

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 8th, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 2:46PM**
- II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We would like to recognize that while we gather at California State University East Bay located in Hayward, CA, we are gathered on the ethno-historic tribal territory of the intermarried Jalquin (hal-keen) / Yrgin (eer-gen) Chochenyo-Ohlone-speaking tribal group, who were the direct ancestors of some of the lineages enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, and who were missionized into Missions San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Jose.**

It is important that we not only recognize the history of the land of the Jalquin/Yrgin on which we gather to learn and participate, but also recognize that the First People of this region – the Muwekma Ohlone People, are alive and thriving members of the Hayward and broader Bay Area communities today.

It is of great importance to acknowledge the significance of this Holše Warep (hol-sheh wah-rehp) ~ Beautiful Land to the indigenous Muwekma Ohlone People of this region. We ask everyone who attends or visits Cal State University East Bay in Hayward, to be respectful of the aboriginal lands of the Muwekma Ohlone People, and consistent with their principles of community and diversity strive to be good stewards

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Charan Reddy Doolam, Akash Kailas Bhadrige, Andrew Mendoza, Shrusthi HC, Diane Santos Valencia

Absent: London Deguzman, James Carroll, Erick Lorede, Doris Lagasca

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of Finance committee Meeting on April 8, 2026 by **D. Valenci**, seconded by **S. HC. Motion Carried.**



V. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of March 25th, 2026

Motion to approve the finance committee meeting minutes of march 25th 2026, by **S. HC**, seconded by **A. Bhadrige**. **Motion Carried.**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.

No public Comments

VII. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No Unfinished items

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: Black Cultural Graduation Funding Application

The Finance committee will take action on the Black Cultural Graduation Funding Application.

C. Doolam stated that the Black Cultural Graduation has been approved by SLCC and is officially recognized, with an AS account number of 230. He noted that the event is scheduled for May 9 at 5:00 p.m. Additionally, he explained that while the requested funding amount was \$5,000, due to limited available funds, the approved allocation would be \$3,500.

4:56

Voting was initiated by **C. Doolam**, the majority was in favor of approving the funds for Black Cultural Graduation. **Funding is approved.**

B. ACTION ITEM: Chican x Latinx Cultural Graduation Funding Application

The Finance committee will take action on the Chican x Latinx Cultural Graduation Funding Application.

C. Doolam provided a brief overview of the organization’s information, stating that their AS account number is 220. He noted that the event is scheduled for May 9 at 9:00 a.m. He further explained that while the requested amount was \$5,435, a budget breakdown was conducted for each



cultural graduation, resulting in an allocated budget of \$3,500. He also confirmed that the organization is recognized by SLIC.

6:16

Voting was initiated by **C. Doolam**, the majority was in favor of approving the funds for Chicana x Latinx Cultural Graduation. Funding is approved.

C. ACTION ITEM: Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Graduation Funding Application

The Finance committee will take action on the Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Graduation Funding Application.

C. Doolam provided a brief overview of the first organization, stating that their AS account number is 581. He noted that their event is scheduled for May 9 at 1:00 p.m. He explained that the requested amount was \$3,524.20, but based on the budget breakdown, the allocated amount is \$3,000. He also confirmed that the organization is recognized by SLIC.

7:26

Voting was initiated by **C. Doolam**, the majority was in favor of approving the funds for Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Graduation. **Funding is approved.**

D. ACTION ITEM: Lavender Cultural Graduation Funding Application

The Finance committee will take action on the Lavender Cultural Graduation Funding Application.

C. Doolam shared information regarding the Lavender Committee, stating that their AS account number is 452. He noted that their event is scheduled for May 3 at 3:00 p.m. Additionally, he explained that while the requested amount was \$2,680.86, the approved budget based on the breakdown is \$2,500, and that they are also recognized by SLIC.

8:33

Voting was initiated by **C. Doolam**, the majority was in favor of approving the funds for Lavender Cultural Graduation. **Funding is approved.**

E. DISCUSSION ITEM: New Funding Applications

The Finance committee will discuss the New Funding Applications.



C. Doolam presented three new funding requests, beginning with the Gujarati Student Association (GSA). They noted that they did not currently have access to the organization’s submitted budget sheet, but were able to review the flyer and request form. The group’s AS account number is 500, and they are planning an event titled “Mental Health and Exam Comp,” scheduled for May 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Core. It was also noted that the event date on the materials was incorrect, but the correct date is May 6, 2026. The event is recognized by SLIC, and the organization had previously hosted a Holi event that received partial approval. Their summary report for that prior event was submitted the day before.

C. Doolam added that the group appears eligible according to SLIC guidelines; however, the flyer contains an incorrect ASL logo. They opened the floor for discussion on how to proceed. **D. Valencia** asked whether the incorrect logo would be an issue requiring resubmission. **C. Doolam** responded affirmatively. They also reiterated that they still did not have access to the budget sheet, but suggested the item could be followed up later in the week and reconsidered at the next meeting depending on any updates.

A. Bhadrige inquired about the total amount requested, but **C. Doolam** confirmed that the budget sheet was not accessible. **A. Bhadrige** clarified whether the amount might be listed in the request form, but **C. Doolam** stated that no amount had been specified. It was noted that approximately 25 participants were expected, and there were no collaborations listed. When asked again for clarification, **C. Doolam** confirmed there were no additional details provided in that section but offered to double-check the documents if needed.

C. Doolam then provided a full description of the event, explaining that “Mental Health and Exam Comp” is a wellness-focused program hosted by the Gujarati Student Association at Cal State East Bay. The event aims to support students during the high-stress exam period by offering practical tools for managing anxiety, improving focus, and enhancing overall well-being. The program will include guided yoga and meditation sessions suitable for all experience levels, along with brief educational components on stress management and mindfulness practices.

The event is designed to create a calm and supportive environment where students can decompress, reset mentally, and learn long-term wellness strategies. To encourage participation, attendees will receive yoga mats while supplies last. Funding would primarily go toward wellness supplies such as yoga mats, event materials, and logistical needs to ensure an inclusive and effective experience for the student community. **C. Doolam** concluded by reiterating that no specific funding amount was listed and that the budget sheet was still inaccessible.

14:02

C. Doolam reported the next funding request from the International Students Organization (ISO). The organization is planning a graduation ceremony on May 1, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the NPR. They are recognized by SLIC and have hosted multiple events previously. Their AS account number is 263, and they are expecting approximately 75 attendees.

C. Doolam reviewed the event description, noting that the ceremony is intended to celebrate graduating international students and serve as a warm send-off for students who have spent years studying away from home. The event will include a short recognition ceremony, brief remarks, and time for students to celebrate in a culturally inclusive environment. The purpose is to honor students' academic journey and provide a meaningful closure to their college experience.

C. Doolam then referenced the budget, stating that once access was granted, the total requested amount was \$1,078.38. The budget primarily includes miscellaneous supplies such as stickers, decorations, photo props, and cap and gown-related materials. They also noted that some items fall under clothing materials.

C. Doolam explained that they had followed up with the RSO regarding clothing-related purchases, since ASI guidelines require that any clothing or advertising materials include the event description and ASI logo. The budget also includes disposable décor items, giveaways such as stickers, and other celebration materials.

When asked for clarification, **C. Doolam** confirmed that the items are not for students to keep, but are disposable decorations and supplies used for the event setup. They also confirmed that food is included in the budget, amounting to approximately \$480.00.

19:21

C. Doolam presented the next funding request from the National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (NSSLHA), noting their ASI card number as 283. The organization is planning an "End of the Year Send-off Event" scheduled for May 7, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in MB 2091, with an expected attendance of 35 students.

C. Doolam summarized the event description, explaining that it is intended as a social mixer for students and faculty to celebrate the end of the academic year. The event is open to all students and will include food and drinks as part of the programming, which is the basis for the funding request. They noted that the organization is hosting the event to create a casual, celebratory environment to close out the academic year.

C. Doolam added that they would need to follow up with SLIC to confirm whether the organization meets recognition criteria, although they stated that the group does follow ASI guidelines.

The total funding request was reported as \$67.99. The breakdown includes a 40-pack of Capri Suns priced at \$12.99 and five Costco pizzas totaling \$54.23. A small delivery fee was listed in the



submission; however, **C. Doolam** clarified that it would not be necessary, as they plan to pick up the items directly from Costco. The budget sheet and supporting screenshots were also provided for review.

When asked about remaining funds in the spring budget, **C. Doolam** checked and confirmed that approximately \$5,70.00 remains available, noting that there is still a significant amount of funding left for allocations.

IX. SPECIAL REPORTS:

No Special Reports

X. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

No Round Table Remarks

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 3:09PM

Minutes reviewed and approved by:

Chair of Finance Committee

Charan Reddy Doolam

Minutes approved on:

04/015/2026

Date

