

REGION VIII NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Delegate Assembly

03/28 [Time]

Hyatt Regency San Francisco
Airport

Comms Committee Meeting

03/19 3:00 pm

Zoom

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting

TBD

Zoom

General Assembly

03/27-30

Hyatt Regency San Francisco
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REGION VIII COLLEGES

Cerritos College College Citrus College Coastline College Cypress College Fullerton College Golden West College Irvine Valley College Long Beach City College Mt. San Antonio College Orange Coast College Rio Hondo College Saddleback College Santiago Canyon College

LETTER FROM LAD

Carlo Flores-Olson

Hello Everyone!

Hello Students of Region VIII, I hope everyone is doing amazing so far with the school semester almost half-way over already. The Region VIII team wishes everyone good luck for everyone going into the midterms.

Our regional team has been hard at work over the month of February and I wanted to show my gratitude for all the work that they do. If not for them we would not have our new Vice Chair, Mia Vo, and we would not have all the sponsored students for the General Assembly and March in March.

We recently just finished hosting our first Federal Advocacy Academy the first week of March. We had the great opportunity to be able to meet with our Federal representatives on capitol hill, and give an award to Rep. Mark Takano gave an amazing speech followed up by a press conference he invited us to the following day.

On the stateside of things we have been hard at work with the amount of bills in the legislature that are affecting higher education this year. We currently have approved five bills for support and we will be viewing eight more bills in this month's legislative affairs committee, with many more to come. If you wish for the SSCCC to take any stance on a bill, reach out to me at ladregionviii@ssccc.org and I can help guide you through the proper channels.

Sincerely,

Carlo Flores-Olson

Legislative Affairs Director



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February Update

Chancellor's Office Report: The Chancellor's Office has completed the regulatory changes to the academic renewal process without course repetition, an online LGBTQ summit will be held April 15th-19th

Academic Senate CCC Report: Making a AI literacy taskforce, Noted a pause in the Common Course Numbering Initiative, Webinars being held for; SB 98, Anti-Black racism, and disaggregating MENA data

Faculty Association CCC Report: They are attempting to gather the drop rates that could be caused by AB1705, also they want to target SCFF reform due to the punitive COLAs that saw Santa Monica College have to layoff around 70 employees

Legislative Update: Unfortunately our bills were not sponsored yet so we will have to rely on amendments to already present bills for our sponsored bill language, we have also started officially supporting five new bills

Executive Director Search Update: The search for the consultant for the search is going poorly with no applicants to the position

New VP of Finance (VPF): The position has been recently vacated, a election took place during the board meeting among board members to pick which board member would serve the duties of of VPF and their role, LAD IV Wesley Marshall was elected for the role

FEDERAL ADVOCACY ACADEMY

Regional Activities

On March 1-4 SSCCC held their first ever Federal Advocacy Academy in Washington DC. Students were given the opportunity to advocate for their student body to legislators at the federal level tackling issues such as Fully Fund the Pell Grant, Expanding Equitable Access to Income Pathways, Federal Student Aid, and Residency-Based Benefits SNAP Funding.



ASGWC TOWNHALL

Regional Activities

On February 23rd the associated students of Golden West College held their first ever student government town hall where students were given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding student representation, the annual budget, how to get involved, etc. The event was planned by our delegate Viri Ramos and the legislative affairs committee.



LONG BEACH CITY SPOTLIGHT



This Month's Spotlight...

Beatriz Freeman

Beatriz is a Mathematics and African American studies major at Long Beach City College. In addition to representing her school as an SCCC Region VIII Delegate, she serves the College's Associated Student Body as Vice President of Legislative Affairs and sits on the Foundation Board. In these roles and her future studies, she aims to combine an understanding of data systems with an appreciation for the real people that the data represents, with the goal to bring positive change in marginalized communities. This spring, Beatriz hopes to transfer to a 4 year university where her studies and advocacy work will continue. Outside of school and volunteering, Beatriz likes to spend time hosting community craft nights or spending time with her dogs Cooper and Lou.



**“Do we settle
for the world
as it is, or do
we work for
the world as it
should be?”**

**— Michelle
Obama,
Becoming**



OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved!

March in March

On March 12th SSCCC will hold its annual march to the Capital to advocate for student rights. Students may have the opportunity to speak to Californian legislators and advocate for their student body.

Apply here: [LINK](#)

Officer Elections

As the year is close to coming to an end election season is right around the corner. If you are interested in running for an Executive or Regional position please contact RAD Sanchez or click the link below.

Apply here: [LINK](#)

General Assembly

On March 27-29 SSCCC will host its annual General Assembly where students will have the chance to vote on which resolutions should the organization sponsor. Executive and Regional officers elections will take place.

Apply here: [LINK](#)



THANK YOU FOR READING!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Board Meeting

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