



APIDA
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

APIDA FSA General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2026

Attendance (13): Dr. Albert Abutin, Nai Hilo, Thydan Huynh, Marcie Kagawa, Khanh Ninh, Denise Leacock-Kendall, Jason Makabali, David Okawa, , Lily Park, Joey Quenga, Ingrid Sims, Kevin Tran, and Michelle Tee

Welcome and Introductions

Budget and Membership Updates- Treasurer Kevin Tran

- APIDA FSA currently has 16 paid members for the 2026-27 academic year; six members participate through payroll deduction.
- Current account balance: \$6,795

New Employee Orientation: Friday, September 18, 2026

- APIDA FSA hosted an outreach table to promote membership and connect with new employees.

Upcoming Events:

- Diwali Celebration: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Anaheim Campus, AN 105/107
\$15 members; \$25 non-members
Flyer to be release soon
- APIDA FSA Social: Thursday, December 10, 2026, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Fullerton College, Room TBD
Cost TBD

-Events will rotate among campuses to increase visibility and improve member engagement by making participation more accessible.

-Attendees will be encouraged to bring a food item for donation to the host campus food pantry

Event Funding and Membership Growth

- Kevin Tran sought clarification on the approval process and budget limits. The discussion revealed that the Collective previously established a \$500 threshold for events requiring member approval, though specific details about the exact amount and process were unclear. Khanh Ninh suggested discussing event funding guidelines, including potential budget caps, at a future Collective meeting.
- David Okawa emphasized balancing the use of funds to support both student scholarships and member engagement activities, suggesting allocation of a portion of membership dues for marketing and driving awareness across different campuses.
- Group discussed the possibility of offering free events for members to increase participation and visibility. Joey Quenga highlighted the potential role of corporate sponsorships in offsetting event costs.
- Several event ideas were discussed, including food-related activities such as a spam musubi-making workshop. Khanh Ninh confirmed that funding could be available for such events, similar to how the Diwali celebration came about after a member made that suggestion.
- Ingrid Sims suggested expanding APIDA FSA's social media presence, particularly through Instagram and TikTok. Joey Quenga noted that APIDA FSA currently maintains the Instagram account **@apida_fsa**.
- Ingrid Sims emphasized the importance of ensuring our events are accessible and inclusive, including providing ASL interpreters when requested.
- As the first event will occur at the Anaheim Campus, Khanh Ninh will follow up with NOCE DSS/DSPS regarding accessibility accommodations for the event. Marcie Kagawa will add the accommodation statement to the Diwali event flyer.

Campus Updates

- Cypress College
 - Celebrating its 60th anniversary with the theme “60 Years. One Cypress”
 - Celebration of Filipino American History Month with events like a flash mob and a APIDA mixer coordinated by the Rad Tech faculty.
- Fullerton College
 - October 24, 2026- President’s Gala, an annual fundraising celebration honoring Fullerton College’s heritage, community, and student success while raising vital support for scholarships, student resources, and the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation’s endowment.

Next meeting: TBD