

September 2023



# SSCCC Connect



**Moorpark College**

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **Executive Committee**

**Meeting** - October 6, 2023  
(Virtual)

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

October 13-14, 2023  
(Los Medanos College and Walnut Creek)

### **Executive Committee**

November 3, 2023  
(Virtual)

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

November 10-11, 2023  
(Reedley College and Fresno)

### **Advocacy Academy**

December 1 - 3, 2023  
Riverside Convention Center

[Online Calendar](#)

## President's Update

Hello Hello!

This past weekend was our third Board of Directors Training and Meeting and the first meeting of the term where we were on the grounds with one of our colleges. This month, we had the honor of touring Moorpark College in Region VI, and got a chance to visit their zoo! Fun fact: Moorpark College is one of two colleges in the United States that has a teaching zoo on campus. On top of a personal tour, we got the opportunity to connect with Ventura, Moorpark, and Oxnard College students. We hosted a student forum with this amazing group of student leaders and got to delve into the area-specific concerns they have and what they are focusing on for the term.

After this, Engagement and Development Coordinator Stephen Kodur, along with Vice President of Legislative Affairs Chanelle Win, gave a presentation and activity centered around resolutions and how to impact campus policies through the resolution process. Being on the ground with our college campuses is truly exciting as we get the chance to not only meet student leaders, but also see first-hand our work applied on campuses through conversations with the student leaders. I personally got to have a conversation with Moorpark College's SBA president about how he has seen SSCCC work and the reverberations we have made on the SBA level.

Summing it all up with our third official Board of Directors Meeting, if you'd like to host an SSCCC Board Training, please contact our Engagement and Development Coordinator Stephen Kodur at [skodur@ssccc.org](mailto:skodur@ssccc.org).

Best,  
Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen  
President





The SSCCC [Advocacy Academy](#) is set to take place from December 1 to 3, 2023, at the [Riverside Convention Center](#). This conference aims to empower student leaders by equipping them with the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate for their needs, whether at the local, state, or federal levels. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of critical issues confronting California community colleges, including but not limited to affordable housing, financial aid, and transfers. Moreover, the event will provide participants with the necessary tools to advocate efficiently at all levels of government.

The workshops will focus on the following themes:

1. Be an advocate for change: Beyond advocating at the state level, the SSCCC is emphasizing the importance of local advocacy through this conference.
2. Leadership and empowerment: Our workshops are designed to nurture both professional and personal growth among students. Topics covered include resume building and resolution writing.
3. Intersectionality, inclusivity, and equality: Students will gain access to valuable resources and learn how to leverage existing laws to promote equality in future policies and infrastructure development.
4. Building community: Workshops will focus on building relationships and forming coalitions with key system partners, such as the Chancellor's office and policymakers.

Spread the Word: We encourage you to share this conference date with your Student Body Association (SBA) to facilitate planning and coordination for your community college's students within your region.

The registration link can be found [here](#).

## Legislative Stories Campaign

The SSCCC has launched the legislative stories campaign to collect student-lived stories for our legislative advocacy efforts and social media purposes. This will help us advocate effectively for actual issues students are facing, instead of basing them on statistics. In times of urgency and in the fast-paced environment of the Capitol, we want to ensure students' voices are still on the table. The form has a video or a text entry option that you can choose from to submit your responses. Any entry will be automatically placed for a chance to win a \$25 dollar gift card so run to them!

For more information or accommodation, please contact VPLA Chanelle Win at [vpla@ssccc.org](mailto:vpla@ssccc.org). To submit your video, visit [bit.ly/SSCCC-Legislative-Stories](https://bit.ly/SSCCC-Legislative-Stories).

## Shared Governance

Every academic year, the SSCCC undertakes the responsibility of selecting California Community College students to act as representatives on systemwide participatory governance committees. These committees are designed to formulate policies, implement effective practices, and allocate resources to address various issues affecting the 116 CCC campuses. We are currently seeking students to serve on the following groups:

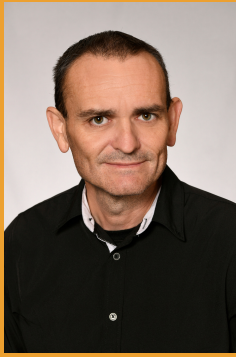
- Library and Learning Resources Program Advisory Committee (LLRPAC)
- Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee
- Rising Scholars Advisory Committee (RSAC) [Need previously incarcerated students]

Click [this link](#) for more information.



## Board Member Spotlight

Robert Alexander is a U.S. Army Veteran attending college within Region IX. He has completed multiple certificates in Crime Scene Investigations, Administration Justice, and Corrections. He has completed associate degrees in Sociology and Anthropology at Crafton Hills. He is currently working on a transfer degree in social justice and ethics studies at San Bernardino Valley College. Robert is also serving on his local student senate at Crafton Hills College. Robert dreams of being able to serve as a United States Congressman. Robert's passion is advocacy and he has many years of advocacy and leadership experience. His advocacy experiences have led him to travel to Sacramento and Washington DC to meet with legislative leaders. Robert will continue to address key issues that students are facing such as food and housing insecurities, mental health services, Cal Grant reform, free to low-cost textbooks, increasing Pell Grant funds for students, and all key issues that place barriers on students' success and education. As VPRA Robert will strive to assist in the activation of all ten Regions within SSCCC and all 116 California Community Colleges.



## Anti-racism: A Student Plan of Action Webinar

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) is very excited to announce our partnership with the state Chancellor's Office in a series of webinars during the Undocumented Student Action Week from October 16 - 20, 2023. The SSCCC will be leading the webinar "Anti-racism: A Student Plan of Action" on October 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. (You can register at [this link](#).) Our webinar will have undocumented student leaders who are also members of our undocumented student task force group. These students will share their experiences as undocumented students navigating our system of higher education. It is important to point out that this webinar will serve as the first town hall for Anti-racism Chapter 4 - Undocumented Students, and will help us get insight and key information as we begin drafting our chapter on undocumented students. We need your feedback and would appreciate your attendance and participation. Simultaneously, you all can expect to hear soon from the American Indian and Alaska Native Students task force, as we will also host a town hall for our American Indian and Alaska Native community to join and provide feedback for us to begin drafting Anti-racism Chapter 3 - American Indian and Alaska Native Students. It is very rewarding to know that our work on these two chapters is moving forward to the second phase of the process. Thank you to all the student leaders who have volunteered their time to join our two task force groups and have helped us on this project.

The SSCCC acknowledges all the barriers our undocumented and American Indian and Alaska Native communities face in their lives - we are constantly advocating with our local, state, and federal government on behalf of all California community college students to ensure their voices are at the decision-making table. There are a series of webinars scheduled for the Undocumented Action Week—please see this page for [the link](#). We hope you will join us to help us better understand student concerns and the areas where the SSCCC should focus its efforts as we continue through this year.

If any questions, concerns, or comments arise, please feel free to contact DEIAA Chair Ivan Hernandez at [vp@ssccc.org](mailto:vp@ssccc.org).