

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Regular Meeting Agenda | June 21, 2025

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

B. President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

C. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

Friday Attendance:

President Hernandez

Vice President Joshua Simon

Vice President of Regional Affairs Robert Alexander

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Annie Koruga (excused)

Vice President of Communications Alexis Bravo

Regional Affairs Director Region I Lawrence Ortiz

Regional Affairs Director Region II Alisha Nagpal

Regional Affairs Director Region III Guadalupe Lopez

Legislative Affairs Director Region III Brandon Maskey

Regional Affairs Director Region IV Maya Tamura

Regional Affairs Director Region V Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes

Legislative Affairs Director Region V Dejalina 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 Tuck Tucker

Regional Affairs Director Region VIII Flo Cudal

Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII Sophie Gieng

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 (absent)

Members Absent:

Legislative Affairs Director Region I Caitlin Wheetley (absent)

With 22 /23 present. Quorum was established.

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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- D. [Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests](#) | 2 mins
Moted, seconded, (VP Simon) to approve the Brown Act AB 2449 Exemption Request. Motion passed without objection.

- E. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.
Moted, seconded, (RAD II Nagpal) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed without objection.

- F. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.
1. **Meeting Minutes.** The Board of Directors will approve the [May 16 - 17, 2025](#) meeting minutes.
 2. **2025 - 26 Auditor Recommendation.** The Board of Directors will consider for approval the auditor for the 2025 - 26 Audit.

Moted, seconded, (VPRA Alexander) to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed without objections.

- G. Public Comment
Public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. [Community Agreements](#)
President Hernandez reminded members of the SSCCC-approved Community Agreements.
- B. Chancellor's Office Report
No report.
- C. Executive Committee Report
VP Simon reported on the Executive Committee activities.
- D. [Executive Director Report](#)
Dr. Julie Adams provided an overview of her activities and organizational progress in June. Highlights included outreach and engagement at various conferences, preparation of training materials for the incoming Board, and continued legislative advocacy efforts, including work with partner coalitions to support funding for Dream Resource Centers and emergency aid. She also reported on communications improvements, including the launch of the new website, creation of social media content, and region-specific engagement strategies. Her presentation can be found at [this link](#).
- E. [California Community College Board of Governors Report](#)
Love presented the California Community College report, covering activities of the Board of Governors. She opposed the proposed CCCApply fee, advocating for a work group to explore equitable solutions. The conversation ended with discussions on identity verification tools and their

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impact on students, with Love committing to address these concerns with relevant stakeholders.

F. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Report

Mitra Sapienza, the new liaison from the Academic Senate, introduced herself and shared her background, along with her upcoming priorities, most notably chairing the Equity and Diversity Action Committee and supporting the upcoming Curriculum Institute. She expressed her enthusiasm for serving as the SSCCC liaison in the year ahead.

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

No report.

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

Doris Hankins, CCCSAA Liaison, provided an update on CCCSAA activities, including the upcoming professional development event for advisors focused on supporting student engagement and leadership development. She also announced that this would be her final meeting in the liaison role. She informed members that Tyler Strohl, an advisor from El Camino College with a strong background in student support and program coordination, would be the incoming CCCSAA liaison.

III. BUSINESS

A. Board of Governors Nominations Ad Hoc Recommendations

Joia Miller, Ad Hoc Group Chair, presented recommendations from the ad hoc group created to interview the nominees for the Board of Governors student position. She informed them that 14 students were interviewed for the position, and the ad hoc group is recommending sending 5 nominations forward to the governor for consideration. The five candidates are:

Ruben Garcia, Santa Rosa Jr. College
Owen Flaherty, Laney College
Martin Orea, Santa Monica College
Maria Blaze, Foothill College
Chamu Palnappian, Foothill College

Motion, seconded, (RAD IX Miller) to approve the ad hoc group recommendations to the Board of Governors. Motion Passed without objection.

B. California Student Aid Commission Task Force Recommendations

Maya Tamura, Ad Hoc Group Chair, presented recommendations from the ad hoc group created to interview the nominees for the California Student Aid Commission ad hoc group regarding the student position on the commission.

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She informed them that seven students were interviewed for the position, and the ad hoc group is recommending sending four nominations forward to the governor for consideration. The four candidates are:

Vivek Sharma, Evergreen College
Kenneth Vallesteros, Southwestern College
Ruben Garcia, Santa Rosa Jr. College
Sophia Manavi, Santa Monica College

Motion, seconded (RAD IV Tamura) to approve for the recommendation of the ad hoc group. Motion passed without objection.

C. Finance Committee Recommendation - [Alternate Delegate Stipend](#)

The Board discussed the Finance Committee's recommendation to implement a proposal to pay alternate delegates. Under the proposal, Alternate Delegates would receive a \$75 monthly stipend for attending both the Delegate Assembly and their assigned regional committee, regardless of the Main Delegate's attendance. Partial or full deductions would apply if they miss one or both meetings. Members acknowledged the importance of recognizing the contributions of Alternate Delegates and supporting their engagement.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to approve offering \$75 stipends to alternate delegates who attend a delegate assembly and a regional committee, regardless of whether the main delegate is present. Yes - 7 (RAD I Ortiz, LAD III Maskey, RAD VI Sudhir, RAD VIII Cudal, RAD IX Miller, RAD X Chandler, and LAD X Quandt), No - 11. Motion failed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to change from \$75 to \$50 if they attend one regional committee meeting. Yes - 8 (VP Simon, VPRA Alexander, VPLA Koruga, LAD III Maskey, LAD VII Tuck, RAD IX Miller, RAD X Chandler, and LAD Quandt), No - 12. Motion failed.

D. Finance Committee Recommendation - [Stipend Increase Adjustment](#)

The Board discussed the Finance Committee's recommendation to implement a phased stipend increase for Board Members, Regional Officers, and Main Delegates. The proposal outlines a 10% annual increase in stipends over five years, resulting in a total 50% increase by 2029–30. Members acknowledged the importance of equitable stipends to reflect the growing responsibilities of student leaders and to support accessibility and retention. The Board reviewed projected costs and affirmed that the plan allows for predictable, gradual adjustments aligned with the organization's financial outlook.

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Motioned, seconded (RAD VIII Cudal) to approve a five-year stipend increase plan that applies an annual 10% increase to the existing stipend rates for Board Members, Regional Officers, and Main Delegates, beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year and culminating in a total increase of approximately 50% by 2029-2030. Seconded. Motion failed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VI Sudhir) to amend the main motion from 5 years to 3 years. The motion failed since the notice in the agenda did not specify the increased amount.

Main motion reconsidered.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VIII Cudal) to approve a five-year stipend increase plan that applies an annual 10% increase to the existing stipend rates for Board Members, Regional Officers, and Main Delegates, beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year and culminating in a total increase of approximately 50% by 2029-2030. Seconded. Motion passed. Yes - 13, No - 5 (RAD II Nagpal, RAD IV Tamura, LAD VI Pai, RAD VII Duncan, and LAD IX Cooley).

E. [Fiscal Year 2025 - 26 Budget](#)

Dr. Adams presented the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, highlighting key areas including student representation fees, expenses for staff and operations, and funding for conferences and governance meetings. She explained that the organization loses money on conferences to keep student registration fees low. Dr. Adams also addressed questions about regional expenses and budget allocation, promising to provide more detailed breakdowns in the future.

Motioned, seconded (VP Simon) to approve the 2025 - 26 Budget as presented. Yes- 16, No - 1 (VPLA Koruga). The motion passed.

F. [VPLA Position](#)

President Hernandez reviewed the process to fill the vacant Vice President of Legislative Affairs (VPLA) position, following the resignation of the elected individual after the General Assembly. Under SSCCC Election Policy IX(c), the incoming President will appoint an interim VPLA, subject to confirmation by the incoming Board, for a term not to exceed 90 days. A special election will be held in the fall once students return to campus in September. Members discussed the timeline and next steps for implementation.

G. [Executive Director 2025 - 26 Performance Goals](#)

President Ivan Hernandez reviewed the draft 2025–26 performance goals for the Executive Director. These goals were developed collaboratively by President Hernandez, Dr. Adams, and the Executive Committee, based on feedback from the Board's closed session in May. The committee finalized

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the draft on June 13 and now forwards the proposed goals to the full Board of Directors for approval.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to refer the 2025 - 26 Performance Goals to next month's Executive Committee. Seconded. Yes - 12, No - 7 (VP Simon, RAD I Ortiz, RAD II Nagpal, RAD VII Duncan, RAD VIII Gieng, RAD VIII Cudal, and RAD IX Cooley). Motion passed.

H. [Strategic Plan Update](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams provided an update on the 2023–2025 Strategic Plan, highlighting key accomplishments as well as areas for continued improvement. The update demonstrated meaningful progress across all strategic goal areas, with ongoing efforts to enhance communication, strengthen student representation, and expand governance engagement throughout the system. Dr. Adams also noted that the current strategic plan concludes this year, and recommended that the Board consider initiating the development of a new strategic plan following the hiring of the next Executive Director.

I. [2024 - 25 Resolutions Status](#)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams updated members on the status of the 2024 - 2025 Resolutions. The statuses will be updated on the website.

J. [Legislative Update](#)

VPLA Koruga and Legislative Specialist Mikala Hutchinson updated members on legislative activities.

K. [DEIAA Chapter 6 Recommendation](#)

VP Joshua Simon presented ideas for Chapter 6 of the *Anti-racism: A Student Action Plan* as recommended by the DEIAA Committee. The recommendations include a chapter focused on the differently abled community, the veteran community, or refugee students.

Motioned, seconded (VP Simon) to approve the recommendations and report back in four months about whether one or all three are doable. Yes - 11, No - 6 (VPC Bravo, RAD I Ortiz, RAD V Reyes, RAD VIII Cudal, RAD VIII Gieng, and RAD IX Miller). Motion passed.

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](#)

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.