

December 2023

SSCCC Connect



President's Update

Happy Holidays!

The SSSCC Board of Directors continues to be grateful to be champions for community college students. I had an absolutely spectacular time meeting everyone at our Inaugural Advocacy Academy in Riverside!

Over the past two months, the Board of Directors engaged in reflection, discussion, and connection. In November, training sessions included meaningful conversations on emotional intelligence, creating safe spaces, and the role of feedback within SSSCC. The official meeting featured updates on the Common ERP Project and discussions with California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED's) President regarding a potential partnership. Recommendations on SSSCC's stance on Common Course Numbering (AB 1111) were approved, along with the endorsement of the SSSCC Region Boundary Taskforce membership.

In December, we covered a 'One-minute Learning Moment,' a discussion on identity verification in admissions, and insights on proposed title 5 changes for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA). The meeting concluded with discussions on recorded meeting transcriptions and a six-month Board evaluation, outlining potential implementation actions.

The SSSCC also hosted its inaugural Advocacy Academy in early December, which proved to be a tremendous success, drawing over 400 students and advisors. Participants gained insights into fundamental advocacy skills, negotiations, and more, fostering valuable connections with students from over 40 colleges. Further details about the academy can be found below.

I deeply appreciate the crucial role each of you plays as a student leader on your campus, and I eagerly anticipate the upcoming new year alongside all of you.

In service,
Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen

Mark Your Calendars!

Executive Committee

January 5, 2024 (Virtual)

Board of Directors Meeting

January 12-13, 2024 (San Diego)

Executive Committee

February 2, 2024 (Virtual)

Board of Directors Meeting

February 9-10, 2024 (Fresno City)

March in March and SSSCC Lobby Day

March 7, 2024 (Sacramento)

General Assembly

April 5-7, 2024 (Santa Clara Marriott)

[Online Calendar](#)

Resolutions

During the General Assembly, the SSCCC will convene the Delegate Assembly to deliberate on resolutions that will shape the SSCCC's trajectory for the upcoming year. The timeline for submission is outlined below:

- October - November 2023 - General Announcement of Resolution Process
- 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 there is a matter you'd like to address or a challenge you aim to resolve, yet you're uncertain about crafting a resolution, we've created various tools to assist you in navigating the SSCCC Resolution process. These include a guide on writing resolutions, all conveniently accessible on our website at [this link](#).

If you have questions regarding the resolution process, please contact the chair of the Resolution Committee, VPLA Win at vpla@ssccc.org.



Save the Date!

We are thrilled to announce that the 28th General Assembly of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) will take place from April 5 to April 7 in the vibrant city of Santa Clara! This event promises to be a powerful gathering of minds, fostering collaboration and growth within the community college system.

Event Details:

- Dates: April 5 - 7, 2024
- Location: Santa Clara Marriott in Santa Clara, California

Reservations Open Now!

Reservations for the SSCCC 28th General Assembly are now open. Secure your spot to be part of this exciting event by registering early. Don't miss out on the opportunity to engage with fellow students, community college advocates, share ideas, and contribute to the collective progress of the SSCCC.

Hotel Accommodations:

We have also arranged special room rates for attendees. Take advantage of this offer and secure your hotel accommodations today. Immerse yourself in the General Assembly experience without worrying about your stay.

Reservation Information:

- [Event Registration](#)
- [Hotel Reservations](#)
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For more details on the schedule, speakers, and additional information, please visit our official [SSCCC website](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to Santa Clara for the 28th General Assembly. Let's come together to celebrate achievements, share insights, and build a stronger foundation for the future of community colleges.

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact us at info@ssccc.org. See you in Santa Clara!



Advocacy Academy

From Campus to Capitol and Every Step in Between

The SSCCC held its inaugural Advocacy Academy at the Riverside Convention Center in downtown Riverside from December 1 to 3, 2023. The successful event effectively achieved its objective of uplifting students by providing them with the essential skills needed to advocate for change within their campuses and communities.

With a diverse audience exceeding 400 students and advisors, the Academy appealed to individuals beyond those solely interested in politics. Participants gained valuable insights into influential strategies targeting decision-makers at various levels, ranging from campus leaders and trustee boards to city councils and legislators. The emphasized skills proved universally applicable, whether advocating to fellow students or engaging with senators, covering areas such as negotiation, effective communication, and relationship-building.

Beyond acquiring a deeper understanding of these crucial skills, participants benefited from a thorough exploration of advocacy techniques. As a result of the Advocacy Academy, students emerged better prepared to navigate the complexities of influencing change, instilling a sense of empowerment and readiness to contribute to positive transformations within their educational institutions and communities. The event's success marked a significant milestone in cultivating a new generation of effective advocates and leaders.

Save the Date for next year's Advocacy Academy - November 22 - 24, 2024 in Sacramento at the Sheraton Hotel.

Sending heartfelt wishes to all celebrating this festive season, whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah, or another cherished holiday. As we come together in unity and joy, let's pause to acknowledge the strength and resilience within our diverse community.

To our students facing challenges during this time, you're not alone. Your determination is truly inspiring, and we stand in solidarity with you. May this season reflect the enduring spirit of community and support, even amidst life's complexities.

In the face of global uncertainties, let's also extend our thoughts to those affected by conflicts worldwide. May the coming year bring healing and peace to all nations.

May the holiday magic bring moments of tranquility, and may the upcoming year be filled with hope and brighter days for each of you. Wishing you comfort, joy, and a sense of togetherness during this special time.