

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Final Minutes | April 20, 2024

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen

Vice President Ivan Hernandez

Vice President of Regional Affairs, Robert Alexander (ar. 10:16 am)

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 IV, David Orta

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

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, Kimberly De La Cruz

Quorum: 17 present. 1 Absent. Quorum was established.

Absent:

Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Chanelle Win

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 VII,

Steven Gallegos (excused)

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
President Flandre-Nguyen commented that no one requested an AB2449 exemption. She ruled that RAD IV did not provide his address and that a flat tire was not one of the items covered under the AB2449 exemption. RAD IV challenged the ruling of the chair and provided that he suffered a mental disability when he experienced a flat tire on his way to the SSSCC meeting.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VI Garcia-Razo) to allow RAD IV Orta situation be permitted to count towards an AB2449 exception. No objections, motion passed.

- D. **Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.**
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 March 9, 2024.*
2. [Student Trustee Caucus](#). *The Board of Directors will consider the approval of the Student Trustee Caucus.*
3. [Women Caucus](#). *The Board of Directors will consider the approval of the Women's Caucus.*
4. [Black Caucus](#). *The Board of Directors will consider the approval of the Black Caucus.*
5. [LatinX Caucus](#). *The Board of Directors will consider the approval of the Latinx Caucus*

No objections, the consent agenda was adopted.

- F. **Public Comment**
Public comment made

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Community Agreements

Members of the Board read the community agreements.

B. Chancellor's Office Report

Assistant Vice Chancellor Gina Browne updated members on activities in the Chancellor's Office. She highlighted Zero Textbook Costs, AB928, Public Benefit Finder, and Student Virtual Forum. She then invited members to the LGBTQ Summit on April 24th. It's a free virtual conference. More information to follow.

C. Executive Committee Report

VPRA Alexander reported on the Executive Committee activities.

D. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Adams reported on staff activities since the April Board meeting. She highlighted the hotel contract negotiations, legislative activities, investigation closing, and human resources. Her full report is linked above.

E. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Board of Governors student members Paul Medina and Casey Chang reported on their activities since last month's reports and highlighted Board actions. Their report can be found at [this link](#).

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

No report.

G. FACCC Liaison Report

No report.

H. CCCSAA Liaison Report

CCCSAA Liaison Doris Hankins provided the CCCSAA report and thanked the board, Executive Director, and staff for a well-executed General Assembly. She then informed members that CCCSAA would host an advisor professional development training in Los Angeles at the LA Biltmore. She requested that students encourage their advisors to attend.

III. BUSINESS

A. Employee Investigation Update

Executive Director Adams updated members on the SSCCC employee investigation and read a statement from SSCCC legal counsel. Before taking any action, she consulted with an external investigator, the SSCCC HR consultant, and legal counsel. Policy revisions will be brought forward to strengthen and clarify specific policies. She noted that since the investigation is a personnel matter, all reports and actions are confidential.

B. [Executive Director Evaluation](#)

Jenine Jenkins, HR Consultant, briefed members about the annual Executive Director Evaluation. Each member is required to complete the evaluation survey by April 29th. All feedback should be based on the job description and not based on personal bias. After April 29th, the survey will be summarized and a narrative created. The narrative will be provided to the Board during a closed session on May 11th. No changes will be made to the narrative during the closed session, so members should ensure they respond to the survey and provide feedback. The survey will be sent by next week.

Roll call: 17 present.

C. [Hotel Room Policy](#)

Ivan Hernandez introduced updates to the SSCCC Hotel Room Policy. These revisions aimed to enhance the consequences of non-compliance with the policy. The Internal Affairs Committee recommended incorporating

steps within the policy to ensure Board members' adherence, as well as adding language about illegal drugs and alcohol.

Motioned, seconded (LAD V Reyes) to approve the hotel policy as amended. Objections. Yes - 9, No - 5 (RAD II Garcia-Godos Martinez, RAD V Simon, LAD VI Arteaga, LAD VII Romero, RAD X De La Cruz). The motion passed.

D. [Legislative Update](#)

Associate Director Goldman and Legislative Specialist Hutchinson provided legislative updates on the budget, sponsored and cosponsored, and automatic positions taken based on mission and resolutions (see presentation linked above). They presented the following bills and requested a support position.

- AB 2500 (Fong - Allows financial aid applications to be extended by 30 days in an emergency, simplifies CSAC procedures to approve extension requests, and gives colleges more time to submit requests.
- AB 2370 (Cervantes) - Artificial intelligence shall not be used to replace faculty for purposes of providing academic instruction to, and regular interaction with, students in a course of instruction and may only be used as a peripheral tool to support faculty in carrying out those tasks for uses such as course development, assessment, and tutoring.
- AB 2093 (Santiago) - Extends the term of eligibility of the California College Promise for an additional 2 academic years for first-time community college students and returning community college students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree

Motioned, seconded (LAD I Militano) to approve a support stance on AB2500, AB2370, and AB2093. No objection, motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X) to cosponsor SB 895. No objection, motion passed.

SB 895 (Roth) would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

E. [Third Quarter Budget Update](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams provided the third quarter budget update. She noted that the line item for meetings and conferences continues to exceed the budgeted amount and reminded members of last month's conversation.

Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Romero), to move \$100,000 from the staff line to split 50% between the conference line and the meeting line. Objection. Yes - 12, No - 3 (VPRA Alexander, RAD IV Orta, LAD VI Arteaga). Motion passed.

F. [Board of Governors Task Force](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen informed members that an ad hoc would need to be developed to interview the Board of Governors student members and bring back a recommendation to the Board for consideration. President Flandre-Nguyen described the roles and responsibilities and then asked for volunteers. Nominees included:

- RAD X De La Cruz
- VP Hernandez
- VPC Silva
- RAD II Garcia-Godos Martinez
- LAD I Militano
- VP Hernandez and RAD X were nominated as chair.

Motioned, seconded (LAD VI Garcia-Razo), to form an ad hoc group to interview Board of Governors student members, including RAD X De La Cruz, RAD II Garcia-Godos Martinez, VPC Silva, and LAD I Militano, and chaired by VP Hernandez. Objection. Yes - 10, No - 6 (VPC Silva, RAD Region II Garcia-Godos Martinez, RAD IV Orta, LAD V Reyes, RAD Region IX Ruiz-Martinez, RAD Region X De La Cruz). Motion passed.

G. [SSCCC Accountability Procedure AP #1000](#)

Motioned, seconded (RAD IV Orta) to table AP#1000. No objection, motion passed.

H. [Reevaluation of Compensation for Regional and Legislative Affairs Directors](#)

RAD IV Orta presented a proposal to increase the compensation for the RADs and LADs. He proposed that both positions receive a \$200 increase.

Motioned (LAD I Militano) to create an ad hoc committee to discuss the possibility of increasing/decreasing stipends. Objection.

Motioned (LAD VI Garcia-Razo) to amend the motion to strike the ad hoc committee and replace it with the Finance Committee. No objection, the amendment passed.

Motioned (RAD IV Orta) to amend the motion to include an additional \$200 increase stipends for Executives, LADs/RADs, and Regional Officers. Motion failed.

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Motioned, seconded (RAD X De La Cruz) to move to end debate. No objections. Motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X De La Cruz) to subtract 5 Minutes from each remaining item. Motion passed.

I. [Chapter 5 Anti-racism Student Plan of Action](#)

VP Hernandez introduced possible topics for the next chapter of the Anti-racism chapter. Topics included communities such as disabled, muslim, and LGBTQIA+.

Motioned, seconded (LAD VI Garcia-Razo) to select non-traditional students for the Chapter 5 topic. Objection. Yes - 14, No - 2 (RAD II Garcia-Godos Martinez, LAD VII Romero). Motion Passed.

J. [Term Limit Policy](#)

Item tabled for future meeting.

K. General Assembly Update

Item tabled for future meeting.

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
Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	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	Y	Y	V

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 adjourned at 3:03 PM