

# STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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## Board of Directors | Regular Meeting Agenda | May 16 - 17, 2025

### I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### A. Call to Order

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### Roll Call | 5 Minutes

##### Friday Attendance:

President Hernandez

Vice President Joshua Simon

Vice President of Regional Affairs Robert Alexander

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 Dejalía White

Regional Affairs Director Region VI Sanjana Sudhir

Regional Affairs Director Region VII David Duncan

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

##### Members Absent:

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Annie Koruga (excused)

Legislative Affairs Director Region I Caitlin Wheetley (absent)

Legislative Affairs Director Region VI Tara Pai (excused)

Legislative Affairs Director Region VII Tuck Tucker (absent)

Legislative Affairs Director Region X Brandon Quandt (absent)

***With 18 /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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### Saturday Attendance:

#### **Meeting called to order at 10:00am**

President Hernandez  
Vice President Joshua Simon  
Vice President of Regional Affairs Robert Alexander  
Vice President of Legislative Affairs Annie Koruga  
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 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 (arrived 10:47 am)  
Regional Affairs Director Region VII David Duncan  
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)  
Regional Affairs Director Region IV Maya Tamura (Excused)  
Legislative Affairs Director Region VII Tuck Tucker (Excused)

***With 19/23 present. Quorum was established.***

#### **B. Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests | 2 mins**

**Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to approve AB 2449 Exemption. No objection. Motion passed.**

#### **C. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.**

*The SSSCC Board of Directors will consider any amendments to the agenda.*

**Motioned, seconded (RAD II Nagpal) to approve the agenda. No objections. Motion passed.**

#### **D. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.**

1. *Meeting Minutes. The Board of Directors will approve the April 3, 2025, meeting minutes.*

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**Motioned, seconded (VP Simon) to approve the consent agenda. No objections. The item was approved.**

- E. 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. Adams highlighted outreach, advocacy, and engagement efforts. Key activities included campus visits across multiple regions, preparation for NCORE, and support for the "Hear the Student" event. Legislative efforts advanced with the support of letters, testimonies, and the tracking of student-focused bills. Social media engagement grew significantly, with Instagram leading in impressions and video views; Region V and Region VI were standouts in regional communications. Strategic content on LinkedIn and BlueSky was introduced, and planning for future advocacy events and board meetings is underway. Operational functions, including finances and travel, remained steady, and staff milestones were celebrated. She reminded members that her written report is linked to the agenda.

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

No report.

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

Robert L Stewart Jr., ASCCC Treasurer, reported on activities of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, informed members of the recent Executive Committee elections, and adopted resolutions.

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

**(Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President | 10 Mins. | Discussion)**

*No report*

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

**(Doris Hankins, CCCSAA Liaison | 10 Mins. | Discussion)**

*No Report.*

### III. BUSINESS

#### A. Executive Director Evaluation Training

Roberto Villegas provided the SSSCC Board of Directors with training on evaluating professional staff effectively. He noted that the evaluation is based on the job description and the executive's performance for the year. He highlighted additional guidance.

#### B. Legal Requirements in Closed Session

President Hernandez informed members of the legal obligations surrounding participation in closed sessions. He shared that it was recently discovered that a member of last year's board had secretly recorded a closed session and is now distributing that recording. To maintain the confidentiality of future sessions, President Hernandez stated that members will be required to put away their cell phones and computers during the closed session meeting. He also emphasized that all discussions held in closed session are strictly confidential and must not be shared outside of that setting.

#### C. CLOSED SESSION: Executive Director Evaluation

The SSSCC Board of Directors went into closed session.

President Hernandez reported that the Board of Directors took action. The Executive Director will receive a 5% increase next year and have her retirement benefits backdated to her start date in 2019. He noted that the Executive Director did not request a contract extension; her last day will be June 30, 2026, as specified in the contract. The Executive Committee will meet with the Executive Director to establish goals for the Executive Director for 2026 and report back by the June Board meeting.

#### D. [Board Evaluation](#)

The SSSCC Board of Directors completed a Board Evaluation, including a self-evaluation, which will be reported at the June Board of Directors meeting.

**President Hernandez recessed the meeting until May 17, 2025, at 10:00 am.**

**President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.**

Vice President Simon called roll. Present - 19/23. Quorum was established.

#### E. [Financial Aid Redesign](#)

Item postponed.

#### F. [Systemwide Strategy to Address Fraudulent Student Applications and Enrollments](#)

Chris Ferguson and James Todd presented information related to a system-wide strategy designed to address fraudulent student applications

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and enrollments. The presentation outlined growing concerns regarding application, enrollment, and financial aid fraud within the California Community Colleges (CCC) system. Fraudulent activity includes creating fake student accounts, enrolling in courses without intent to attend, and securing financial aid through deceptive means. To combat this, systemwide strategies are being considered, including implementing a modest, refundable application fee, adopting real-time fraud detection software, and using ID.me for identity verification. However, legal authority is required to implement such a fee, prompting the Chancellor's Office to consider seeking statutory authorization, similar to the California State University system's structure. Members raised concerns about creating barriers for student access, particularly undocumented and other students who may struggle to afford even a modest fee. This item will be presented to the Board of Governors at their next meeting on May 20, 2025.

### **G. Presidential Candidate Eligibility**

The SSSCC Board of Directors discussed the disqualification of the incoming president César Tlatoāni Alvarado as presented in the agenda item. Additional information was provided. Alvarado was provided an opportunity to engage with Board members. Members asked questions and discussed the evidence.

**Motion, seconded (RAD I Ortiz) to stick to the policy and eligibility requirements to confirm César Tlatoāni Alvarado ineligible to hold the office of President and confirm that runner up Jerry Reyes as President. Yes - 10, No - 4 (VPLA Koruga, RAD VI Sudhir, LAD VI Pai, LAD IX Cooley), NVR - 4 (VPC Bravo, RAD III Hernandez, RAD VII Duncan, RAD VIII Cudal). Motion passed.**

### **H. Verification Process Revision**

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams presented the SSSCC Verification Process. The procedures ensure that the eligibility requirements for the Canvas Module are consistent, which is currently used to verify eligibility.

**Motion, seconded (RAD X) to add a three-day extension to be granted by the president or executive director and to approve the policy with that amendment.**

**Motioned, seconded (VPLA Koruga) to amend the motion to strike "of their election" and insert "of receipt of documents from staff".**

### **I. Legislative Update**

VPLA Koruga and Mikala Hutchinson, Legislative Specialist, presented information related to the Legislative Update with automatic stances, bill stances, bill locations, and appropriations with legislation.

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- AB 537 (Ahrens) - Community colleges: California College Promise - co-sponsor
- AB 1098 (Fong) - Postsecondary education: undergraduate and graduate students: pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues - support
- AB 731 (Fong) - Pupil instruction: dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships - support
- AB 395 (Gabriel) - Holidays - support

**Motioned, seconded (RAD X Chandler) to approve co-sponsor and support stances for the above bills.**

Members discussed AB 934 (Berman) - Community colleges: degrees and certificates: education plans. Legislative Specialist Hutchinson will send an FAQ to the Board providing background information on AB 934. This bill will be brought to the next LAC meeting for consideration of a recommendation

**J. [Board of Governors Nominations Ad Hoc](#)**

**Motioned, seconded (RAD V Reyes) to approve the task force as presented. No objection.**

**K. [California Student Aid Commission Task Force](#)**

**Motioned, seconded (VP Simon) to approve the task force members as presented.**

**L. [United States Student Association \(USSA\)](#)**

President Hernandez updated members about the United States Student Association (USSA), a national student organization. Members requested that President Hernandez or Executive Director Dr. Adams invite USSA to the next meeting of the SSSCC.

**M. [General Assembly and Summit Update](#)**

RAD Sanjana Sudhir, RAD Alisha Nagpal, and Executive Director Dr. Adams updated members on the General Assembly and Summit. While there were areas for improvement, overall, both events were successful.

## IV. REPORTS

**A. [Executive Officer Reports](#) | [Additional Oral Reports](#)**

- [President](#)
- [Vice President](#)
- [Vice President of Regional Affairs](#)
- [Vice President of Legislative Affairs](#)
- Vice President of Finance
- [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
<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	N	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<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
<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	<a href="#">Y</a>	V	<a href="#">Y</a>	N	N	<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

1. [Common Course Numbering](#), Alexander

### 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

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 2:46pm.