

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Final Minutes | June 15, 2024

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President called the meeting 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 Finance, Kennedy Hayashi

Regional Affairs Director Region I, Lisa Baker

Legislative Affairs Director Region I, Cole Militano

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 VII, Martin Romero

Regional Affairs Director Region X, Kimberly De La Cruz

Quorum: 14 present. 7 Absent. Quorum was established.

Absent:

Vice President of Communications Dani Silva (ar. 10:18)

Legislative Affairs Director Region II, John "Jay" Doherty (excused)

Regional Affairs Director Region III, Kevin Ruano Hernandez

Regional Affairs Director Region VII, Steven Gallegos

Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII, Madison Harris

Regional Affairs Director Region IX, Dyami Ruiz-Martinez

Legislative Affairs Director Region IX, Nelva Ruiz-Martinez

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.

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- C. [Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests](#) | 2 mins
No action.

- D. **Adoption of the Agenda** | 5 mins.
The agenda was adopted without objections.

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

1. [Minutes](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2024.
2. [Minutes](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the minutes from the meeting held on May 30, 2024.
3. [Auditor FY 2023 - 24](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval Gilbert and Associates to audit the financial statements for FY 2023 - 24.

Consent agenda was adopted without objections.

- F. **Public Comment**

Public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. **Community Agreements**

Members of the Board read the community agreements.

- B. **Chancellor's Office Report**

Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy updated members on the activities of the Chancellor's Office.

- C. **Executive Committee Report**

VPF Kennedy reported on the activities of the Executive Committee.

- D. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams reported on staff activities and her attendance at several conferences, including the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE), California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS), and California Community College Student Affairs Association Professional Development. She encouraged members to read her written report.

- E. **California Community College Board of Governors Report**

Board of Governors student members Casey Chang and Paul Medina updated members about the current activities of the Board of Governors.

- F. **Academic Senate for California Community College (ASCCC) Report**

Dr. LaTonya Parker reported on the ASCCC current activities, particularly the upcoming joint Faculty and Student Leadership Institute in Palm

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Springs. She informed members that next term, the ASCCC Treasurer Robert L. Stewart Jr. will be the ASCCC Liaison. She has enjoyed serving as the liaison for this year.

G. Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Liaison Report

No report provided.

H. California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) Liaison Report

No report

III. BUSINESS

A. End-of-Term Reflections

Outgoing Board members offered reflections on their time with the SSCCC and shared advice to incoming members.

B. Conversation about Closed Session and Board Privileged Information

SSCCC counsel Mark Alcorn of Alcorn & Associates informed members about the legal implications of disclosing closed-session information. He shared that generally, SSCCC meetings are open to the public based on the Brown Act, but there are specific rules and exceptions. Confidentiality is legally limited, particularly in matters of litigation and personnel issues. Sharing confidential information from closed sessions is illegal, undermines the governing body, and damages trust. Such matters should only be discussed in closed sessions.

Violations can lead to various consequences including administrative actions like public reprimands, exclusion, and private reprimands. Civil actions and grand jury investigations are also possible. Sharing confidential information, especially in personnel matters, can lead to lawsuits, including claims for emotional distress.

He warned that the consequences of breaching confidentiality in this context differ from other bodies members may have served on. For example, sharing confidential information during a review of an Executive Director (ED) with third parties can have significant repercussions.

C. [Burden-free Textbooks](#)

Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy, CCCCCO Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Support, presented a draft regulation for Burden Free Instructional Materials. The proposed regulation ensures that California Community Colleges students have access to all required course materials from the first day of classes. It specifies that governing boards must adopt policies to minimize financial and administrative burdens, such as developing zero-textbook-cost degrees, adopting open educational resources, establishing lending programs, enabling early financial aid disbursements, and providing direct aid. Some groups have pushed back on the regulation and requested additional changes. The Chancellor's

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Office could use the support of the SSCCC on the adoption of the regulations. The next step for the regulation is to be presented to the Consultation Council meeting next month.

D. [EOPS Regulations](#)

Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy, CCCCCO Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Support, presented changes to the regulations for the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). The revisions to the regulation include capping grants at \$900 per academic year and work-study awards at \$1,800, with both not exceeding a student's unmet need. The Chancellor can adjust college allocations for fiscal corrections. Districts must provide EOPS students the same services as other students without using EOPS funds and must fully cover the EOPS director's salary. EOPS funds are for supplemental costs only, with non-financial aid expenses capped at 10% of the allocation or \$50,000. Approval is required for computer-related expenditures. Colleges must maintain or exceed previous EOPS financial aid spending unless a waiver is granted. These changes aim to refine regulations, support students, and ensure fiscal responsibility. The next step for the regulations is the Consultation Council meeting next month.

E. [CA CCs AI Work](#)

Claire Fisher, Senior Director of AI Strategies for the Foundation for California Community Colleges, reminded members that California community colleges must deliver immediate value to students, but often face resource and staffing constraints. Technology can enhance our systems, enabling more customized, personalized, and on-demand support for students. To explore these possibilities, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, in partnership with the Chancellor's Office, established the Education Technology Lab. This initiative focuses on generative AI and AI-enabled technologies to foster educational innovation.

The Foundation has created a council to oversee the lab and is interested in having a representative of the SSCCC serve on the council. By collaborating with college leaders, students, and technology providers, the Lab aims to co-create tailored solutions that address unique challenges and opportunities, ensuring equity and effectiveness throughout the educational ecosystem.

The Board recessed at 1:00pm.

President Flandre-Nguyen called the meeting back to order at 1:35pm. Quorum check: 12 present , 2 absent (RAD V Simon, RAD VI Garcia-Razo). Quorum established.

F. [2024 - 25 Budget](#)

VPF Hayashi and ED Adams presented the 2024 - 25 Budget and updated

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members about the SSCCC investments. Information provided can be found in [this presentation](#).

Motioned, seconded (RAD IV Orta) to include that all supplemental financial documents presented at Board of Directors meetings are included in the drive when agenda items are presented in advance of the meeting. No objections, the motion passed.

Motioned, seconded, (VPC Silva) to approve 24-25 budget. No objections. Yes - 14, No - 0.

G. [Resolution S24.03.14 Empowering Local Student Leaders in the SSCCC Redistricting Process](#)

Executive Director Adams informed members that during the development of the policy revision for Resolution S24.03.14, staff identified a potential conflict between the SSCCC Bylaws and the proposed policy revision. Due to this conflict, she consulted with SSCCC attorney Mark Alcorn of Alcorn Law Corporation. He advised that the resolution is out of order and void. His opinion is included in the linked item above.

H. [Resolution Assignments](#)

Vice President Hernandez and Executive Director Adams presented the Spring 2024 Resolution assignments and explained the process used to make them. Dr. Adams reminded members about the public comments made at GA and the need for us to communicate our work towards accomplishing the resolutions and our mission.

LAD Koruga commented that two resolutions were not included in the Resolution Assignments - S24.02.19 and S24.04.01. It was noted that these resolutions failed. Staff will research the status of Resolution S24.04.01 and insert it into the resolution packet if it passed.

Motioned, seconded (VPRA Alexander) to forward the resolution assignments to respective committees and make recommendations after review to the Board any possible resolution reassignments. Objection. Yes - 13, No - 1 (RAD De La Cruz).

I. [Proposal for SSCCC Alumni Network](#)

RAD IV Orta and VPC Silva proposed an SSCCC Alumni Network for former SSCCC members to stay connected, share their accomplishments, and continue supporting the SSCCC mission. They presented a sample website and described how the SSCCC could implement something similar. A comment was made that maintaining such a website would be an additional workload for staff and not currently a priority for SSCCC. No action was taken.

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J. [Legislative Update](#)

Legislative Affairs Specialist Hutchinson provided a legislative update.

Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Romero) to oppose SB 1287 (Glazer) *Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibition on violence, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination*. No objection, motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (LAD IV Koruga) to support AB 2901 (Aguiar-Curry) *School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave*. No objection, motion passed.

K. [Board Evaluation](#)

Executive Director Adams summarized the Board evaluation, noting that approximately half of the Board members responded, with even fewer providing comments. She emphasized that the low participation rate meant the feedback did not accurately represent the views of the entire Board. Additionally, the narrative provided by the Board at the May meeting differed significantly from the evaluation feedback presented in this item. For next year, the Board will need to consider alternative evaluation methods.

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 (V)
- 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
Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	V	Y	Y

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
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	V

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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

Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.