

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Regular Meeting Agenda | January 11, 2025

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Hernandez

Vice President Joshua Simon

Vice President of Regional Affairs Robert Alexander

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Annie Koruga

Vice President of Finance Alicia Gan Zeng

Vice President of Communications Alexis Bravo

Regional Affairs Director Region I Lawrence Ortiz

Regional Affairs Director Region II Alisha Nagpal

Legislative Affairs Director Region II Alec Sarkissian

Regional Affairs Director Region III Guadalupe Lopez

Legislative Affairs Director Region III Brandon Maskey

Regional Affairs Director Region IV Maya Tamura

Legislative Affairs Director Region IV Kishan Naik

Regional Affairs Director Region V Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes

Legislative Affairs Director Region V Dejalía White

Regional Affairs Director Region VI Sanjana Sudhir

Legislative Affairs Director Region VI Tara Pai

Regional Affairs Director Region VII David Duncan

Legislative Affairs Director Region VII Esmeralda Hernandez (left 11:15am)

Regional Affairs Director Region VIII César Tlatoāni Alvarado

Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII Sophie Gieng

Regional Affairs Director Region IX Joia Miller

Legislative Affairs Director Region IX Brandon Cooley

Regional Affairs Director Region X Christopher Chandler

Legislative Affairs Director Region X Brandon Quandt

Quorum: 25 present, 0 Absent, Quorum was established.

The mission of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) is to enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students by pursuing policies that will improve student access and success while engaging and empowering local student leaders, as well as honoring equity and diversity.

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C. [Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests](#) | 2 mins

No action.

D. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

Motioned, seconded (VP Simonl) to adopt the agenda. No objections. Motion passed.

E. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. [Meeting Minutes](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the December 14, 2024, meeting minutes.*
2. [Financial Literacy Advocacy \(FLA\) Caucus Application](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the Financial Literacy Advocacy Caucus Application.*
3. [Undocumented Students Caucus Application](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the Undocumented Students Caucus.*
4. [Region X Fundraising Plan](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the Region X Fundraising Plan.*

Items E. 1 and E. 2 were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion, seconded (RAD V Reyes) to approve consent items 3 and 4. No objections. Motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VII Duncan) to approve the minutes from December 14, 2024. No objections, motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD III Lopez) to approve the FLA Caucus Application. No objection. Motion Approved.

F. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Community Agreements](#)

President Hernandez reviewed the SSCCC Community Agreements.

B. Chancellor's Office Report

Deputy Chancellor Dr. Rowena Tomaneng provided the Chancellor's Office report as part of her introduction to the Board.

C. Executive Committee Report

VPRA Alexander presented the Executive Committee activities for January.

D. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Adams informed members about activities related to the outreach and engagement, legislative advocacy, communication and social media updates, statewide and regional communications, and staff highlights. Dr. Adams announced that De'ja Corbin has been promoted to

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the Director of Administration. The Executive Director report can be found at [this link](#).

E. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Student members Love Adu and Casey Chang reported on the Board of Governors updates and activities. Their presentation can be found at [this link](#).

F. Academic Senate for California Community College (ASCCC) Report

Treasurer Robert L Stewart presented the ASCCC report about ASCCC updates and activities. His written report can be found at [this link](#).

G. Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Liaison Report

President Wendy Brill-Wynkoop updated members on the activities of the Faculty Association for California Community Colleges, including their legislative priorities.

H. California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) Liaison Report

No Report.

III. BUSINESS

A. [AB 705 and AB 1705 Presentation](#)

ASCCC President Cheryl Ashenbach presented information about AB 705 and AB 1705, providing the faculty perspective, including the ASCCC positions. A link to the presentation can be found at [this link](#).

B. [Public Advocates HTS Event Co-sponsor](#)

The Board deliberated on the potential co-hosting of the *Hear the Students (HTS)* event with Public Advocates, set for Spring 2025 in Sacramento. During the discussion, concerns were raised regarding one of the event's other co-hosts, the Afrikan Black Coalition (ABC), particularly past claims from Board members regarding anti-LGBTQ+ and anti-Semitic content on ABC's social media. These concerns had previously led the Board to forgo partnering with ABC, though no formal engagement with the organization took place at that time.

At the last meeting, the Board directed President Hernandez and Dr. Adams to engage in dialogue with ABC, communicate these concerns, and report back on their findings.

Subsequently, President Hernandez and Dr. Adams met with ABC representatives to discuss the issues. ABC outlined its stance on hate speech and clarified its social media policies, emphasizing that while the organization does not condone discriminatory rhetoric and remains committed to cultural sensitivity, some guest speakers may express personal views that do not fully align with ABC's philosophy.

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Board members continued to express concerns about being associated with ABC; however, it was acknowledged that since SSCCC would only be co-hosting an event led by Public Advocates—not ABC—the level of direct interaction would be minimal. Others saw the collaboration as an opportunity to engage with ABC and educate them on the issues of concern raised by SSCCC.

Motioned, seconded (VPF Gan) co-host the Public Advocates event was made by VPF. No objections. Motioned passed.

C. [Conflict Management Policy and Procedure](#)

President Hernandez presented the revised Conflict Management Policy and Procedures, which were updated in response to findings from the recent SSCCC investigation. The investigation highlighted weaknesses in the current dispute resolution process, prompting the Board to agree that changes were necessary.

Dr. Adams and President Hernandez reviewed the policies, reflecting on their experiences over the past few years and the challenges. The new policy brings together the SSCCC Accountability Panel and Issue Management process while also addressing real situations that have caused conflict in the past. The goal is to create a system that is clearer, fairer, and more effective in resolving disputes—one that builds trust, promotes accountability, and strengthens the organization as a whole.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to postpone this item to the next Board of Directors meeting. Members were encouraged to send feedback to Dr. Adams and President Hernandez. No objections. Motion passed.

D. Deputy Chancellor Meet and Greet

Dr. Rowena Tomaneng, Chancellor's Office Deputy Chancellor, introduced herself and highlighted key system issues. Members engaged the Deputy Chancellor.

E. [Second Quarter Budget Performance](#)

Executive Director Adams presented the SSCCC Second Quarter Budget Performance and addressed members' questions. She shared that the staff received over 250 scholarship applications related to the recent fire disaster in Los Angeles. Members requested that she bring back a discussion at the next meeting to consider increasing the scholarship amount.

F. [Executive Director Evaluation Training](#)

Postponed until the next meeting.

G. [UCSA/CSSA Joint Conference](#)

Members discussed the creation of a task force representing all three segments to explore the possibility of organizing a joint conference. This

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task force would evaluate key aspects of the conference such as the conference's format, timing, purpose, and other logistical considerations necessary for a successful collaboration.

President Hernandez has engaged in preliminary discussions with the presidents of each segment, who have expressed their support for the initiative. The task force will consist of four representatives from each segment, including the presidents.

Dr. Adams noted that a similar joint conference was held a few years ago, focusing on shared legislative priorities. The event was successful, drawing approximately 150 students and fostering collaboration across the segments.

Motioned, seconded, ((RAD I Ortiz) to approve the task force to explore the possibility of holding a joint conference. No objections. Motioned passed. President Hernandez will appoint members to the task force.

H. [SSCCC Sponsored Resolutions](#)

Members discussed two resolutions submitted to the Board for consideration of sponsorship. The Board can only sponsor five resolutions per the Resolutions Procedure. The first resolution discussed the Safe Parking and Rehousing Program.

Motioned, seconded, (RAD VII Duncan) to sponsor the Safe Parking and Rehousing Program. No objections. Motion passed.

Motioned, seconded (VPLA) to postpone the resolution on Expanding Education on Female CPR. No objections. Motion Passed.

I. [Brown Act and SSSCC Discussion](#)

Executive Director Dr. Adams updated members on a formal legal opinion from a Brown Act attorney regarding whether the Brown Act applies to the SSSCC. The attorney has made three recommendations:

1. Continue to operate as if the SSSCC and all committees are under the Brown Act.
2. Do not continue to operate committees or regions under the Brown Act.
3. Operate as if the SSSCC and its committees are under the Brown Act with some variations.

Dr. Adams is recommending #3. This recommendation most directly addressed student safety issues while still protecting transparency.

Motioned, seconded, (LAD X Quandt) to approve the recommendation #3. No objections. Motion Passed

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J. [Leaders Trust Grant](#)
Postponed until the next meeting.

K. [Elections Procedure](#)
Postponed until the next meeting.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to postpone items F, J, and K until the next meeting. Objection. Yes - 17, No - 4 (VPF Gan, LAD I Ortiz, LAD II Sarkissian, LAD VI Pai)

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Officer Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- a. [President](#)
- b. [Vice President](#)
- c. [Vice President of Regional Affairs](#)
- d. [Vice President of Legislative Affairs](#)
- e. [Vice President of Finance](#)
- f. [Vice President of Communications](#)

B. RAD Region Reports | Additional Oral Reports

[Submitted Reports: Y] [Not Submitted: N] [Vacant: V]

R I	R II	R III	R IV	R V	R VI	R VII	R VIII	R IX	R X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

C. LAD Region Reports | Additional Oral Reports

[Submitted Reports: Y] [Not Submitted: N] [Vacant: V]

R I	R II	R III	R IV	R V	R VI	R VII	R VIII	R IX	R X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

D. Internal Operating Committee Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- I. Audit Committee
- II. [Caucus Committee](#)
- III. [Communications Committee](#)
- IV. [Conference Committee](#)
- V. [DEIAA Subcommittee](#)
- VI. [Executive Committee](#)
- VII. Finance Committee
- VIII. [Internal Affairs Committee](#)
- IX. [Legislative Affairs Committee](#)
- X. Region Finance and Fundraising Committee

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- XI. [Regional Affairs Committee](#)
- XII. Resolutions Committee

E. External Reports

F. [Action Tracking](#)

A simple tracking of tasks assigned by the Board of Directors to members or staff.

V. INFORMATION (Written information only)

A. [External Committees](#)

B. [Internal Committees](#)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm