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Community Colleges**



SSCCC
RESOLUTION
PROCESS
OVERVIEW



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What is a Resolution?

A Resolution is a researched document that identifies an issue on a California Community College campus or campuses and seeks to propose a solution to that issue

Resolutions are then voted on by the delegates at the SSCCC's annual General Assembly

WHEREAS, student trustees do not currently have the same rights, responsibilities and privileges as other board of trustee members and without it students do not have a real say when policies are being voted on that impact students;

WHEREAS, student trustees provide clearer insight to the current climate of a college/district and can better relate to how policies and budgetary decisions affect students on a day to day basis, throughout their educational journey; and

WHEREAS, by giving the student trustee a full vote on their boards, the position would no longer serve to boost student engagement and instead serve as a commitment that the student voice matters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community College will advocate for legislation that would require the student trustee position on a district's board of trustees be given full rights, responsibilities and privileges as regular trustee members;

RESOLVED, that Associated Students Organizations are responsible for keeping track of spending records and, with the counsel of students' advisor(s), establishing regulations on the eligibility to receive fundings and accessibility of the available fundings;

RESOLVED, that the amount of funding being provided to Associated Student Organizations would be based on the number of estimated number of clubs that will continue to exist and be established in the next school year; and

RESOLVED, that if there is a shortage in funding during the school year, Associated Student Organizations are provided with appropriate assistance and immediate response to additional funding, and if there is a surplus in funding, the excess amount would be saved for the following school year.

Why is Resolution Writing important?

- Address issues on your campus and statewide
- Direct the SSCCC's priorities for the coming year
- Can lead to the creation of legislation
 - Student Trustee Full Rights and Responsibilities Resolution → AB 2910

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019-2020 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL **NO. 2910**

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

February 21, 2020

An act to amend Section 72023.5 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2910, as introduced, Weber: California Community Colleges: governing board membership: student members.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law requires the governing board of each community college district to order the inclusion within the membership of the governing board of one or more nonvoting students, who are enrolled in a community college of the district, and chosen by students enrolled in the community colleges of the district, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the governing board.

This bill would give each student member of the governing board of a community college district an advisory vote, as specified, or, if authorized by the governing board at its discretion, a full vote. This bill would also make conforming changes.

Existing law authorizes a student member to make and second motions and to receive compensation like a regular board member, but only at the discretion of the governing board.

This bill would entitle each student member of the governing board to make and second motions and to receive the same compensation as a regular board member without further authorization of the governing board.

The Process

**COMPOSE
RESOLUTION**

Step 1

**FIND A
SPONSOR**

Step 2

**SUBMIT TO RULES
AND RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE**

Step 3

**AMENDMENTS
ARE MADE**

Step 4

**PRESENT AT
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY!**

Step 5



STEP 1: Composing a Resolution

- **Who can write one:** Any enrolled CC student (Collaborations can happen between students from different colleges and regions)
- **Content:** Must address a relevant issue that has yet to be addressed
- **Details:** Limited to four “whereas” sections and four “resolved” sections
 - Keep it concise and to the point
 - “Whereas” sections support arguments, facts and background information
 - “Resolved” sections consist of requested actions for the SSCCC
- **Must add citations**

Resolution Structure

WHEREAS	A resolution can have up to four (4) Whereas sections	Should provide background for the ask	Should provide facts to back up any claims made	
RESOLVED	No more than four (4) Resolveds	Asks for specific action to be taken	Only “urges” or “recommends”	Asks the SSCCC to take action, not just directors

Citations

Assertions of fact in the resolution should be supported by evidence with sources cited.

Assertions that are not supported by cited sources are simply opinions, may be erroneous, and may result in such statements being amended or deleted.

S19-B-02.04 Resolution on the Forever Chafee Grant

Author: Ricky Holder, Phoebe Pham

Sponsor: Board of Directors

Disposition: System Affairs, Legislative Affairs

WHEREAS, the Chafee Grant was established by the state of California to provide up to \$5000 for current and former foster youth to pursue a college degree or vocational training; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has limited eligibility for the Chafee Grant to those that have not yet reached their 26th birthday by July 1st of the award year; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Foster Youth Institute, only 3% of former foster youth attain an Associate or Bachelor's degree by the age of 26 compared to 43% of their peers [1]; and 25 Student Senate For California Community Colleges

WHEREAS, according to research conducted by the University of California at Irvine, former foster youth suffer from disproportionate rates of learning disabilities, depression, and anxiety [2] in addition to financial hardships and entanglements with the criminal justice system that impede their ability to attain a college education; be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges advocate that the state legislature waive the age restriction and modify the eligibility requirements of "Have not reached your 26th birthday as of July 1st of the award year" [3] in order to qualify for the Chafee Grant, which would grant these benefits to all former foster youth regardless of age; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges identify at least one member of the State Legislature to sponsor a bill enacting these modifications; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges urge the Board of Governors of California Community Colleges as well as the governing bodies of each community college district to actively support this resolution

Citation 1: <https://www.nfyi.org/issues/education/>

Citation 2: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/10/161017084248.htm>

Citation 3: <https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/>

Format

- All “Whereas” and “Resolved” sections must end with a **semicolon**, *except* for the **last** “Resolved” section, which will end with a **period**.
- The **second to last** “Whereas” must add “and” after the semicolon.
- The **last** “Whereas” must add “now, therefore, be it” after the semicolon.
- The **second** to last “Resolved” must add “and” after the semicolon.

STEP 2: Resolution Sponsorship

- Who can sponsor a resolution?
 - SBAs, SSCCC Regions, recognized caucuses, or the Board of Directors can sponsor your resolution
- Sponsorship is secured by achieving a majority vote from the voting members of the body (Senators, Delegates, voting caucus members, Directors)
- SBA's, Regions, recognized caucuses and the Board are only allowed to sponsor 5 resolutions, so seek support as soon as possible!

STEP 3: Submission

In order to add your Resolution to the Resolutions Packet

	Find Sponsor	Submit to Rules and Resolutions Committee	Submit by Deadline
Compose Resolutions	Five (5) max from ASO's, Regions, Recognized Caucuses, Board of Directors	Email resolution + minutes where resolution was adopted to resolutions@studentsenat eccc.org	Submit your sponsored resolution fifty-five (55) days prior to General Assembly (January 28th, 2021)

STEP 4: Resolution Amendments

If the author of a resolution needs to make a change to your resolution after the original submission deadline:

- They must be submitted at least 35 days before General Assembly (February 17th, 2021)
- You will need to bring any changes forward at a SSCCC Rules and Resolutions Committee meeting along with minutes from a sponsor(s) that supports your proposed changes

Keep In Mind:

- Everyone who submits a resolution will be required to attend a Rules and Resolutions committee prior to GA and the 35 day deadline
 - The Committee sometimes recommends amendments

Deadlines

EVENT	TIMELINE	DATE
Resolution Season Announcement	90 calendar days prior to GA	November 18, 2020
Original Resolution Submission Deadline	55 calendar days prior to GA	January 28, 2021
First Resolution Packet Dissemination	50 calendar days prior to GA	February 2, 2021
Amendments to Resolutions Deadline	35 calendar days prior to GA	February 17, 2021
Amended Resolution Packet Dissemination	30 calendar days prior to GA	February 22, 2021

What Happens At General Assembly?

- General Assembly: a meeting of delegates from all 116 community colleges
- Students come together to debate which resolutions to approve and deny followed by a vote
- General Assembly 2021 will be March 26 - 28, 2021 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel

Resolution Writing Resources

- [Resolution Writing Guideline 2020 - 21](#)
- [Resolution Template](#)
- [Resolution 101 Webinar](#)
- [Resolution Procedures](#)
- [Past Resolution Database](#)**
- [Other resources](#)**

All resources can be found on the SSCCC website under [General Assembly Tab - Resolutions](#)

Upcoming Webinars

- Saturday, January 9th - Resolution Writing Workshop @ 6:00 PM
- Thursday, January 14th - Sponsorship @ 12:00 PM
- Thursday, February 4th - Amendments
- Saturday, February 6th - Resolution Studying
- Saturday, March 20th - How to Prepare for GA/Resolution Debate



Q & A?



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