

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Approved Meeting Minutes | October 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and requested Vice President of Communications Campos to call the roll.

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Gerardo Chavez

Vice President, Gian Gayatao

Vice President of Regional Affairs, Brianna Ross (Left at 3:46pm)

Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Jasmine Prasad

Vice President of Finance, Fiza Syed

Vice President of Communications, Angelica Campos

Regional Affairs Director Region I, Jack Hill

Regional Affairs Director Region II, Jenn Galinato

Legislative Affairs Director Region II, Zachariah Wooden

Regional Affairs Director Region III, Clemaus Tervalon

Legislative Affairs Director Region III, Malinalli Villalobos (Returned at 3:40pm)

Vice Chair Region III Siwei (Stephanie) Tang (2:21 pm - 3:40 pm)

Regional Affairs Director Region IV, Katherine Rumph

Legislative Affairs Director Region IV, Roann Acot

Regional Affairs Director Region VII, Paul Medina

Legislative Affairs Director Region VII Nathalie Guzman

Regional Affairs Director Region VIII, Franz Kieviet (Present at 9:05am)

Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII, Roy Sahachaisere

Regional Affairs Director Region IX, Jessica Dominguez

Legislative Affairs Director Region IX, Victor Hernandez (Present at 9:37am)

Regional Affairs Director Region X, Sara Laila

Legislative Affairs Director Region X, Kenneth Vallesteros (Present at 11:58am)

19 present and 2 absent (LAD X Vallesteros and LAD IX Hernandez)

C. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

No amendments were made and the agenda was adopted without objection.

D. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. Minutes. The Board of Directors will consider for approval the minutes from the meeting held on [September 11, 2021](#) and [October 3, 2021](#).

2. [Community Agreements](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the SSCCC standing community agreements.
3. [SSCCC Auditor Selection](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval a firm to audit the SSCCC fiscal year 2020 - 21 financials.
4. [General Assembly 2023 Dates](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the dates and location for the Spring 2023 General Assembly.
5. [ISPCTF Webinar Event](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval holding an ISPCTF Webinar during the week of October 31st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
6. [AB705 Resolution](#). The Board of Directors will consider for approval the AB705 Resolution to be forwarded to the Board of Governors.

Vice President of Communications Campos pulled item 4 from the consent agenda. **Motioned, seconded (RAD I Hill) to approve the consent agenda as amended. Yes - 18, No - 0, NVR - 0. The consent agenda was adopted.**

I. D. 4. [General Assembly 2023 Dates](#)

VPC Campos noted concerns about the General Assembly conflicting with Ramadan. **Moved, seconded (VPRA Ross) to approve March 17 - 19, 2023 as the date for the 2023 SSCCC General Assembly. Without objection, the motion was passed.**

E. Public Comment

Public comment was heard.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Chancellor's Office Report

Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado provided a brief Chancellor's Office report and highlighted the upcoming Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW). Board members were encouraged to attend the USAW webinars in addition to the Pathway to Equity webinar series resuming October 26, 2021, at 10am. Executive Vice Chancellor Alvarado also noted that the Chancellor's Office has produced and issued notice regarding two DEI modules. One module focuses on cultural competency training for faculty and staff and the second focuses on implicit bias on college campuses.

B. Executive Committee Report

Vice President Gayatao provided a brief report on Executive Committee discussions and activities. The Executive Committee has revised the stipend policy as directed by the Board and has identified two candidates to fill the upcoming VPRA vacancy. VP Gayatao also noted that the Executive Committee has reviewed AB 361 (2021 Rivas) and determined that Board meetings can continue to be held hybrid without needing the additional correspondence to approve hybrid meetings, which will be discussed later on this agenda.

C. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams highlighted several items from her written report including continued work with the Haas grant and the recent move of the SSCCC office supplies and equipment out of the Chancellor's Office into a storage unit.

D. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Board of Governors member Iulia Tarasova updated members on the actions and updates of the Board of Governors. BoG member Tarasova highlighted the continued work surrounding basic needs and encouraged board members to attend the upcoming learning session around the student service ecosystem approach.

E. Academic Senate for California Community College (ASCCC)

Carrie Roberson, ASCCC Liaison, provided a brief report on ASCCC activities and updates. ASCCC is hosting the Fall Plenary November 4 - 6, 2021 in Long Beach. This year's theme is Learning and Governance in a Hybrid World.

F. FACCC Liaison

Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, FACCC President, updated members on the current actions and updates from FACCC. Legislative priorities are being finalized and will be on the FACCC agenda in the coming months. Members were encouraged to save the date for the 2022 Advocacy & Policy Conference March 6-7 in Sacramento.

G. CCCSAA Report

Gary Sokolow, CCCSAA Liaison, provided a report to members and highlighted the recent CCCSAA website update.

H. Legislative Update

VPLA Prasad provided an [update](#) on SSCCC sponsored legislation and other legislation of interest and highlighted potential legislation to be pursued in the next legislative cycle.

III. BUSINESS

A. CCCT Student Trustee

CCCT Student Trustee Leonardo Rodriguez updated members on recent DEI and legislation work. Trustee Rodriguez was sworn in on September 17, 2021 and is the first DACA student in this role.

B. Pass/No Pass Grading

Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado updated members on the recent changes to the Pass/No Pass Grading regulations after conversations with stakeholders. Changes include removing the 30% time restriction to when the pass/no pass option can be selected and adding clean up language to remove out of date terminology. The proposed changes have been

reviewed by the Consultation Council and the Board of Governors have completed their first reading.

Executive Vice Chancellor Alvarado noted that Executive Orders regarding pass/no pass are set to expire at the end of the calendar year. The goal is to push these changes through before then to ensure there is no gap in colleges' ability to use the revised pass/no pass regulations.

C. SSCCC Investigation Status Update

President Chavez asked if there were any objections to having parliamentarian James Stewart chair this item. No objections.

Parliamentarian James Stewart gave the floor to the SSCCC attorney Mark Alcorn to provide an update on the status of the investigation into recent complaints against the SSCCC President and Executive Director. Mark Alcorn noted that he has been in communication with the Chancellor's Office regarding their role in the investigation. The Chancellor's Office will not be intervening at this time and expects the SSCCC Board of Directors to oversee the investigation.

A summary of the issues was provided to board members via email prior to the meeting. Board members were reminded to provide their input to attorney Mark Alcorn by October 25, 2021. The investigation is anticipated to be completed by mid-November and an analysis will be provided to the board.

Attorney Mark Alcorn also advised the Board to wait for the investigation analysis before acting on the removal of the president or action on the Executive Director's contract.

D. [Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release:](#)

Parliamentarian James Stewart informed Board members that according to Robert's Rules of Order, the basic steps which make up the elements of a fair disciplinary process should be understood. These are: (1) confidential investigation by a committee; (2) report of the committee, and preferral of charges if warranted; (3) formal notification of the accused; (4) trial. Since the Board determined that an independent organization would investigate the acquisitions, item III. D and E are out of order. These items should be revisited upon the conclusion of the investigation.

E. Article of Removal for President

Parliamentarian James Stewart ruled this item was out of order as well as Item III. D.

Motioned, seconded (VPLA Prasad) to appeal the ruling of the chair that Item E is out of order until the investigation is completed.

Parliamentarian James Stewart returned to chairing the meeting and noted that his previous ruling was made because the investigation is not complete. Members debated the motion.

Motioned, seconded (RAD III Tervalon) to extend the debate for the motion to reconsider the ruling of the chair. Without objection time was extended.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VIII Kieviet) to limit debate to two minutes per speaker. Yes - 17, No - 2 (VPC Campos and RAD VII Medina), NVR - 0.

Original Motion to appeal the ruling of the chair that Item III. E. is out of order:

Yes - 10, No - 8 (VP Gayatao, VPRA Ross, VPLA Prasad, VPF Syed, RAD Region II Galinato, LAD Region II, LAD Region III Villalobos, LAD Region X Vallesteros), NVR - 0. The ruling of the chair was upheld.

F. [AB361 \(Rivas\)](#) - Open Meeting Act

President Chavez discussed the changes to AB 361 including allowing governing bodies to take action to have remote meetings and not requiring the posting of addresses of members. President Chavez directed members to the email from Mark Alcorn stating that the SSCCC does not need to take action at each meeting to have remote meetings because this has been an existing practice of the SSCCC both Board and Regions prior to Covid and the changes noted in law.

G. [SSCCC Budget Performance - First Quarter](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams provided the first quarter budget performance report. The organization's budget is performing as expected. However, she noted that the budget deficit would increase because of the investigation and attorney fees.

H. [Work Plan](#) and [Resolution](#) Status

President Chavez provided the quarterly review of the work plan and reminded members that this tool is to ensure the SSCCC is on track for the year. President Chavez and Executive Director Adams requested that members responsible for the tasks listed in the work plan to update the document with any status updates or comments before the next Board of Directors meeting.

President Chavez reviewed the resolution assignments and status. Executives provided updates to the work plan based on their assigned tasks. PRA Ross noted that it appeared that the Regional Affairs Committee was behind on many of their assignments, but many of these tasks are tied

to connecting with SBAs and building those relationships is a work in progress. RAD X Laila noted that the Womxn's Caucus is still inactive, so the Caucus Committee has been unable to collaborate with the caucus to host a webinar.

Meeting was recessed from 12:02pm - 12:32pm.

Quorum Roll Call: With 20 present in Poll Everywhere, quorum was established.

I. Stipend Policy

President Chavez reviewed the stipend policy revisions and noted the added language for clarification. It was clarified that the Stipend Policy is for the Board members and any region policies will be in the Region Stipend Policy. Members asked for clarification regarding excused absences and what circumstances will be considered excused absences. President Chavez noted that decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. Members expressed concern surrounding the grey areas within the policy.

VPC Campos moved to approve the stipend policy. Without a second, the motion died.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X Laila) to postpone the SSCCC Stipend Policy to the next Board of Directors meeting. Yes - 15, No - 4, NVR - 0.

The SSCCC Stipend Policy will return to the Executive Committee for revision. Members were encouraged to review the policy and attend the next Executive Committee meeting to provide input.

J. Basic Needs Definition Needs Definition and Presentation

RAD II Galinato presented a universal definition of basic needs as drafted by the California Intersegmental Basic Needs Committee. Once finalized, the definition will be sent to all college campuses to use as the standard definition. The working definition presented was as follows:

Basic needs are fundamental to students' dignity and success throughout their higher education experience. They include, but are not limited to:

- Food security;
- Housing security;
- Financial stability;
- Health and wellness;
- Child/dependent care;
- Transportation; and
- Technology and broadband.

Motioned, seconded (RAD IX Dominguez) to approve the statewide definition of basic needs. Without objections the motion was passed.

K. Professional Development Event

RAD IX Domiguez thanked members for their help with the Professional Development and Leadership Training and opened the floor for event feedback and suggestions. Members provided several areas that worked well and those where there needs to be improvement.

L. Regional Officer Summit

RAD I Hill thanked members for their participation in the recent regional officer summit and opened the floor for feedback and suggestions. Members provided a number of suggestions.

M. [Vision and Value Statement Report Back](#)

LAD VII Guzman reported on the recent work of the Mission, Vision, and Values Statement Ad Hoc Committee and shared proposed changes. The ad hoc committee is working on a survey to gather feedback on the proposed changes. Members were asked to make this a discussion item in regional meetings and ask delegates to add it as an agenda item with their SBA. Executive Director Adams suggested sending the survey through the LISTSERV and SSCCC newsletter.

Motioned, seconded (LAD VII Guzman) to hold a webinar at a tentative date decided by the Mission, Vision, and Values Statement Ad Hoc Committee to discuss feedback on the revised mission, vision, and value statements. Without objections the motion passed.

N. Native American Heritage Month

RAD VII Medina provided an update on the work of the Native American Heritage Month Ad Hoc. The calendar of events is being finalized and will be shared when it is available.

O. VPRA Interim Appointment

President Chavez shared that the position for VPRA will be vacant due to VPRA Ross' resignation. The Executive Committee has recommended RAD II Galinato and RAD III Tervalon for the position of Interim Vice President of Regional Affairs. The interim can serve for up to 90 days in the role.

Motioned, seconded (VPC Campos) to recess for 10 minutes. Without objection, the meeting was recessed from 4:41pm - 4:51pm.

Quorum Roll Call: 19 present quorum was established.

President Chavez asked the nominees if they accepted the nomination from the Executive Committee. RAD II Galinato and RAD III Tervalon accepted their nominations. President Chavez asked if there were any

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objections to using the regional election policy to conduct the election for Interim VPRA. Without objection, the regional election policy was used to conduct the election.

President Chavez asked for additional nominees for Interim VPRA. No nominations were made from the floor. RAD II Galinato and RAD III Tervalon made candidate statements and took questions from the Board. At the conclusion of the questions, a vote was taken in Poll Everywhere. With 11 votes for RAD II Jenn Galinato, 7 votes for RAD III Tervalon, 1 NVR - LAD VIII Sahachaisere, Jenn Galinato was appointed as Interim VPRA.

P. Roundtable

President Chavez opened the floor for members to share key observations, challenges, and other topics regarding constituents.

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
<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	V	V	V	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

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	N	<u>Y</u>	V	V	V	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

D. Internal Operating Committee Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- I. [Audit Committee](#)
- II. [Caucus Committee](#)
- III. Communications Committee
- IV. Conference Committee
- V. DEI 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

- I. [Rising Scholars Advisory Committee](#), Casperson

F. [Action Tracking](#)

Board members were reminded to continue checking and updating the document for any tasks assigned to them or a committee they serve on.

V. INFORMATION (Written information only)

- A. [External Committees](#)
- B. [Internal Committees](#)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.