January 2024





Coronado, San Diego

Mark Your Calendars!

Executive Committee February 3, 2024 (virtual)

Board of Directors Meeting February 9 - 10, 2024 (Fresno City College)

Executive Committee March 1, 2024 (virtual)

*SSCCC Advocacy Day -*Morning of March 7, 2024 (Sacramento)

*March in March -*Afternoon of March 7, 2024 (Sacramento)

Board of Directors Meeting March 8 - 9, 2024 (Los Angeles)

General Assembly April 5 - 7, 2024 (Santa Clara Marriott)

Other region meetings and events can be found on our Online Calendar

President's Update

Welcome to the new year!

As you create your new year's resolutions and start the new semester, know that the SSCCC is doing the same and is gearing up for a busy couple of months of Advocacy!

After resting and celebrating with family and loved ones this holiday season, the SSCCC Board of Directors met for the first meeting of the year.

Dr. Darla Cooper introduced us to the RP Group, fostering a joint relationship with their Board of Directors. This collaboration promises exciting opportunities and shared visions for the future. Then, Executive Director Adams delved into the Second Quarter Budget Performance, shedding light on how we're navigating the fiscal landscape of 2023-2024. It's heartening to see our financial strategies align with our organizational goals.

Later, VP Hernandez facilitated a discussion on Recorded Automated Meeting Transcriptions, proposing recommendations with amendments for our consideration and approval.

We also held a spirited discussion on a Generative Artificial Intelligence Webinar, proposing a date for the event and the formation of a task force to plan this innovative endeavor.

Later in the day, representatives from Gilbert CPAs shared the 2022-23 Fiscal Year audit report, and we considered its approval. These types of presentations are crucial for transparency and accountability in our financial practices. We concluded the day with a discussion about the SSCCC Partnership Policy. This pivotal policy will shape future collaborations.

Be on the lookout for the SSCCC Elections webinar in February where we will dive deep on what it means to serve as a statewide leader for the CCC system, as well as our March in March advocacy visits and march on March 7. Join us to ensure your voice is heard!

In service, Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen



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Join Us for the SSCCC Adocacy Day and March in March - March 7th.

Get ready for a day of advocacy like never before! On March 7th, join the Student Senate for California Community Colleges at the state Capitol for an action-packed Advocacy Day and March in March!

We're on a mission to make a difference, and we need YOUR voice! We'll be passionately advocating for Cal Grant reform, pushing for better student housing, and championing our incredible bill package that promises positive change for all students.

This is your chance to be part of something BIG! Join us as we rally for a brighter future in education and ensure that the voices of students are heard loud and clear.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to shape the future of California's community colleges! Ready to be a part of the change? <u>RSVP now</u> and let your presence make a powerful impact!

See you at the Capitol on March 7th – together, we'll make history!

Advocacy Day: Morning of Thursday, March 7, 2024

March in March: Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 1:30 pm

<u>RSVP here</u>

Board Member Spotlight

Dani Silva is a

Communications/World Languages & Global Studies Major at Mt. San Antonio College where she served as a Senator of Community Relations and Senate Chair. She is currently the 2023-24 A.S. President and is the Vice President of Communications on the SSCCC board. She is transferring to Pitzer College in the fall of 2024.

Dani lobbied for appropriations in Washington DC and understands the power of communications for organizations promoting vital initiatives and purposes, like SSCCC. Dani strives to advocate and elevate all student populations so each one feels heard, seen, appreciated, and understood.



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Resolution Timeline and Webinar

As February approaches so does the deadline for submitting a resolution for debate and adoption at the upcoming General Assembly.

- January 26, 2024 Resolution Writing Webinar
- February 14, 2024 Original resolution submission due
- February 23, 2024 First resolution package disseminated
- March 8, 2024 -Amendments to resolutions due
- March 14, 2024 Amended resolution package disseminated

If you have an idea but are not sure how to create a resolution, please check out the Resolution Writing Webinar on our YouTube Channel. This webinar will explain the mechanics of a resolution and the resolution process.

In addition, you can find details and resources for drafting resolutions <u>here.</u>













We are excited for the annual General Assembly in Santa Clara on April 5 - 7. Students and advisors will come together throughout the event to participate in educational workshops, network, and help shape the future of the SSCCC.

The Call for Proposals for this year's event is now open. We are inviting groups of students, associated student body organizations, partners, and other stakeholders to provide the platform for insightful discussions and empowering collaboration among attendees. We welcome you to become an integral part of the General Assembly and submit a workshop today.

This year's conference theme is "Rooted Advocacy: From Seed to Sprout, Branching out with Purpose and Action," which speaks to the roles students play in advocating for their rights.. For more information about submitting a proposal including the workshop strands, please visit our website at this link.

