Executive Committee and Board Meetings

We also send out resources. If you're interested in receiving such resources, please subscribe to the upcoming Legislative Update Newsletter! VPLA@ssccc.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Zachariah Wooden at skodur@ssccc.org, and if you're interested in a detailed legislative and budget update, you can find a recording of this training at this link.

Call Grant Reform

On June 30th, an agreement on the budget between the legislature and the Governor's office was reached. This agreement included a number of important reforms to Cal Grant, which we are working to implement. The agreement included the following:

- Cal Grant reform, which includes many of the changes we have been advocating for, such as:
  - Simplifying the categories of Cal Grant into Cal Grant 2, for two-year institutions, and Cal Grant 3, for four-year institutions
  - Addressing student basic needs by expanding access to financial awards for foster youth and student parents for non-tuition expenses
  - Eliminating barriers to eligibility like time out of high school or GPA requirements for Cal Grant
  - Expanding eligibility to include students who are not U.S. citizens and have completed middle school
  - Investing in community college students and creating opportunities for them to succeed

Voter Registration and Education

As part of the largest higher education institution, one of our responsibilities is to encourage students to exercise their civic duty by registering and educating them. Here are two opportunities for you to get involved.

Ballot Bowl

Each year, the Secretary of State's office conducts a friendly competition between the two. As part of this competition, the SSCCC is hosting voter education and registration events. The intent is to register more college students. This year, the SSCCC is partnering with the Fix Financial Aid Coalition to help students register to vote.

In the meantime, the SSCCC wants to thank our system partners, equity partners, and student leaders for their support and help in our voter registration efforts.

In July, the SSCCC also partnered with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (CCC) to support their Ballot Bowl. We would like to thank the CCC for their ongoing support.

President's Update

As we begin the 2022 - 2023 year, I am immensely proud to serve as your President! Two years ago, I had the honor of being elected as President of the SSCCC, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the students and the challenges they face.

As a continuing leader of the SSCCC, last month we were also able to celebrate our 40th anniversary of the SSCCC. The SSCCC has come a long way in the past 40 years, and I am proud of the work that we have done together.

As we move forward into the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our stakeholders for their support and contributions. I am confident that we will continue to grow and make a positive impact on the lives of our students.

As a leader of the SSCCC, I am committed to continuing to build the organization to be strong and successful. We have a focused agenda and goals for the year, and I am excited to work with each of you to achieve them.

We look forward to another successful year representing you and your issues. Please read more in this Newsletter about some of the activities we have already begun.