

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Final Minutes | March 9, 2024

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 10:13 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

Regional Affairs Director Region IV, David Orta

Legislative Affairs Director Region IV, Annie Koruga (arrived 10:40am)

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

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

Legislative Affairs Director Region X, Jose Perez

Quorum: 24 present. 1 Absent. Quorum was established.

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](#)

Motioned, seconded (VPC Silva) to grant exemption for members as noted in the item. No objections, the motion passed.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

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 February 9, 2024.*
2. [Convention Rules](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval the Convention Rules for the 2024 General Assembly.*

Without objections, the Consent Agenda was approved.

F. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Community Agreements](#)

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

B. Chancellor's Office Report

No Report was provided.

C. Executive Committee Report

Vice President Hernandez reported on the recent activities of the Executive Committee.

D. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Adams informed members that staff was working diligently on the General Assembly and the March in March. Both events are time-consuming requiring time from all staff members. In addition, Dr. Adams and Associate Director Goldman accompanied board members to Washington DC. She encouraged members to read her written report for more activities.

E. California Community College Board of Governors Report

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

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

No report was provided.

G. FACCC Liaison Report

No report was provided.

H. CCCSAA Liaison Report

No report provided.

III. BUSINESS

A. One Minute Mental Health Check-in

Members checked in on each other's mental health.

B. [Equity in Emergency Aid: Student Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Marcos Montes from SoCal CAN informed members about the findings from the Equity in Emergency Aid memorandum. In 202 SoCal CAN surveyed students to assess emergency aid effectiveness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on their findings, they created the *Equity in Emergency Aid: Student Perspectives from the COVID-19 Pandemic memorandum*. The aim is to promote equitable emergency aid practices in California's public colleges and universities. SoCal CAN is collaborating with student leaders from SSCCC, UCSA, and CSSA to advocate for systemic changes statewide. Montes urged the Board of Directors to consider crafting a letter to the California Community College Chancellor's Office calling for the adoption of fairer emergency aid distribution practices across the entire system.

C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code, § 54957, subd. (b)(1)) Closed Session

The Board of Directors went into closed session to be updated on a complaint regarding an SSCCC employee. President Flandre Nguyen reported out of closed session that no action was taken.

D. [Legislative Update](#)

VPLA Win delivered the Legislative update, along with the following legislative recommendations from the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC).

- AB 1142 (Fong and Low)- Postsecondary education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California
- AB 1841 (Weber) - Student safety: opioid overdose reversal medication: student housing facilities.
- AB 2057 (Berman) - Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee
- AB 2093 (Santiago) - Community colleges: California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility and funding formula.
- AB 2370 (Cervantes) - Community colleges: faculty: artificial intelligence.

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- AB 2458 (Berman) - public postsecondary education: student parents

Motioned, seconded (LAD II Doherty) to approve the legislative stances recommended by LAC. No objections. The Motion passed.

LAD IV Koruga inquired about the efficacy of the commission proposed by AB 1142, noting the dissolution of a similar commission in the past and the existing presence of a Board of Governors. Staff noted that the effectiveness is still unknown but suggested that it would not be wise to oppose a bill by the Chair of the Higher Education Committee.

Motion, seconded (LAD IV Koruga) to suspend the orders of the day to take time sensitive items in order I, K, O, G, H, E then N and to postpone items F, J, L, M and P until next meeting. No objections, motion passed.

E. [Staff Structure](#)

Executive Director Adams reminded members about the request made at the last Board of Directors meeting regarding this item. She was asked to provide more information about the three positions presented – Director of Operations, Director of Outreach and Communication, and Administrative Assistant, particularly budget implications and how the job responsibilities will interact with existing positions.

Motion, seconded (VPC Silva) to approve the new job positions. No objections, the motion passed.

F. [SSCCC Accountability Procedure AP1000](#)

Postponed.

G. [Tax 990 Form for 2022 - 23 Fiscal Year](#)

Executive Director Adams presented the SSCCC 2022 - 23 Tax 990 Form. She highlighted specific areas that Board members should review closely and walked through a Board of Directors checklist. Members asked questions. Dr. Adams informed members that after today's review, the forms would be filed.

H. [Generative AI Webinar](#)

RAD IV Orta informed members of the status of the Generative AI webinar. Due to scheduling conflicts and lack of marketing, the webinar was postponed. He suggested that the webinar be rescheduled.

Motioned, seconded (LAD X Perez) to approve rescheduling the date to March 30th. Objection.

Motioned, seconded (LAD V Reyes) to amend the motion by changing webinar to a workshop at the General Assembly. No objection, the motion passed.

Debate on the original motion. Concern raised about whether the workshop fits within the current structure of the General Assembly. Objection. Yes – 17, No – 5.

I. [Boundaries Task Force](#)

RAD III Ruano Hernandez presented the recommendation of the Boundaries Task Force to move Columbia College to Region V. Their sister college – Modesto Jr. College is also in Region V. A suggestion was made to move Modesto to Region I. However, moving Columbia to Region V would make the geographic area much larger.

Motioned, seconded, (RAD X De La Cruz) to extend time by 5 minutes. No objections. Motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (LAD IV Koruga) to defer the decision to the Executive Committee to make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the Yuba Community College Districts. RAD X De La Cruz objected and then removed the objection. Motion passed.

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

Postponed.

K. [SSCCC Final Chapters 3 and 4 of the Anti-Racism Student Plan of Action](#)

VP Hernandez presented the Anti-racism: A Student Plan of Action Chapter 3 and 4 and recommended that they be forwarded to the Delegate Assembly for consideration.

Motioned, seconded (RAD V Simon) to forward Chapters 3 & 4 to the Delegate Assembly for consideration. No objections. The motion passed.

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

No discussion.

M. [Term Limit Policy](#)

No discussion.

N. [General Assembly Update](#)

No discussion.

O. [Resolution Process at General Assembly](#)

No Discussion.

P. March in March Update

Report provided during the Friday training.

IV. REPORTS

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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	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

- i. [Rising Scholars Advisory Council](#), Wyatt
- ii. [AB IIII - Common Numbering](#), Alexander
- iii. [Veterans Advisory Committee](#), Alexander

F. [Action Tracking](#)

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

V. INFORMATION (Written information only)

[External Committees](#)

[Internal Committees](#)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Flandre-Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 3:01 PM.