

# STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Final Minutes | September 14, 2024

## I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Call to Order

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 III Brandon Maskey

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

Regional Affairs Director Region VIII César Tlatoāni Alvarado

Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII Sophie Ngoc Quy G

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: 21 present. 1 Absent. Quorum was established.**

#### Absent:

Regional Affairs Director Region IV Harini Nagappan (Arrived 10:32 AM)

*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

Motioned, seconded (VPLA Koruga) to approve AB2449 Teleconference Exemption Request. No objections. Motion passed.

### D. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

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

### E. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. [Meeting Minutes](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2024.*

Motioned, seconded (RAD V Reyes) to approve the meeting minutes as presented. No Objection. Motion passed.

### F. Public Comment

Public comment was made.

## II. SPECIAL ORDERS

### A. [Community Agreements](#)

President Hernandez reminded members of the Board approved Community Agreements.

### B. Chancellor's Office Report

Assistant Vice Chancellor Gina Browne provided a brief Chancellor's Office report.

### C. Executive Committee Report

Vice President Simon informed members of the Executive Committee's actions at its last September 6, 2024 meeting.

### D. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Adams updated members on staff activities since the August Board of Directors meeting. The report can be found at [this link](#).

### E. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Board of Governors Student Member Casey Chang briefly reported on the activities of the Board of Governors.

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

Robert L Stewart Jr., ASCCC Treasurer, reported on ASCCC activities.

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

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Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President and Anna Matthews, Government Relations Director, reported on FACCC activities.

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

Doris Hankins, CCCSAA Liaison, reported on CCCSAA activities.

## **III. BUSINESS**

### **A. One Minute Share**

The Board of Directors shared a one-minute update about their region activation.

### **B. [Equitable Placement](#)**

Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President, and Anna Matthews, Government Relations Director, provided the Board members with information about AB 1705. AB 1705, introduced by Irwin, aimed to eliminate standalone remedial courses in California community colleges to address equity gaps among marginalized students. President Brill-Wynkoop and Anna Matthews shared that faculty have identified several unintended consequences that may hinder student success and access to education. The legislation has reduced access to foundational courses, leaving marginalized students needing more adequate support to meet their skill levels. The corequisite model, which integrates basic skills with transfer-level content, often overwhelms students with its demands, clashing with the realities of many community college students who balance caregiving and jobs. Although AB 1705 seeks to enhance equity, it may inadvertently heighten inequalities by pushing underprepared students into transfer-level courses without sufficient assistance. They concluded their presentation by answering questions.

### **C. [California Community College Trustee Student Representative \(CCCT\)](#)**

No report was given.

### **D. [Legislative 2024 - 25 Priorities](#)**

Associate Director Stephanie Goldman and Vice President of Legislative Affairs Annie Koruga presented the proposed Legislative Priorities for 2024-25. Members discussed these priorities, particularly focusing on the number of priorities. Dr. Adams expressed concern about insufficient staff to support all 20 priorities. She recommended that the Board narrow the list to five or six key priorities to provide clearer guidance on what should be prioritized. The remaining priorities would still be addressed but with less emphasis. Members further discussed the idea and suggested creating a tiered priorities list categorized as high, medium, and medium-low, with 6 to 10 priorities designated as high.

**Motioned, seconded (VPLA Koruga) to approve the Legislative Priorities proposed for 2024-2025 by LAC with tiered ranking developed by the**

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**President, Executive Director, VPLA, and Associate Director. No objections.**

**Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to amend the motion to take the priorities to LAC for approval. No objections.**

**Motioned, seconded (VPLA Koruga) to approve the Legislative Priorities proposed for 2024-2025 by LAC with tiered ranking developed by the President, Executive Director, VPLA, and Associate Director and approved by LAC. No objections. Perfected motion passed.**

**E. [Legislative Update](#)**

AD Goldman and VPLA Koruga updated the Board of Directors regarding the 2023 - 2024 Legislative activities.

**F. [Federal Advocacy Conference](#)**

President Hernandez and Executive Director Adams discussed attending the American Student Association of California Community Colleges conference in March. The SSCCC has attended the event for several years and found that the conference needed more specific training for legislative visits and legislative training. In conversations with student Board members and other participants, the topic of how the SSCCC can assist with the training arose. Since federal advocacy is included in the SSCCC strategic plan, it makes sense for us to explore the idea of partnering with ASACC to conduct the training,

**Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to approve holding a Federal Advocacy Event in Washington DC as a pilot plan in Spring 2025. If next year's Board approves holding the event again, designate the Conference Committee to plan the event.**

**Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Hernandez) to amend the motion to designate a committee to plan the event.**

**Motioned, seconded to approve holding a Federal Advocacy Event in Washington DC as a pilot plan in Spring 2025. If next year's Board approves holding the event again, designate a committee to plan the event. Yes - 19, No - 1 (VPF). Motion passed.**

**G. [Internal Committee Priorities](#)**

President Hernandez reminded members to review the committee charges for their required activities and priorities.

**H. [Internal Accountability](#)**

VP Simon presented an updated stipend and accountability reports and explained the submission process.

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### 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
N	<a href="#">Y</a>	V	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	N	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>

#### 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
V	V	<a href="#">Y</a>	V	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>

#### 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
- 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**