

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Approved Meeting Minutes | November 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Chavez called the meeting to order at 10:00am and requested Vice President of Communications Campos to call the roll.

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Gerardo Chavez

Vice President, Gian Gayatao

Interim Vice President of Regional Affairs, Jenn Galinato

Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Jasmine Prasad

Vice President of Finance, Fiza Syed

Vice President of Communications, Angelica Campos

Regional Affairs Director Region I, Jack Hill

Legislative Affairs Director Region II, Zachariah Wooden

Regional Affairs Director Region III, Clemaus Tervalon

Legislative Affairs Director Region III, Malinalli Villalobos

Regional Affairs Director Region IV, Katherine Rumph

Regional Affairs Director Region V, Aaron Villarreal

Vice Chair Region IV, Daniel Orta

Regional Affairs Director Region VII, Paul Medina

Legislative Affairs Director Region VII Nathalie Guzman

Regional Affairs Director Region VIII, Franz Kieviet (Present at 10:05am)

Regional Affairs Director Region IX, Jessica Dominguez

Legislative Affairs Director Region IX, Victor Hernandez (Present at 10:23am)

Regional Affairs Director Region X, Sara Laila

Legislative Affairs Director Region X, Kenneth Vallesteros (Present at 12:08pm)

Executive Director Adams was also present.

17 present and 3 absent (RAD VIII Kieviet, LAD IX Hernandez and LAD X Vallesteros)

C. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

No amendments were made and the agenda was adopted without objection.

D. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. [Minutes](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the minutes from the meeting held on October 16, 2021.

2. [Community Agreements](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval the SSCCC standing community agreements.*
3. [Resolution Webinar Dates](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval the webinar dates for General Assembly Resolution training.*
4. [ISPCTF Webinar Date](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval a new date for the ISPCTF Webinar - November 19th.*
5. [Diverse Ability Caucus Recognition](#). *The Board of Directors will approve of the creation and recognition of the Diverse Ability Caucus.*
6. [President's Forum](#). *The Board of Directors will consider for approval a President's Forum series.*

Interim VPRA Galinato pulled Item 5 and 6 from the consent agenda. Motioned, seconded (RAD X Laila) no objections to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item 5 and 6. The Consent Agenda was approved.

Yes - 16, No - 0, NVR - 1 (LAD Region III Villalobos).

I. D. 5. Diverse Ability Caucus Recognition

Interim VPRA Galinato noted concern about the language in the Caucus Policy around approving caucuses. The current language states the DEI Committee must approve the caucus first, which causes time delays. ED Adams commented that this was a staff error when updating the policy after the last Board approved changes. The Board eliminated the Equitable Practices Committee and created two committees for the subcommittees - DEI and Caucus. Staff mistakenly replaced the Equitable Practices Committee with DEI, which caused the confusion. She noted that the change could be made without Board approval and had informed both VPRA Galinato and RAD Region X. However, they both decided they wanted to bring the recommendation to the Board, which requires that the Caucus Committee make the recommendations since neither the chair nor members can make recommendations.

VPLA Prasad requested that in the future, if changes are made to committee charges, then the chair would review the final document to hopefully prevent this confusion in the future. The changes to the policy will be brought through the committee for a recommendation to the Board.

I. D. 6. President's Forum

Interim VPRA Galinato requested more information about how RADs will be involved in the President's forum and noted that some regions are still without a RAD. Members also requested that "president" be removed from the forum to make it more generic.

Motioned, seconded (Interim VPRA Galinato) to rename the president's forum to student's forum and to include regional officers and the SSCCC Board of Directors. Without objections, the motion passed.

E. Public Comment

Public comment was heard.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Chancellor's Office Report

No report provided.

B. Executive Committee Report

Interim VPRA Galinato provided the Executive Committee [report](#) and highlighted recent committee action. President Chavez also noted the need for executive officers to increase support for regions and regional officers.

C. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams briefly highlighted several items from her written report including the re-evaluation of the Legislative Affairs Specialist position.

D. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Board of Governors member Lulia Tarasova updated members on current action and updates of the Board of Governors including proposed Title 5 changes on distance education and accessibility and adoption of unlawful discrimination amendments. She also noted the presentation by the SSCCC on the Students Discrimination and Grievance Process. BoG member Tarasova concluded her report by encouraging members to attend the upcoming Board of Governors meeting on November 15, 2021 to provide public comment on the student experience.

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

Michelle Velasquez Bean, ASCCC Treasurer and Liaison updated members on recent actions and activities of ASCCC. She highlighted the resolutions that were approved at the ASCCC Plenary and encouraged members to check out the important links provided throughout her [report](#).

F. FACCC Liaison

Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, FACCC President, updated members on the current actions and updates from FACCC. FACCC recently approved sponsored legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative cycle and will host a policy forum in February 2022. Members were encouraged to attend the forum.

G. CCCSAA Report

Gary Sokolow updated members on the current actions and activities of CCCSAA noting that advisor workshops will resume in December and continued work to provide resources on the CCCSAA website.

H. Legislative Update

VPLA Prasad [reported](#) on recent legislative updates and highlighted potential legislation for the next cycle. Potential Legislation includes:

- Disabled students and non-credit students
- Financial Aid
- OER Textbook
- Mental Health
- Foster Youth

III. BUSINESS

A. [SSCCC Investigation Report](#)

Parliamentarian Scott Burns was introduced to chair this item. A break was called until 11:56 a.m.

Quorum Roll Call: 18 present quorum was established.

SSCCC Attorney Mark Alcorn reviewed the legal opinion provided to the Board via email on November 7, 2021 and opened the floor for questions. Investigator Jessica Hawthorne was also present to answer any questions related to the investigation process.

Members discussed the report and asked for more information about some of the findings of the report including the experience of the investigator in determining whether or not someone was truthful and if the recent governor's executive orders provided specific relaxation of the Brown Act.

One member asked if the investigation could be reopened to allow all Board members to be interviewed. It was clarified that all Board members had the opportunity to bring forward any information or experiences regarding the claims in the complaints. The Board were informed that the investigation current costs and attorney costs to date, which were close to \$20,000. The Board would need to approve another budget amendment to conduct further investigation.

Attorney Mark Alcorn informed members of the possible next steps, which included acting on the investigation or doing nothing with the report. The Board received the report and took no action.

B. [Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release](#): Open Session per Government Code Section 54957(b)(2)

Parliamentarian Scott Burns asked VPLA Prasad if she had a motion to make at this time. VPLA Prasad declined to make a motion and left the item for discussion of the Board. No motion was made.

C. Article of Removal for President

Motioned, seconded (VPLA Prasad) to forward the removal of President Chavez to the General Assembly with the reasons that the President and Executive Director don't follow policy and procedure, policy and procedures are interpreted to benefit themselves, and the lack of communication that negatively impacts the organization.

Parliamentarian Scott Burns suggested a brief break. Without objection, a five-minute recess was taken from 1:39 pm - 1:44 pm.

Substitute the motion (RAD VIII Kieviet) to reopen the investigation in place of the removal of the President. Yes - 5, No - 13 (LAD II Wooden, LAD VII Guzman, RAD I Hill, RAD III Tervalon, RAD IV Rumph, VC IV Orta, RAD V Villarreal, RAD VIII Kieviet, RAD IX Dominguez, VP Gayatao, Interim VPRA Galinato, VPC Campos, and VPF Syed), NVR - 0. The motion failed.

Original Motion to refer the issue of removal of the President to a special session of the General Assembly. Yes - 6, No - 11 (RAD I Hill, RAD III Tervalon, RAD IV Rumph, VC IV Orta, RAD V Villarreal, RAD VII Medina, RAD VIII Kieviet, RAD IX Dominguez, Interim VPRA Galinato, VPC Campos, VPF Syed), NVR - 1 (LAD X Vallesteros). The motion failed.

D. Basic Needs Presentation

Tanya Moore, Facilitator and Managing Partner for Intersecting Lines, LLC and Interim VPRA Galinato provided a presentation on the work of an Intersegmental Basic Needs Workgroup. Board members were asked to provide input on barriers to meeting student basic needs. The feedback will be used to inform the final report.

E. [AB 963 Implementation](#)

Community Organizer, Stephen Kodur, updated members on activities of the Secretary of State related to civic engagement. AB 963 required that colleges host three different types of events surrounding civic engagement. Each college is required to submit a plan to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's Office reached out to the SSSCC for assistance in recruiting colleges to participate.

F. African American Heritage Month Ad Hoc

President Chavez discussed the upcoming African American Heritage Month and the need to form an ad hoc to facilitate the month celebrations. He opened the floor for ad hoc committee volunteers.

Moved, seconded (Interim VPRA Galinato) to create an African American heritage month ad hoc with membership consisting of RAD V Villarreal, RAD IV Rumph, RAD III Tervalon as Chair, VPC Campos, ED Adams, and

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President Chavez as advisory members with the task to create social media and events with a report back in January. Without objection, the motion passed.

G. [Open Education Resource Textbooks Ad-Hoc](#)

Interim VPRA Galinato shared the need for an ad-hoc focused on open education resource textbooks and the creation of a toolkit in partnership with LAC and RAC.

Moved, seconded (VPC Campos) to create an Open Education Resource Textbooks Ad-Hoc with membership consisting of VPLA Prasad, RAD I Hill, RAD III Tervalon, LAD II Wooden, LAD VII Guzman, and Interim VPRA Galinato serving as an advisory member with a report back in January. With no objections, the motion passed.

H. Roundtable

President Chavez opened the floor for members to share key observations, challenges, and other topics regarding constituents.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Officer Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- a. [President](#) -
- b. [Vice President](#)
- c. [Interim 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	V	V	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
V	N	Y	Y	V	V	Y	V	Y	Y

D. Internal Operating Committee Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- I. Audit Committee
- II. [Caucus Committee](#)
- III. [Communications Committee](#)

- IV. Conference Committee
- V. DEI 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. [California Intersegmental Basic Needs Committee](#), RAD Region II Galinato
- II. [Assessment Advisory Committee](#), RAD Region IX Dominguez

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

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.