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REGION IV

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Dear Region IV Family,

As we navigate the challenges and triumphs of student governance, I'm reminded daily of the resilience and dedication of our community. As your Regional Affairs Director, I've witnessed firsthand the barriers that can hinder our progress: from limited access to campus amenities to the potential loss of student representation in decision-making. These issues, alongside the struggles with financial aid, housing, and support systems, highlight the need for a stronger, unified student voice.

Yet, despite these hurdles, we stand on the brink of exciting developments. Our upcoming Delegate Assembly on November 17th at 6PM is not just a meeting; it's a beacon of hope and action. It's where you can make your voice resonate, run for office, or become an alternate delegate. It's where we'll discuss groundbreaking initiatives like Open Education and our collaboration with NASA's Open Science program.

We're more than just students; we're advocates, leaders, and pioneers. Join us as we strive for a future where every student has the tools and opportunities to succeed. Your voice is powerful—let it be heard.

Together, we can transform challenges into stepping stones for success. Let's make this assembly a turning point for our region.

See you there,

David Orta
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EQUITY/INCLUSION

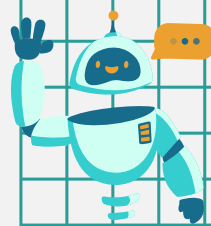
Hybrid Model Resolution

In the latest update from Hartnell College, a glimmer of progress shines through as the long-awaited remote access to student council meetings takes a step forward. A volunteer initiative to set up the necessary technology reflects a move towards inclusivity, yet the timing raises questions. With most of the semester behind us, the slow response to calls for equitable access has left many feeling sidelined.

The situation at Hartnell is a stark reminder of the broader challenges faced across Region IV. It's a call to arms for students and leaders alike to ensure that the principles of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIAA) are more than just buzzwords. They must be the foundation upon which all student governance is built. The delay in implementing remote access is not just a logistical oversight; it's a breach of trust and representation, leaving satellite campus students and potential leaders in the dark.

This isn't just about one college or one group of students; it's about setting a precedent that affects us all. As we strive for a more connected and responsive student governance system, let's use this as a rallying point to demand better. Let's stand united against any form of marginalization, whether through direct action, neglect, or manipulation.

We must hold accountable those who have the power to make a difference yet choose inaction. It's time to amplify the voices that have been ignored and to fight for the rights of every student to participate fully in the educational community. Let's not let this be another missed opportunity. Instead, let's make it the moment we all come together to champion the cause of true equity and inclusion in our colleges.



RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT VOICE

Voting Rights at Ohlone College

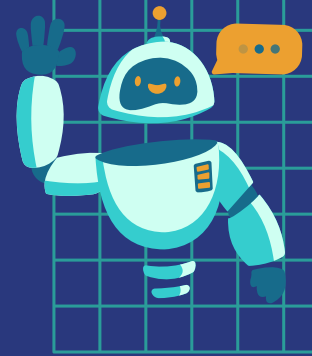
Region IV of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) stands united in support of the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) to uphold the student vote within the Ohlone College Curriculum Committee. This move comes in response to the committee's proposal to strip away student voting privileges, a vital element of academic policy-making. Our alliance with ASOC highlights the critical role that student engagement plays in the governance of education. A letter reflecting the collective voice of Region IV officers and delegates will be sent to Ohlone College's governing bodies. We encourage our delegates and fellow students to make their voices heard at the Ohlone College Curriculum Committee Meeting, advocating for safeguarding student influence in our academic future."



Join Region IV Meetings

Get informed. Speak your mind!

Region IV Delegate Assembly will be meeting via teleconference this month on Friday, November 17th, 2023. We'll discuss increased action for students in creative disciplines, legislative updates, open education, and NASA's Open Science TOPS Initiative. Feel free to voice your questions and concerns in the beginning of our next meeting



Zoom: <https://bit.ly/GoRegionIV>

Elections this month!

Submit a Candidate Statement

We still have several openings in Region IV leadership:

[Executive Board](#)

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Communications Officer

[Delegate Positions](#)

Alternate Delegates are needed at almost all colleges in Region IV!

[Committee](#)

Even if you aren't in Student Government, you can still join a committee to contribute to the opportunities and success of students in Region IV



MEET THE REGION IV 2023 Delegate Assembly

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Umme Zainab
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Arshmeet Kaur



Filippi Montes



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Bryan Cabello



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