

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Approved Minutes | July 15, 2023

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. President Flandre-Nguyen call to order at 10:04 am

B. Roll Call

President Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen
Vice President Ivan Hernandez
Vice President of Regional Affairs, Robert Alexander
Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Chanelle Win
Vice President of Finance, Kennedy Hayashi
Vice President of Communications, Dani Silva
Regional Affairs Director Region I, Lisa Baker (arrived 10:21 am)
Legislative Affairs Director Region I, Mason Koski
Regional Affairs Director Region II, Olivia Garcia Godos Martinez
Regional Affairs Director Region III, Kevin Ruano Hernandez
Legislative Affairs Director Region III, Kaitlyn (Ziqi) Zhang
Regional Affairs Director Region IV, David Orta
Legislative Affairs Director Region IV, Annie Koruga
Regional Affairs Director Region V, Joshua Simon
Legislative Affairs Director Region V, Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes
Regional Affairs Director Region VI, Marcos Garcia-Razo
Legislative Affairs Director Region VI, Karina Arteaga
Regional Affairs Director Region VII, Steven Gallegos
Legislative Affairs Director Region VII, Martin Romero
Regional Affairs Director Region VIII, Raven Cantoran
Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII, Madison Harris
Regional Affairs Director Region IX, Dyami Ruiz-Martinez
Legislative Affairs Director Region IX, Nelva Ruiz-Martinez
Regional Affairs Director Region X, Leonardo Vanegas
Legislative Affairs Director Region X, Jose Perez

24 present, 1 absent (RAD I Baker), quorum is established.

C. [Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests](#) | 2 mins

No action taken.

D. **Adoption of the Agenda** | 5 mins.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

E. **Consent Agenda** | 5 mins.

1. [Minutes](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the minutes from the meeting held on June 9 - 11, 2023.

2. [Student Trustee Webinar](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval a webinar for Student Trustees on August 25, 2023.*
3. [Board Meeting Dates](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval the Board of Directors meeting dates for 2023 - 24.*

Motioned, seconded (RAD V Simon) to adopt the consent agenda. With no objections, the agenda was adopted.

F. Public Comment

Public Comment was made

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Oath of Office](#)

All the Board members took the Oath of Office.

B. [Community Agreement](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen informed members of the adopted SSCCC Board of Directors Community Agreements.

C. Chancellor's Office Report

No report.

D. [Executive Committee Report](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen briefly reported on current activities of the Executive Committee.

E. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams reported on staff activities since her last Board of Directors meeting. She highlighted activities such as the SSCCC's Annual Report to the Board of Governors, current onboarding, meetings with system partners, planning for the Advocacy Academy, staff legislative activities, and the Strategic Plan implementation, as well as Regional communications and social media. Her PPT can be found at [this link](#).

F. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Board of Governors Student Member Paul Medina reported to the Board of Directors updates on recent Board of Governors activities,

G. Academic Senate for California Community College (ASCCC)

No Report.

H. FACCC Liaison

No Report.

I. CCCSAA Report

CCCSAA President Chris De la Cruz reported that CCCSAA is seeking a replacement for the Legislative Position on their board. The person who serves in this position is the representative to the SSSCC.

Dr. Nicky Damania, the Events Coordinator for CCCSAA, announced their Student Leadership Conference, which will be held in San Francisco at the Hyatt October 21 - 24th. He encouraged members to attend. He also announced a Professional Development conference for Advisors, which will be held in Los Angeles at the Biltmore Hotel June 2024.

III. BUSINESS

A. [Board and Staff Responsibilities](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen and Dr. Adams discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Board president, Executive Director, and committees.

B. [2023 - 24 SSSCC Budget](#)

VPF Hayashi and Dr. Adams presented the SSSCC financial statements and explained how to read each statement and why they were important. Dr. Adams then presented the 2023 - 24 SSSCC Budget. She noted that last year's board Board of Directors approved the budget and it is presented for the current Board's consideration.

Motioned, seconded, (LAD Region I Koski) to approve the budget. Yes - 23, No - 0, NVR - 1 (RAD IV Orta). No objections, the motioned passed.

The Board of Directors recessed for lunch at 1:05 pm.

Rollcall: Present: 23, Absent: 1 (RAD IV Orta).

C. [Legislative Update](#)

VPLA Win updated members on legislative activities including legislative timelines for committee hearings and bill passage. She then updated members on the current status of sponsored and cosponsored bills. No action was taken.

D. [Resolution Assignments](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen and Dr. Adams updated members on recommended resolution assignments and entertained questions from members.

Motioned, seconded (LAD I Koski) to approve the resolution assignments. No objections, the motioned passed.

E. [Strategic Plan Implementation](#)

Dr. Adams presented the Strategic Plan Implementation to the Board. She noted that staff has reviewed the strategic plan and developed an

implementation plan that began in June. The beginning of the implementation will focus on creating baselines for tracking purposes. A marketing firm has been identified and selected to help the SSCCC with building its brand and increasing its outreach. Dr. Adams informed members that the Board will receive a quarterly update on the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Motioned, seconded (LAD X Perez) to approve the Strategic Plan Implementation. With no objections, the motion passed.

F. [Legislative Awards](#)

VPLA Win shared with members that the Legislative Awards were developed last year by a small workgroup, approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee and were presented to last year's Board of Directors for feedback. The awards will be given during the Advocacy Academy in December. She is bringing the awards to this Board for approval.

Members discussed the award names. RAD VII Gallegos suggested that the Basic Needs Award be changed to Basic Needs Champion Award. The Board debated this change and made several others.

Motioned, seconded, (RAD VII Gallegos) to change the name of the Basic Skills award to Basic Needs Advocate Award. With no objections, the motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (VPLA Win) to approve the Legislative Awards as amended. With no objection, the motion was passed.

G. [SSCCC Partnerships](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen informed members that the SSCCC has numerous partnerships with partner organizations such as FACCC, ASCCC, and CCCSAA. We have been approached by one organization – the Afrikan Black Coalition (ABC), a youth-development organization dedicated to the political education, leadership development, and community engagement of Black college students—to establish a partnership with us. In addition, one of our members approached the California Association of Postsecondary Educators of the Disabled (CAPED)—A nonprofit organization representing disabled individuals on California higher education campuses, which includes CCCs, CSUs, UCs, and Independents—to form a partnership. Members discussed the two organizations.

A comment was made that ABC has posted on their social media and associated themselves with statements that appear to be counter to the SSCCC mission, vision, and principles including those in the SSCCC Diversity Statement. Members discussed ABC in some detail.

Motioned, seconded (VPLA Win) to refer ABC to the DEIA Committee for further review and approve CAPEd. Objection was made. No - 14, Yes - 9 (VP Hernandez, VPLA Win, VPF Hayashi, VPC Silva, RAD III Ruano Hernandez, LAD VI Arteaga, RAD VII Gallegos, RAD VIII Cantoran, LAD VIII Harris). Motion failed.

Motioned, seconded, (VPRA Alexander) to table CAPEd until the next meeting when a CAPEd representative is present. Objection. Yes- 17, No- 6 (VPLA Win, VPC Silva, RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez, LAD IV Koruga, LAD V Reyes, and LAD VII Romero). Motion passed.

Motion, seconded, (LAD I Koski) to direct the DEIAA Committee to explore and investigate other organizations that empower minority student populations. With no objections, motion passed.

H. [Revision to the Term Policy](#)

RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez presented the term limit policy and her reasoning for the item. She noted that college students have different needs including mental health concerns that at times may interrupt their educational goals. Colleges have policies in place that allow students different methods to address absences. She is requesting that the Internal Affairs Committee review the SSCCC term limit policy to see if there is a way to add a partial term to not count toward the two-term limit.

Dr. Adams provided the background for the policy and the abuses that have occurred in the past. She then provided examples for past abuses.

Motioned, seconded (VPRA Alexander) to refer the Term Policy to IAC to explore options and bring back to the Board of Directors. Objection. Yes - 18, No - 5 (VPLA Win, RAD III Ruano-Hernandez, LAD III Zhang, LAD V Reyes, RAD VIII Cantoran), Absent - 0. Motion passed.

IV. REPORTS

A. [Reporting Requirements](#)

Dr. Adams presented the requirements for submitting monthly reports. She noted the timeline for submission and the naming conventions. Reports are due on the Monday prior to each Board meeting by 12:00 noon.

B. [Action Tracking](#)

Dr. Adams informed members that each agenda item is tracked and the status is reported each board meeting via a report in the Reports section.

V. INFORMATION (Written information only)

- A. External Committees
- B. Internal Committees

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Flandre-Ngyuen adjourned the meeting at 4:27 pm