

August 2023



SSCCC Connect



Sacramento

Mark Your Calendars!

Executive Committee

Meeting - September 1, 2023

Virtual

Board of Directors Meeting

September 8 - 9, 2023

Moorpark College

Executive Committee

October 6, 2023

Virtual

Board of Directors Meeting

October 13 - 14, 2023

Fresno City College

Advocacy Academy

December 1 - 3, 2023

Riverside Convention Center

[Online Calendar](#)

President's Update

Hello and welcome!

I hope you are all keeping cool during the last few moments of summer. SSCCC is excited to get the ball rolling this term, especially as regions begin meeting in September.

Vision 2030 is our roadmap for the future, outlining our organization's goals and aspirations for the next decade. It's a strategic framework that embodies our shared vision for growth, innovation, and community impact. Remember, Vision 2030 is not just a plan—it's a shared journey that requires each one of us to play an active role. Your involvement, ideas, and dedication will shape the realization of these objectives. Together, we'll make a significant difference and leave a everlasting legacy for generations to come.

This past weekend was our second Board of Directors training, meeting, and orientation, and was one for the books as we all get settled in our roles and are able to cement our goals.

On Friday, we participated in a Gallup strength finders activity which allowed all of us to better understand each other, our strengths, and how they tie into our leadership. This integrative activity allowed all of us to be fully immerse in the constraints of what it means to be a leader. We then

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Board Member Spotlight

Ivan Hernandez (He/Him/His) is a Diablo Valley College (DVC) student majoring in Computer Science and Business Administration. Ivan served as Vice Chair of Region III, President of Student Government at DVC (ASDVC), and President of Diablo Valley Rotaract, a non-profit 501c(4) organization devoted to community service locally and internationally. Ivan hopes to transfer to a four-year university to earn his bachelor's degree in Computer Science with an emphasis in business. This will allow him to pursue entrepreneurship in the future. He is particularly passionate about DEIAA efforts that align with the needs of community college students.



heard a presentation from our Engagement and Development Coordinator Stephen Kodur about our 9 +1 Student Rights and how we as leaders can teach our constituents about how to utilize these rights.

The following day, we heard from Ryan Frydenlund, the Senior Operations Manager from Raffa Investment Advisors about SSCCC investments and the state of our portfolio. Afterwards, VPLA Win gave an expansive presentation on legislative updates. If you'd like more in-depth information, check out our website as well as the [legislative newsletter](#) that is sent out every month. The Board also approved the 2023 - 2024 Legislative Priorities.

On the last day of the weekend, we went in-depth on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedure to ensure that all Board of Directors members have a strong understanding of what they can and can't do in SSCCC meetings. We then had the pleasure of meeting with our Human Rights Consultant Jenine Jenkins who discussed conflict management. Executive Director Dr. Adams and Stephen finished the meeting with a conversation on board efficiency.

As mentioned before, September will be when the ball gets rolling and delegate assemblies are called. If you're interested in getting involved with SSCCC, this coming month will be your chance to do so! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments.

Best,
Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen

SSCCC Adopts 2023 - 24 Legislative Priorities

The Board of Directors adopted its 2023 - 24 Legislative Priorities during the August meeting. The priorities will guide the work of the SSCCC for the year along with its mission, values, and past resolutions. Continuing last year's theme: "Consolidating What We Have, Creating What We Need," the priorities center on four central ideas:

- Basic Needs
- Diversity
- Student Enfranchisement
- Student Success

Read more about the priorities in the [Legislative Alert](#).

Anti-racism: *A Student Plan of Action*

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) is eager to announce Chapters Three and Four from the Student Plan Of Action as our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-racism (DEIAA) top priorities for this year. Chapter Three is focused on our Native American Student population, while Chapter Four focuses on our undocumented students. Both of these communities have been underrepresented/marginalized throughout higher education for centuries, and the SSSCC firmly believes this needs to change. To ensure that we truly represent our students, the DEIAA committee is excited to announce two subcommittee chapter task force groups, Chapter Three and Chapter Four task force groups respectively, created to facilitate the creation of our student plan of action chapters. We truly want to get our communities of Native American students and undocumented students to help us create these student plans of action to ensure our work truly represents their aspirations, needs, struggles, and provides support to their communities. At this time, we ask our Native American and undocumented students to please reach out to Vice President, Ivan Hernandez vp@ssccc.org to get involved with this process. Your voice matters, help us make a difference and advocate on behalf of our 1.8 Million students.

If you're interested in the subject but not necessarily in serving on these task forces, you can still participate. We are planning town halls, where everyone can engage in conversations regarding our two chapters and provide feedback for us to revise and add to our work. The task force groups would then use the feedback provided to make any changes to our existing drafts, and finally present to our students during General Assembly for final approval. If you're not on our mailing list, please sign up today at [this link!](#)



ADVOCACY ACADEMY



Dec. 1-3, 2023
Riverside Convention Center

You've probably read by now that the SSSCC is holding its very first Advocacy Academy December 1 - 3, 2023, in Riverside. We are excited as we plan for this event. Recently, we opened our [Call for Proposals](#). We're searching for workshops for the following four themes:

- Be an Advocate for Change
- Leadership and Empowerment
- Intersectionality, Inclusivity, and Equality
- Building Community

If you know someone who would be a great representative, please forward the call for proposal.

