students to notify staff in advance so accommodations could be provided.

- Chair Romero recommended implementing pop-up fridges similar to those seen at other campuses, but noted that, for the time being, The Pantry would continue operations. He emphasized following the recommendations to expand pop-up locations in dorm and quad areas, improve marketing and resource links, and enhance wheelchair accessibility to the pantry.
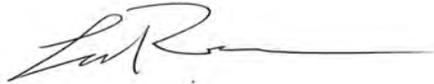
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10.   Announcements & Member's Privilege

      None

11.   Adjournment (Romero)

      Chair Romero adjourned the meeting at 3:59 pm

      Luca Romero
      2026-03-05 22:33 UTC
      Programs Assessment Committee Chair

      Erika Perret-Martinez
      2026-02-27 23:32 UTC
      Recording Secretary

Roll Call 2025-2026

01/29/2026 PROGRAM ASSESSMENT Committee Roll Call

Attendance	Board Members		Present	Absent
			Present	Absent
COMM	GUZMAN	JENNY	1	
ECS	MALLAREDDYGARI	YASHWANTH	1	
CHAIR	ROMERO	LUCA	1	
NSM	SORIANO	ISABEL	1	
HHD	SUZER	DENIZ	1	
			Present	Absent
			5	**0**

Attendance	Liaisons		Present	Absent
			Present	Absent
STU. GOV. DIR	HESGARD	REBECCA	1	
PRES. DESIGNEE *	MONTANO	AVA	1	
CHAIR DESIGNEE *	RYALS	LIAM	1	
			Present	Absent
			3	0

*Recording Secretary: Erika Perret-Martinez

Chair Designee* Liam Ryals

President Designee* Ava Montano

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Majority			3

Roll Call Votes			004 Action: ASWI Student Organization Programs Proposal		
			Yes	No	Abstain
COMM	GUZMAN	JENNY	1		
ECS	MALLAREDDYGARI	YASHWANTH	1		
NSM	SORIANO	ISABEL	1		
HHD	SUZER	DENIZ	1		
CHAIR	ROMERO	LUCA	1		
			Yes	No	Abstain
			5	0	0

Roll Call Votes			005: Action: AICA Program Proposal		
			Yes	No	Abstain
COMM	GUZMAN	JENNY	1		
ECS	MALLAREDDYGARI	YASHWANTH	1		
NSM	SORIANO	ISABEL	1		
HHD	SUZER	DENIZ	1		
CHAIR	ROMERO	LUCA	1		
			Yes	No	Abstain
			5	0	0

ASWI Student Club Support
Strategic Proposals for Scaled, Innovative Student Organization Support

Purpose
To enhance, elevate, and innovate the club engagement experience via the ASWI, four proposals are outlined as scalable opportunities to advance available funding support and infrastructure for club activities within two categories: **on-campus events** and **off-campus travel opportunities**.

Overview
These four proposals expand the student club funding and infrastructure dedicated through the ASWI addressing both short-term enhancements and long-term sustainability. The programs have the projected implementation timeline to be launched within the 2026-2027 academic year to substantially elevate support of student organization leaders. Taking a step back, these proposals focus on **system-level investment**, **equitable access**, and **institutional impact**, informed by peer-institution research and national best practices.

1. **ASWI Community Enrichment Grant**
   This proposal would create a central fund for student organization leaders to develop high-impact campus initiatives rooted in wellness principles to enhance the Titan experience.
   - *Comparable Program: Initiative Fund (NYU)*
   - *Suggested Program Budget: $25,000*
   - *Timeline: Fall 2026*

2. **ASI Travel Excellence & Access Monetary Support (TEAMS)**
   The ASI TEAMS program will expand travel funding accessibility for students receiving conference recognition or demonstrating leadership connected to a travel opportunity.
   - *Institutional Research: ASI Executive Senate Travel Funding (CSUF)*
   - *Suggested Program Budget: $20,000*
   - *Timeline: Fall 2026*

3. **Club Establishment Seed Funding Initiative**
   To directly enhance student-led engagement in club organization development, ASI will provide a financial incentive to newly recognized student organizations. Processed via ASI Financial Services and designated for usage in recruitment activities, this seed funding promotes growth in social wellness by reducing financial barriers.
   - *Institutional Research: FSU, ASU, University of Washington, University of Michigan*
   - *Suggested Program Budget: $20,000*
   - *Timeline: Fall 2026*

4. **ASI Club Rental Support Investment**
   This proposal seeks to make an investment in recurring event infrastructure needs. By offering an expanded event services program or in developing a physical space for students to receive walk-in support, this program will demonstrate compliance with current ASI policy and increased accessibility of event rental support needs.
   - *Comparable Program: Event Services (UCI), Titan Outdoors Gear Rental (CSUF)*
   - *Program Budget: $30,000*
   - *Timeline: Dependent Upon Feasibility Study*

Proposal #1 – ASWI Community Enrichment Grant

The ASWI Community Enrichment Grant is a centralized, competitive funding program designed to support cross-council collaboration, shared resources, and innovative engagement models that benefit multiple Inter-Club Councils (ICCs) and the broader campus community. This initiative is intentionally separate from annual Executive Senate allocations, similar to the current contingency funding available through the ASI Finance Committee, and shifts ASWI investment from funding individual events to building scalable systems that elevate student organization impact.

Program Characteristics

This opportunity would be designated for student organizations to apply for program funding for on-campus events, activities, or initiatives that are designed with a minimum of two dimensions of wellness. Awarded organizations would be supported in executing their events with ASI infrastructure to ensure successful usage of funds to enrich student wellness across campus.

The program would entail:

- Centrally held funds like current contingency funding model
- Competitive proposal process linked to wellness outcomes
- Focus on shared resources, student impact, and sustainable engagement models
- Awards paired with non-monetary organizational support (marketing, logistics, etc.)
- End-of-year showcase or report-out to promote accountability and visibility

Research & Rationale

This model is based on New York University's well-established Initiative Fund[1][2], which emphasizes accountability, collaboration, and institutional support beyond funding alone. NYU's model demonstrates how centralized initiative funding:

- Raises proposal quality and intentionality
- Encourages inter-organization collaboration
- Produces demonstrable, reportable outcomes

Program Budget

With a suggested budget of $25,000, this program will be able to award 5 grants of $5,000 to successful applicants with innovate, collaborative, wellness-oriented initiatives. Peer institutions like NYU largely focus on event-based funding, creating an opportunity for ASI CSUF to distinguish itself by prioritizing collaborative and innovation-focused initiatives.

Implementation Timeline

Program implementation would require program buildout of grant requirements and submission process, staffing scaffolding structure for awarded organizations, strategic marketing launch of program, and development of reporting procedures. Given these considerations, full implementation is recommended to be fully launched in the fall 2026 term.

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[1] https://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/university-senate/membership/councils/student-government-assembly/initiative-fund.html

[2] https://nyunews.com/news/2024/10/30/sga-initiative-fund/

Proposal #2 – ASI Travel Excellence & Access Monetary Support (TEAMS)

The ASI Travel Excellence & Access Monetary Support (TEAMS) initiative is a targeted ASWI program designed to enhance and supplement existing ASI travel funding to expand access to high-impact conferences for student organization members. This initiative builds upon ASI's current travel funding policy by addressing demonstrated financial and structural limitations that restrict student participation in regional, national, and professional conferences. These conferences serve as primary spaces for professional development, leadership growth, networking, and the sharing of best practices that directly benefit student organizations and the broader campus community.

Program Characteristics

This initiative seeks to establish a centralized fund for individual students to apply for new or additional travel support beyond the current limitations of ASI travel funding policies. Awards would be prioritized for students who are accepted to present program proposals or workshops or receive conference-level awards or recognitions. This approach reinforces excellence, accountability, and return on investment while remaining consistent with ASI policy principles. By enhancing, not restructuring ASI's travel policies, this initiative:

- Incentivize high-impact engagement (presentations, awards, leadership representation)
- Strengthens student organizations through knowledge transfer and professional growth
- Positions ASI as an advocate for student leadership beyond campus borders
- Complements, not replaces, existing ASI travel funding structures

Research & Rationale

Under ASI's current travel funding policy, individual students may receive up to $500 or $750 per fiscal year dependent on their status as an active or inactive participant. Classification as active includes attendees that engage as presenters, performers, competitors, or volunteers at their designated travel opportunity. While the current policy provides a solid baseline, in practice, it presents limitations as conference attendance costs routinely exceed the annual cap with expenses like registration, airfare, and lodging. Access to conferences is then often determined by a student's personal financial capacity rather than the institutional value of their participation. Yet conference participation delivers some of the highest returns on investment:

- Professional development and leadership skill-building
- Exposure to national best practices that students bring back to CSUF
- Increased visibility and positive representation of ASI and CSUF at external institutions

Program Budget

To support up to 20 students to attend conferences or similar travel opportunities, a program budget of $20,000 is recommended to allow up to $1,000 per TEAMS recipient during the initial operationalization of this supplemental program.

Implementation Timeline

Expansion of the current travel funding based in ICCs would entail application development, criteria and evaluation procedures, and strategic communication to student organization members. To allow adequate time to execute this proposal, implementation is suggested to occur by fall 2026. This would align with preparation ahead of spring conference opportunities across multiple academic disciplines.

Proposal #3 – Club Establishment Seed Funding Initiative

The Club Establishment Seed Funding Initiative provides early-stage funding to newly recognized student organizations to support recruitment and foundational engagement activities. This addresses a key gap identified at CSUF where new organizations often lack the upfront financial capacity to participate in early outreach opportunities, directly impacting long-term sustainability and student involvement.

Program Characteristics

This initiative will serve student engagement and student-led innovation by providing seeder funding to grow recruitment efforts for newly established club organizations. There is flexibility to establish this program as automatic, applying to all new registered organizations, or needs-based via an application process for developing clubs. By offering either type of initial investment, ASI will demonstrate a focus on experiential development and social wellness for students. In summary, the program aims include:

- Automatic or application-based seed funding for newly recognized clubs
- Scalable by cohort size by adjusting amount of funding each year
- Designed explicitly for recruitment and early outreach
- Centrally coordinated within ASI Financial Services for organization agency accounts
- Assessment component to measure impact on recruitment, retention, and re-registration

Research & Rationale

Research across FSU[3], University of Michigan[4], University of Washington[5], and ASU[6] show that while centralized funding is standard, institutions that clearly define early-access funding models reduce barriers for emerging organizations and improve long-term engagement outcomes.

At CSUF, approximately 20–30 new clubs register annually according to the CSUF Student Life & Leadership Office; many without prior experience navigating funding systems. Early seed funding ensures equity of access and strengthens the student organization pipeline from inception.

Program Budget

To ensure the average of 30 new organizations can be supported up to $500 per club, a recommended program budget in the amount of $20,000 would safely support up to 40 newly established organizations.

Implementation Timeline

Since partnership with a campus department to determine "new club" establishment criteria would be critical for success of this proposal, adequate implementation for this program would be for new organizations established over the summer into fall 2026 period.

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[3] https://sga.fsu.edu/accounting/funding-your-rso
[4] https://campusinvolvement.umich.edu/article/funding-sources-your-organizationprograms
[5] https://hub.washington.edu/get-involved/sao/rso-benefits-training-policies/rso-funding/
[6] https://eoss.asu.edu/usgwv/funding

Proposal # 4 – ASI Club Rental Support Investment

This proposal establishes a centralized, ASI-managed facility space and shared resource system designed to support student organizations by offering equitable access to event equipment, rentals, and logistical infrastructure. Rather than requiring individual clubs or councils to rely upon repeatedly renting equipment from external vendors, ASI would provide a shared inventory and coordination hub for generalized student club event support. This investment represents a long-term structural commitment to student organizations and directly reduces financial and operational strain across councils and clubs.

Program Characteristics

Similar to campuses like UC Irvine[7], this program proposes an expansion of our current event planning rental support for student organization events. Whether it be an increase of event support equipment to the University Conference Center (UCC) or a physical addition like our own Titan Outdoors gear rental office, this program will allow students to address consistent event rental needs without facing obstacles in financially coordinating payment to external vendors. This program also would maintain the ASI policy limitation that deems purchase of equipment ineligible for funding support from Inter-Club Council allocated funds.

- Central ASI-managed inventory (e.g., tables, staging, A/V, tents, event supplies)
- Reservation and checkout system for student orgs integrated with ASI logistics support
- Scalable over time based on utilization and need

Research & Rationale

Comparative research highlights that peer institutions[8] generally fund events but do not consistently provide shared physical infrastructure, leaving a strategic opportunity for ASI CSUF to lead nationally by investing in permanent support systems rather than processing recurring one-off expenditures with external vendors. A centralized rental office model offers:

- Reduces duplicative spending across organizations
- Creates consistent quality and compliance for events
- Supports large-scale engagements and signals institutional investment

Program Budget

Of the four proposed programs, this program could be considered the most scalable due to limitations of facility availability. To ensure a variation of the program can be established in the 2026-2027 term, a budget of $30,000 is recommended to support purchasing of equipment to be offered as rental options for organizations via existing infrastructure areas like the University Conference Center.

Implementation Timeline

As this program can be scaled from expansion of current services to a standalone support office, timeline will depend on physical feasibility to house additional inventory for club usage and development of guidelines for item utilization. Suggested implementation is to align this offering with planned expansion of the Titan Student Union in the phased ASWI implementation.

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[7] https://studentcenter.uci.edu/events/equipment-rentals/
[8] https://universitycenters.ucsd.edu/events-and-reservations/event-services.html

Proposal Strategic Value & Alignment with Wellness Dimensions

Collectively, the four Student Club Support initiatives—innovation funding, shared infrastructure, seed funding, and conference access—advance ASI's Student Wellness Initiative by transforming student organization support into a **scalable, equity-driven system** that prioritizes leadership development, engagement, and institutional impact.

Connection to the ASI Student Wellness Initiative (ASWI)

The Student Wellness Initiative is most effective when activated through environments where students already build identity, support, and leadership—**student organizations**. Each of the four proposals intentionally advances multiple dimensions of wellness.

- **Emotional & Social Wellness**
  - Student organizations foster connection, belonging, and peer support—protective factors against isolation and stress
  - Seed funding and shared resources lower barriers to participation and reduce burnout among student leaders.
- **Occupational & Intellectual Wellness**
  - Innovation funding challenges students to design scalable, high-impact programs rather than one-time events
  - Incentivizing conference presentations and awards encourages applied learning, critical thinking, and leadership excellence
- **Financial Wellness**
  - Early seed funding, shared infrastructure, and supplemental travel support reduce out-of-pocket costs for students
  - By easing financial strain, ASI removes barriers that disproportionately impact first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented student leaders

Why This Matters for ASWI

- Expand ASWI beyond physical spaces into student-led leadership environments
- Demonstrate that wellness is advanced through access, opportunity, and empowerment
- Provide scalable, measurable outcomes aligned with ASWI's equity and belonging goals
- Strengthen the return on ASWI investments by embedding wellness into daily student engagement
- Conference participation enables students to represent ASI and CSUF in regional and national spaces, strengthening institutional visibility

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ASWI STUDENT CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Programs Assessment Committee

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Programs Assessment Committee is a designated standing committee of the ASI Board of Directors and is tasked with the assessment of existing ASI programs and services and consideration of new programs to be established; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Student Wellness Initiative (ASWI) includes the planned development of expanded or new services and programs focused on wellness to increase organizational support of student organizations and programming opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ASI provides several funding opportunities to students and student organizations for their event and travel opportunities via the ASI Executive Senate, Association for InterCultural Awareness, and Board of Directors Contingency Fund; and

WHEREAS, ASI Policy Concerning Funding Provided to Students and Student Organizations provides guidance and limitations for usage of available funds to all students and student organization; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors approves the attached proposal to expand the wellness-related club funding and support with budget allocation for each program to be determined during the annual budget process:

1. ASWI Community Enrichment Grant
2. ASI Travel Excellence & Access Monetary Support (TEAMS)
3. Club Establishment Seed Funding Initiative
4. ASI Club Rental Support Investment; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the ASI Executive Director and applicable departments and staff for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the seventeenth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-six.

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Chair, Board of Directors   Secretary, Board of Directors

ASI Student Wellness Initiative Support

One of the key solutions included in the ASWI was to enhance ASI's current programs and services.

An **ASWI Work Group** was established Fall 2025 to address ASI Programming and Club Engagement.

Reviewed current student organization support programs ASI offers, such as the Executive Senate program, contingency funding, and club locker availability.

Researched peer institutions with innovative programs for club support statewide and nationally.

Bringing Innovation to ASI and Student Clubs

Programs were developed with a focus on engaging with dimensions of wellness and innovating our services.

Research across the **CSU system**, as well as **public and private institutions** across the country found our programs to be comparable, but able to grow and improve.

Four proposed programs were designed to enhance the support provided to student organizations in innovative, scalable ways.

These programs aim to **complement existing programs** already offered to Cal State Fullerton student organizations.

ASWI Community Enrichment Grant

Proposed Program #1

This program would create a central fund for student organizations leaders to develop high-impact campus initiatives rooted in wellness principles to enhance the Titan experience.

Suggested to offer $5,000 grants to support collaborative, wellness-oriented innovation.

ASI Travel Excellence & Access Monetary Support

Proposed Program #2

The ASI Travel Excellence & Access Monetary Support (TEAMS) program will expand travel funding accessibility for students receiving conference recognition or demonstrating leadership connected to a travel opportunity.

Suggested to offer $1,000 awards for successful student applicants. These awards aim to be supplemental to existing travel funding formats across campus.

Club Establishment Seed Funding Initiative

Proposed Program #3

To directly enhance student-led engagement in club organization development, ASI will provide a financial incentive to newly recognized student organizations. Processed via ASI Financial Services and designated for usage in recruitment activities, this seed funding promotes growth in social wellness by reducing financial barriers.

Suggested to offer $500 in club recruitment support for each newly recognized student organizations annually.

ASI Club Rental Support Investment

Proposed Program #4

This proposal seeks to make an investment in recurring event infrastructure needs. By offering an expanded event services program or in developing a physical space for students to receive walk-in support, this program will demonstrate compliance with current ASI policy and increased accessibility of event rental support needs.

Suggested to invest $30,000 into event equipment and supplies to be inventoried and offered with a check-out system.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AICA PROGRAM TRANSITION
Sponsor: Programs Assessment Committee

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Programs Assessment Committee is a designated standing committee of the ASI Board of Directors and is tasked with the assessment of existing ASI programs and services and consideration of new programs to be established; and

WHEREAS, during its first meeting of the academic year, the ASI Programs Assessment Committee selects established ASI programs for annual assessment, with findings to be presented by the Program Director; and

WHEREAS, the Association for InterCultural Awareness (AICA) Social Justice Week program was selected to be assessed and reviewed during the 2025-2026 academic term with findings shared and discussed by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution to Accept the AICA Social Justice Week Program Assessment Report was adopted by the ASI Board of Directors on December 2, 2025, and included the suggestion to evaluate program budget[1] as an organization; and

WHEREAS, evaluation of the AICA program budget by the ASI Student Programs and Engagement department determined a total budget of $141,000 that is currently split among signature programming ($41,000) and member organization activities ($100,000); and

WHEREAS, ASI Policy Concerning ASI Programming[2] and ASI Policy Concerning Executive Senate[3] outline similar council-based models that designate authority of councils to allocate ASI funding to students and student organizations for their activities, except for the oversight of financial advising, which is split among the ASI Student Programs and Engagement department (AICA) and ASI Student Government (Executive Senate); and

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[1] https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/A-Resolution-to-Accept-the-AICA-Social-Justice-Week-Program-Assessment-Report.pdf

[2] https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/ASI-Policy-Concerning-ASI-Programming.pdf

[3] https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/ASI-Policy-Concerning-Executive-Senate.pdf

WHEREAS, the scope of AICA's structure, funding model, and membership most closely aligns with the purpose and mission of the ASI Executive Senate program, and a transition to the appropriate leadership area would enhance student autonomy and leadership development, increased staff advisement, and better comply with system-wide practices; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors accepts the recommendation to transition the AICA program and its budget of $120,000 from the ASI Student Programs and Engagement department to the ASI Executive Senate program as a newly established and officially recognized council per university and CSU[4] guidelines; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the transitioned amount of $120,000 will be designated to the newly formed AICA council to continue supporting member organization activities and signature programming, such as AICA Social Justice Week; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the remaining $21,000 will reside with the ASI Student Programs and Engagement area to allow for continued departmental support for cultural programming across the university, including support of campus resource centers and large-scale student organization activities, like Multicultural Fest and Culture Couture; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the ASI Executive Director and applicable departments and staff for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the seventeenth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-six.

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[4] https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/10170470/latest/#autoid-bxae8

Proposed changes

-Transition AICA from Student Programs & Engagement to Student Government as an Inter-Club Council (ICC)

-Social Justice Week will transition with the new AICA ICC as a Signature Program

-Student Programs & Engagement continues to support signature programs such as : Multicultural Fest and Culture Couture

Background: AICA Overview and Impact

-Over 20-year student-led organization focused on cultural awareness and advocacy

-Provides cultural programming and **funding** for cultural-based student organizations

-Supports signature programs including Multicultural Fest, Social Justice Week, and Culture Couture

Rationale for Change

Rationale for Change

-Improves compliance and clarity around student leadership structure

-Provides increased and more direct advising support

-Strengthens student voice within institutional decision-making

Program Changes

Program Changes

-Budget split to support ICC operations and signature programming
($100,000 for Funding // $20,000 for Social Justice Week)

-New advisor provided through campus partners

- Social Justice Week will transition with the new AICA ICC as a Signature Program

-Student Programs & Engagement continues operational program support

Student Impact and Mitigation

Student Impact and Mitigation

-Advising addressed through Student Government and campus advising support

-Students retain ownership and leadership of AICA

-Campus partnerships strengthened through clearer alignment

Questions ?

ASI Food Pantry Programs Assessment Committee
January 29, 2026

Kirsten Stava, TSU Director
Cristina Truong, Associate Director, TSU Programs and Food Pantry

Learning Outcomes

- History of The Pantry

- Usage Data

- Satisfaction Data

- Financial Impact

- SWOT Analysis

- Program Recommendations

The Pantry History

- 2016 – 2018: ASI passes three resolutions in support of addressing food insecurities and homelessness at CSUF

- November 2018: ASI begins conducting mobile food pantries for CSUF students.

- November 2019: ASI passes a Resolution to Establish ASI Food Pantry

- August 2021: The permanent food pantry opens at its first location

- August 2023: The Pantry opens at new (current) location.

Procedures

15-minute appointment windows, 28 appointments/hr.

1 appointment per week per student

Booked through an online scheduling system or walk-in Fridays

5-10 items per visit (limits on certain items)

Bring own bags

Ask for locker at checkout if needed

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Food Sourcing

- The Pantry remains stocked with the assistance of:

  - Second Harvest Food Bank OC
  - Grocery Rescue Program (SHFBOC)
  - CSUF Student Affairs
  - Local partners such as OLLI and the Arboretum
  - Various Grants and Donations

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Programs

- Pop-Up Pantry Events
- Educational Series
- Various food giveaways
    - Finals Week Survival Kit
    - Holiday Food Box
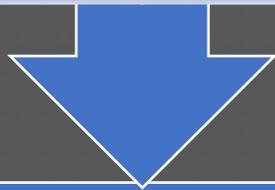   - Start of the Semester Snack Bag

Recent Highlights

FY 24-25 multiple large grants allowed us to purchase:

Refrigerated lockers	Refrigerated Van, electric cart	Full mobile pantry/kitchen	Food for more events

October Day of Giving, Pantry was one of top 10 large donor recipients, netting $3,000

Recent Highlights

New pantry coordinator, Aly Koba started August 2025.

Awarded a new grant from Kaiser Healthcare to support events

Cook & Connect Series collaboration with CHOMP

New partnerships with BIMBO Bakeries, Bento Sushi, Northgate Markets, Stater Bros., and 99 Ranch.

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Financials

- The Pantry is funded by student fees, grant funding, in-kind donations, and campus reimbursements.
  - Primary partners for support are Second Harvest and CSUF Student Affairs
- This year's budget expects $250,000 in revenue and $304,934 in expenditures
  - Revenue is already beyond budget
  - Largest expense is staffing, but currently under budget (student wages). Spring is busier than fall, so we expect that gap to close.

Usage/User Data

- July 1 – December 31st, 2025 booked 14,520 appointments and distributed over 131,000 lbs. of food.
- Appointments increased from 3,165 in 2021 to 19,741 in 2024, a 623% increase.
- Pop-up Pantry events served 660 students in Fall 2025, 744 students served at 5 other Pantry events.
- Users - 32% First-Gen, 76% Undergraduate, 83% FTS, and 60% Pell Grant Recipients (2024 report)
- All matriculated students are eligible to use The Pantry, do not need to demonstrate need.

Student Feedback

- We collect feedback with surveys, appointment reports, customer counts, inventory reports, social media, and direct discussions with students.
- 4 surveys distributed in Fall 2025 with 648 responses
    - 3 for events
    - 1 for end of year general pantry
- Events have all "sold out"
- Available appointments booking rates:
    - Summer/recess months: 30%
    - Semester months: 72%
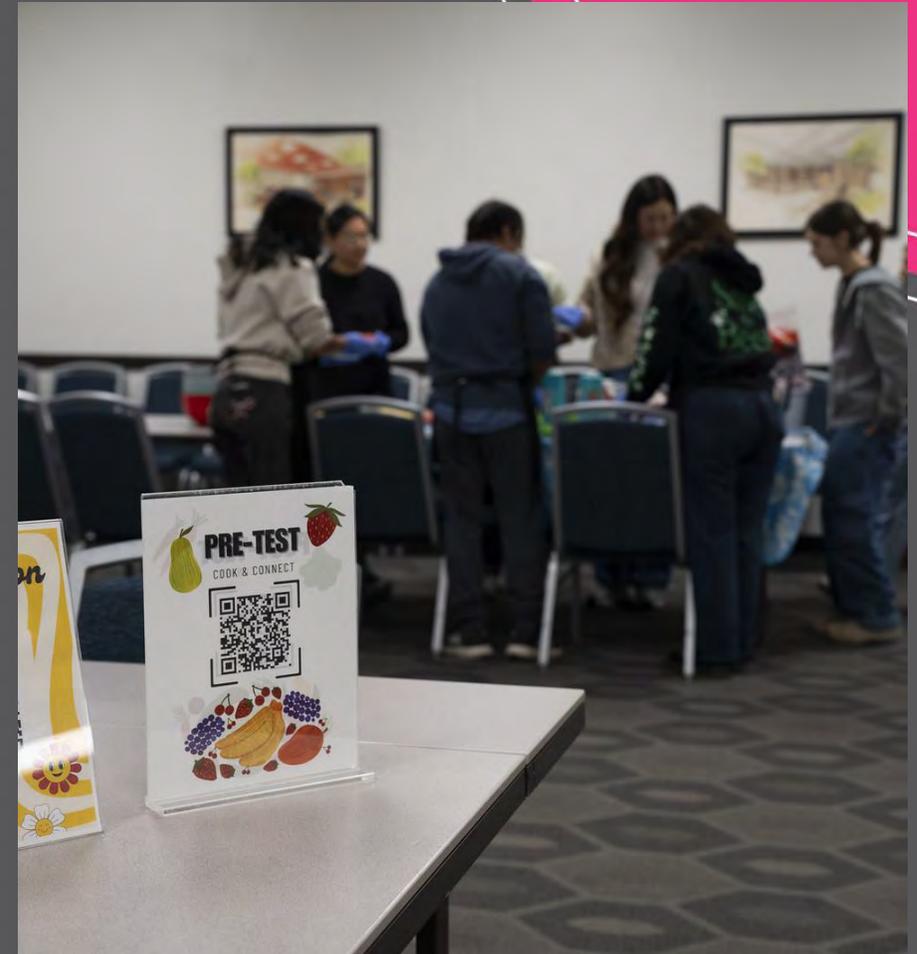
Student Feedback

- Major themes identified:
  - Pantry is a positive contribution to Titan Experience and aids in campus connection.
  - Food available is nutritious with a good variety available.
  - Word of mouth and events are the most effective marketing tools we have.
  - There is interest in more appointments, including weekends.
  - Provide more perishables, especially meat and dairy.

Student Feedback

"[The Pantry] helped me maintain a nutritional lifestyle"

'It has helped me be more prepared for class and well-fed'

'...it helped me make healthier meals...'

"It has allowed me to focus more on my studies/classes..."

"It reminds me that there are resources in times of insecurity"

SWOT - Strengths

- Strong donor base and partnerships to support education and keeping the pantry stocked.
- Equipment from previous grants allows for new program offerings and provides new student resources.
- Additional Saturday appointments and Friday walk-ins
- Strong core staff and students who are engaged with the mission.

SWOT - Weaknesses

- Most food is donated and we are unable to pick and choose what's delivered.

- Lack of awareness by many students regarding the pantry as a resource available to all students. Stigmas attached to utilizing the service.

- Storage space is limited, especially for special events.

- Food waste at the end of the week.

INFO SERVICES SAFE ROOM – PANTRY STORAGE

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SWOT - Opportunities

- Increase educational components of pop-up events

- Reach out directly to faculty and staff partners to promote the pantry.

- Reimagine student teams to better support the pantry logistics.

- Provide more culturally relevant food that addresses the needs of the campus community..

- Partner with student organizations for educational cooking events.

SWOT - Threats

- Grant funding and partner support cannot be taken for granted.

- Balancing increased need with existing staffing and facility capacity.

Program Recommendations

- The Director of the TSU recommends maintaining The Pantry program with the following action steps to support:

- #1 – Continue with existing programming but streamline or otherwise adjust to a manageable level and format.

- #2 – Identify ways to increase the availability of culturally relevant food items.

- #3 – Evaluate recess scheduling blocks for more efficient operations.

- #4 – Work with the TSU Operations team to identify and/or create additional and pragmatic storage solutions.

ASWI note

Program recommendations are adaptable to changes in procedure or location resulting from ASWI progress.

Thank You!