

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Final Minutes | February 10, 2024

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen

Vice President Ivan Hernandez

Vice President of Regional Affairs, Robert Alexander

Vice President of Communications, Dani Silva

Regional Affairs Director Region I, Lisa Baker

Regional Affairs Director Region II, Olivia Garcia Godos Martinez

Regional Affairs Director Region IV, David Orta (arrived 10:15am)

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 VIII, Raven Cantoran

Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII, Madison Harris

Legislative Affairs Director Region IX, Nelva Ruiz-Martinez

Regional Affairs Director Region X, Kimberly De La Cruz

Legislative Affairs Director Region X, Jose Perez

Quorum: 19 present, 3 Absent, 3 NV. Quorum was established.

Vice President of Finance, Kennedy Hayashi (Excused)

Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Chanelle Win (Present, NV)

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

Regional Affairs Director Region III, Kevin Ruano Hernandez (Present, NV)

Legislative Affairs Director Region III, Kaitlyn (Ziqi) Zhang (Present, NV)

Regional Affairs Director Region IX, Dyami Ruiz-Martinez (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

Motioned, seconded (LAD IV Koruga) to grant exemption for members as noted in the item.

D. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

Without objections, the agenda was approved.

E. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. [Minutes](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval the minutes from the meeting held on January 13, 2024.*
2. [Faculty and Student Leadership Event](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval joining the ASCCC June Leadership Institute June 19 - 21, 2024 in Rancho Mirage.*
3. [Disability Webinar](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval holding a webinar for hearing impaired and deaf students on March 14, 2024, at 4:00 pm.*
4. [Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 Town Hall Dates](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the recommended SSCCC Chapter 3 date of February 22nd and Chapter 4 date of February 29th Town Hall dates.*
5. [Spectrum Caucus Approval](#). *The Board of Directors will consider the approval of the Spectrum Caucus.*

Without objections, the consent agenda was approved.

F. Public Comment

Public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Oath of Office](#)

The President performed the swearing-in ceremony for LAD I Militano and RAD X De La Cruz.

B. [Community Agreements](#)

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

C. Chancellor's Office Report

No Report provided.

D. Executive Committee Report

President Flandre-Nguyen reported to the Board of Directors on actions during the recent Executive Committee meeting.

E. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Adams updated members about staff activities since the last Board meeting. She noted that since the January Board meeting, staff has been diligently managing day-to-day operations, supporting the Board of Directors and Regions, and engaging with students and constituents. She highlighted specific areas including communications, General Assembly, and budget.

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

Board of Governors members Paul Medina and Casey Chang reported on the Board of Governors' current activities.

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

LaTonya Parker, ASCCC Liaison, provided a written report.

H. **FACCC Liaison**

No report provided.

I. **CCCSAA Report**

Doris Hankins, CCCSAA Liaison, commented that she did not have a report but wanted to thank the representatives that visited Merritt College to meet the students.

III. **BUSINESS**

A. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code, § 54957, subd. (b)(1))**

The Board of Directors went into closed session to discuss a complaint regarding an SSSCC employee. President Flandre-Nguyen reported out of closed session that no action was taken.

Recessed for lunch 12:20 PM

Called to Order 12:53PM

Quorum check: Present - 20. Quorum established.

B. [SSCCC Board Agendas Development](#)

President Flandre-Nguyen shared with the Board her concern with last month's Board agenda. The agenda focused more on internal policies than on external relations. Going forward, the agendas will need to be balanced with more presentations on issues of concern for students, student body association engagement, resolution updates, etc. She will be paying close attention to the agenda items and some items may be put off until the next meeting if there are too many internal items.

C. [Catalog Rights](#)

VPLA Win presented the item on Catalog Rights. She noted that LAD IV Koruga presented this item during the recent Legislative Affairs Committee

meeting requesting that the committee recommend a position of support to the Board of Directors. They noted that there is also a resolution moving forward to the General Assembly for consideration. Members of the committee are forwarding a recommended position of support.

Motioned, seconded (LAD IV Koruga) to approve a statement that students do not need to maintain enrollment to obtain catalog rights. No objections, motion approved.

D. [Second Quarter Strategic Plan Update](#)

Executive Director Adams presented an update on two areas of the 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan: SSCCC Infrastructure and Student Participation and Activation. Staff is moving forward in implementing goals within each of the areas including setting baseline for events and engagement, as well as evaluation of the current staff structure.

Executive Director Adams is requesting three new staff positions - Director of Operations, Outreach and Communications Director, and an administrative assistant. She described briefly the positions and commented that adding these two positions would allow her to delegate some responsibilities she still has, as well as continuing to accomplish goals set out in the Strategic Plan. Questions were raised about what is the implication for the budget, what is the size of staff for similar organizations, and what tasks would current employees lose. Executive Director Adams was asked to bring the item back to the next meeting with more information.

E. [Resolutions Quarterly report](#)

Executive Director Adams presented the Resolution status quarterly report. She noted that a majority of the resolutions have not been addressed or completed. The delegates use resolutions to provide direction to the SSCCC Board of Directors about key issues they would like the Board to address. If we are not making progress on the resolutions, then we are not doing the will of the delegates. She highlighted each of the resolutions.

Executive Director Adams noted that the toolkits called for in many of the RAC resolutions are not effective because they are not complete or only include a letter or two and no real advocacy tools. She has suggested several times that RAC consider how toolkits are created and if they are an effective tool for advocacy.

Motioned, seconded (RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez) to defer toolkit items to RAC to discuss how to manage toolkits and bring them back to the next BOD meeting. Objection.

Motion, seconded (VPRA Alexander) to defer to RAC to discuss how to manage toolkits and bring back to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Yes - 14, No - 4 (VPC Silva, LAD IV Koruga, LAD V Reyes, RAD VIII Cantoran). Motion passed.

F. [Legislative Update](#)

VPLA Win provided a legislative update. She recommended that the SSCCC co-sponsor AB1855 (Addis) Student Success Completion Grant program. A discussion ensued about the Baccalaureate degrees after San Diego reached out. VPLA suggested we wait before taking a position on this legislative measure.

Motioned, seconded (RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez) to approve co-sponsorship of AB 1885 (Addis). No objections, motion passed.

G. [SSCCC Partnership Policy](#)

VP Hernandez presented the policy on creating SSCCC Partnerships. He reminded members that the Board of Directors directed IAC to develop this policy. Since the original discussion of partnerships generated in DEIAA, he worked with both committees to develop this policy.

Motioned, seconded (RAD V Simon) to approve both the Board and Administrative Partnership Policies as amended. No objection, motion passed.

H. [Resolution Sponsorship](#)

The Board of Directors consider sponsorship of three resolutions:

- Catalog rights
- Educational and Skill-Building Opportunities for Undocumented Students in California Community Colleges
- Barrier Free Access to Opportunities for Undocumented Students

Motioned, seconded, (LAD VII Ramero) to approve all three resolutions proposed. No objections, motion passed.

I. [College Delegate Stipends](#)

VPRA Alexander presented proposed amendments to the following delegate stipend procedures:

- BP #2007 IV. Stipend Report Submission
- AP #2010 II. Stipend Amounts
- AP #4004 Stipend Reduction

Motioned, seconded (RAD VII Gallegos) to approve the revisions to all three policies related to College Delegate Stipends. Objection. Yes - 14, No - 2 (RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez, RAD IV Orta), NVR - 2 (RAD VIII Catoran, LAD VII Romero)

J. Salinas Valley Arts and Innovation Hub to Support Artistic Students

RAD IV Orta invited representatives of the Salinas Valley Arts and Innovation Hub to present to the board information about the March Arts Empowerment Showcase. Dr. Travis Williams, shared with the Board the purpose of the hub and their need for sponsorships for students who would without any funding be unable to present their artistic work at the event. Members discussed if the SSCCC could donate funds to the organization and asked about whether or not the SSCCC had funds in the budget for this type of donation. Executive Director Adams noted that there is not a line item in the budget for a donation to an organization. However, there is a line item for scholarships for students, which could be used to fund students to attend the event.

Motioned, seconded (RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez) to sponsor a student in partnership with Salinas Valley Arts and Innovation Hub to provide a scholarship directly to a student in the amount of \$1,000. Objection. Yes - 10, No - 5 (LAD IV Koruga, LAD V Reyes, LAD VI Artega, RAD VIII Cantoran, RAD X De La Cruz), NVR - 3 (VPRA Alexander, LAD VII Romero, LAD X Perez). Motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD IV Orta) to amend previous motion to add “s” to student, strike \$1000, and add \$5,000. Objection.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VI Garcia-Razo) to strike \$5,000 and add student(s) and \$1.000. Yes - 9, No - 7 (VP Hernandez, RAD II Garcia Godos Martinez, RAD IV Orta, LAD VI Artega, RAD VII Gallegos, LAD VIII Harris, LAD IX Ruiz-Martinez). Objection. Motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VI Garcia-Razo) to add an “s” to students. Objection. Yes - 16, No - 1 (LAD VI Artega), NVR - (LAD VII Romero). Motion passed.

Back to the main motion as amended.

No objections, items K and L will be postponed until the next meeting. Dr. Adams will email an update on K to the Board and VPLA Win will send an update on L.

K. General Assembly Update

This item was postponed.

L. March in March Update

This item was postponed.

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	Y	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	Y

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 at 4:04 PM.