

Important Dates

Executive Committee

May 9, 2025 *(Virtual)*

Board of Directors

May 16 - 17, 2025 (Region X - San Diego)

2025 Faculty Leadership Institute

June 12 - 13, 2025 (San Francisco)

Executive Committee

June 13 , 2025 *(Virtual)*

Board of Directors

June 20 - 21 , 2025 (Region IV - San Jose)

Other region meetings and events are on our website calendar *here*.

President's Update

Dear Student Senate Family,

This month has been one to remember. I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to everyone who made our 29th General Assembly (GA) an unforgettable experience. I've had the honor of attending GA for the past two years, and I can truly say this year's has stood out in powerful ways.

From debating and voting on over 90 student-driven resolutions to electing our incoming state and regional leaders, your commitment to shared governance and student voice was inspiring. Hosting GA is no small task, and yet, we showed up prepared, passionate, and unified.

As we continue our work, it's important to acknowledge the reality we face: these are challenging times. The Department of Education is under threat, and students across the country are at risk of losing the very resources that support their academic journey. That's why this year's General Assembly wasn't just a conference - it was a call to action. It was about solidarity, resistance, and standing up not just for ourselves, but for every student who believes in our leadership and our ability to create change.

We were joined by fearless student leaders, powerful keynote speakers, and dedicated workshop presenters, all of whom reminded us that our voices matter and our work is far from over.

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Leadership in June

The upcoming Student and Faculty Leadership Institute, co-hosted by the SSCCC and ASCCC. will be held on June 12-13, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport. This dynamic event is designed for students and faculty who are new to governance and eager to deepen their understanding of shared leadership. The institute will provide an opportunity to learn together, build meaningful connections, and collaborate on strategies to strengthen campus partnerships in the year ahead. Please use this form to register for the event. RSVP at this link to join us.

Our work extends beyond California. SSCCC will present at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) in New York City and the 78th EWA National Seminar in St. Louis, Missouri. These are tremendous opportunities to elevate the voices of California community college students to the national stage - and I'm proud to say we're ready.

Later this month, SSCCC members will also attend the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Spring Plenary, where, much like at GA, faculty delegates will elect new leadership and vote on resolutions. Meanwhile, SSCCC continues to build solidarity with partners such as <u>Puente</u>, <u>A²MEND</u>, <u>Umoja</u>, <u>APAHE</u>, and others through a statewide webinar series focused on equity and student voice.

As I begin the final stretch of my term, I want to say thank you once again. Thank you for believing in my ability to lead this movement. I remain committed to the promises I made at the start of my presidency, and I will continue to fight for every student, every day, until my final moment in office, and beyond.

Congratulations to all of our newly elected leaders. I'm confident you will continue this legacy with strength, integrity, and heart. And to those who ran but weren't elected, your journey doesn't end here. What's meant for you, will always find you. Y recuerda: si no pudieras lograrlo, no soñarías tan grande.

With Gratitude,

Ivan Hernandez

President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges president@ssccc.org

SSCCC Solidarity

The SSCCC partnered with <u>Umoja</u>, <u>Puente</u>, <u>A2MEND</u>, and other student-centered organizations to host a powerful webinar series on Solidarity, in response to the current administration's efforts to dismantle the Department of Education.

The second installment, "Voices for the Future: Elevating Student Leadership & Agency," was led by students from each program. They shared personal stories about what sparked their involvement in student leadership

and equity work, highlighting the challenges they had faced, including barriers to accessing resources. They offered powerful reflections on the roles faculty and administrators should play in advancing equity. The webinar closed with a call to action, as students explored ways to collaborate across programs and campuses to sustain and grow this important work.

Watch the video on our YouTube Channel at this link.



2025 General Assembly

By now, you should have seen our social media posts and heard from your student leaders about the recent General Assembly. By everyone's account, it was a huge success! We had over 800 students and advisors, 30 workshops, and 95 registered delegates, debating 90 resolutions! If you missed the General Assembly, check out our social media recaps and check out these highlights.

You can check out the resolutions passed at **this link** and review the draft minutes at **this link**. Watch out for our next Newsletter where we'll share our new Executive Officers.



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