

# STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Final Minutes | October 14, 2023

## I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Call to Order

President Flandre-Nguyen called to order at 10:06 am.

### B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

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  
Regional Affairs Director Region II, Olivia Garcia Godos Martinez  
Legislative Affairs Director Region II, John "Jay" Doherty  
Regional Affairs Director Region III, Kevin Ruano Hernandez  
Legislative Affairs Director Region III, Kaitlyn (Ziqi) Zhang  
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  
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

**23 present, 2 absent, quorum was established.**

#### **Absent:**

Regional Affairs Director Region IV, David Orta (excused)  
Regional Affairs Director Region VIII, Raven Cantoran

*The mission of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) is to enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students by pursuing policies that will improve student access and success while engaging and empowering local student leaders, as well as honoring equity and diversity.*

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

*The Board of Directors will consider for approval members to participate remotely without giving up their location.*

**Motioned, seconded (VPRA Alexander) to approve the AB 2449 exception. No objections, motion passed.**

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

*The SSCCC Board of Directors will consider any amendments to the agenda.*

**No objections, the agenda was adopted.**

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

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

**No objections, the Consent Agenda was adopted.**

**F. Public Comment**

Public comment was made.

## II. SPECIAL ORDERS

**A. [Oath of Office](#)**

**(President Flandre-Nguyen | 5 Mins. | Discussion)**

**LAD II Doherty was sworn into office.**

**B. [Community Agreements](#)**

President Flandre-Nguyen reminded members about the SSCCC approved Community Agreements.

**C. Chancellor's Office Report**

Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor Gina Browne provided members with a report of Chancellor's Office activities.

**D. Executive Committee Report**

VPF Hayashi reported on the SSCCC Executive Committee's current activities.

**E. [Executive Director Report](#)**

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams reported on staff activities since the September Board of Directors meeting. She highlighted conference attendance—CCCSAA, DEIA, and Student Success, region engagement including SBA training, and appointments to participatory governance groups. Dr. Adams then highlighted the work of the student interns, particularly related to region activation. She concluded her report by reminding members that they should be posting to their social media accounts regularly and suggested they repost some of the posts on the

statewide instagram. Dr. Adams' PPT can be found at [this link](#).

### F. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Paul Medina, the student member on Board of Governors, introduced the newly appointed second Board of Governors student member Casey Chang and updated members on current Board of Governors activities.

### G. Academic Senate for California Community College (ASCCC)

No report provided.

### H. FACCC Liaison

No report provided.

### I. CCCSAA Report

CCCSAA President Christopher De la Cruz provided members with a report of current CCCSAA activities including the upcoming Student Leadership Conference, which will be held in San Francisco October 27 - 29, 2023.

## III. BUSINESS

### A. One-minute Position Check in

The Board of Directors briefly shared how they are doing in their SSCCC Position.

### B. [Legislative Update](#)

VPLA Win informed members about recent legislative activities.

### C. [2023 - 2024 Budget Performance](#)

Executive Director Adams updated members on the performance of the 2023 - 2024 Budget. Overall, the budget is performing as expected during the first quarter except for in the Board Travel item. The budget for Board Travel is already at 50% of the amount budgeted. She commented that the budget was based on an estimate of travel last year. This year, the cost of air, hotel, mileage, per diem have increased, as well as more Board members traveling. She recommended that the budget be raised by \$20,000 for the year. Members discussed the budget item.

**Motioned (VPRA Alexander) to move \$50,000 from account 613050 Board Stipends to 65400 Board Travel. The item will not be referred to the Finance Committee and that the Board members will be held accountable for maintaining the costs, particularly the flights. Objection.**

**Motioned, seconded (RAD X Vanegas) to amend the amount from \$50,000 to \$40,000. Objection. Yes- 13, No - 9. Amendment passed.**

**Perfect motion: to move \$40,000 from account 61350 Board Stipends to 65400 Board Travel. The item will not be referred to the Finance Committee and that the Board members be held accountable for**

**maintaining the costs, particularly the flights. Objection. Yes - 18, No - 4. Motion passed.**

**Board was recessed at 12:31 PM**

**Quorum Check: Present - 23. Quorum established.**

**D. [Common Course Numbering Task Force Update](#)**

VPRA Alexander presented an update on the current work of the Common Course Numbering Task Force. The CCN Task Force is charged with working collaboratively across the California Community Colleges and the system's key stakeholders to inform the development of an implementation plan for fulfilling the requirements of AB 1111. AB 1111 calls for ensuring that "comparable courses across all community colleges have the same course number" through a student-facing common course numbering system. He provided the history of the bill, objective of the task force, and then summarized the topics focused on by the task force. More information can be found on the PPT linked above. He noted that next month, he would be bringing recommendations for the Board to consider.

**Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Romero) to extend time by 10 minutes on the item. Seconded. No objections, the motion passed.**

**E. [Strategic Plan Quarterly Update](#)**

Executive Director Adams provided the quarterly update on the status of the goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. She reminded members that the Strategic Plan was organized around three (3) important themes:

- SSSCC Infrastructure
- Student Participation and Activations
- SSSCC Policy and Advocacy

Dr. Adams highlighted goals and objectives within each topic and shared areas where the tasks have been both completed and not. Another report will be shared next quarter. More information can be found at [this link](#).

**F. [AB928 Task Force Update](#)**

LAD II John "Jay" Doherty presented an update on the AB928 Taskforce. The AB 928 Committee was established to provide oversight of the associate degree for transfer for the sole purpose of strengthening the pathway for students so that more students can avail themselves of the pathway's benefits. The group has been meeting for a couple of years and now has a number of recommendations. He summarized the recommendations, which can be found at [this link](#).

**Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Romero) to extend time by 10 minutes on the item. Seconded. No objections, the motion passed.**

**Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Romero) to extend time by 5 minutes on the item. Seconded. No objections, the motion passed. Yes - 10, No - 11. The vote failed.**

**G. Advocacy Academy**

VPLA Win updated members on the planning of the Advocacy Academy including the Legislative Awards. She highlighted

- Legislator of the Year Award – Asm. Mike Fong
- Lifetime Legislative Achievement Award – Jose Medina
- Staff Member of the Year Award – Senior Consultant Ellen Cesaretti-Monroy (Assembly Higher Education Consultant)
- Legislative Student Champion – Asm. Joaquin Arambula

Concern was raised regarding recent negative publicity about Asm. Joaquin Arambula. Members discussed the news and noted that Asm. Arambula was found not guilty of any crime. Members felt that the news was unrelated to his work as a legislator and that our experiences have been positive. President Flandre-Nguyen required all members to direct all conversation or questions about the award recipients to VPLA Win. The Board was also instructed not to bring up any conversation unless approached.

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Executive Officer Reports | Additional Oral Reports**

- a. [President](#)
- b. [Vice President](#)
- c. [Vice President of Regional Affairs](#)
- d. [Vice President of Legislative Affairs](#)
- e. [Vice President of Finance](#)
- f. [Vice President of Communications](#)

**B. RAD Region Reports | Additional Oral Reports**

**[Submitted Reports: Y] [Not Submitted: N] [Vacant: V]**

R I	R II	R III	R IV	R V	R VI	R VII	R VIII	R IX	R X
<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

**C. LAD Region Reports | Additional Oral Reports**

**[Submitted Reports: Y] [Not Submitted: N] [Vacant: V]**

R I	R II	R III	R IV	R V	R VI	R VII	R VIII	R IX	R X

V	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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**D. Internal Operating Committee Reports | Additional Oral Reports**

- I. Audit Committee
- II. [Caucus Committee](#)
- III. Communications Committee
- IV. Conference Committee
- V. DEIAA Subcommittee
- VI. [Executive Committee](#)
- VII. Finance Committee
- VIII. Internal Affairs Committee
- IX. [Legislative Affairs Committee](#)
- X. [Region Finance and Fundraising Committee](#)
- XI. [Regional Affairs Committee](#)
- XII. [Resolutions Committee](#)

**E. External Reports**

**F. [Action Tracking](#)**

A simple tracking of tasks assigned by the Board of Directors to members or staff.

**V. INFORMATION (Written information only)**

- A. [External Committees](#)
- B. [Internal Committees](#)

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Flandre-Nguyen adjourned the meeting to order at 3:27 PM