

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Regular Meeting Agenda | October 11, 2025

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Reyes called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Reyes

Vice President Chris Chandler

Vice President of Regional Affairs Cody Jarvis

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Aisha Nagpal

Vice President of Finance Federico Caion Demaestri

Vice President of Communications Brandon Maskey

Legislative Affairs Director, Region I Caitlin Wheetley

Regional Affairs Director, Region II Kevin Hill

Legislative Affairs Director, Region II Claire Densmore

Regional Affairs Director, Region III Davina Malbrough

Legislative Affairs Director, Region III Ode Kunthar

Regional Affairs Director, Region V Garrett Wilkinson

Legislative Affairs Director, Region V Omar Abohussein

Regional Affairs Director, Region VI Oscar Rivera

Legislative Affairs Director, Region VI Lucia Landeros

Regional Affairs Director, Region VII Destiny McLemore

Legislative Affairs Director, Region VII Jasmine Varkey

Regional Affairs Director, Region VIII Flo Cudal

Legislative Affairs Director, Region VIII Carlo Flores-Olsen

Regional Affairs Director, Region IX Valerie Pamphile

Legislative Affairs Director, Region IX Myisha Jackson

Regional Affairs Director, Region X Yonatan "Yogi" Hernandez

Members Absent

Regional Affairs Director, Region I Mario Prudencio (excused)

With 22/23 present, a 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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C. [Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests](#) | 2 mins

No action.

D. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

Without objection, the agenda was adopted.

E. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

- 1. Meeting Minutes.** *The Board of Directors will approve the minutes from the [September 13, 2025](#) meeting.*

Without objection, the Consent Calendar was adopted.

F. Public Comment

Public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Community Agreements](#)

Members discussed the adopted Community Agreements.

B. Chancellor's Office Report

No report.

C. Executive Committee Report

VPLA Nagpal reported on the Executive Committee's actions and activities. The report is linked below with other Internal Committee reports.

D. [Executive Director Report](#)

(Executive Director Adams | 10 Mins. | Discussion)

Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams updated members on staff activities and highlighted key areas in her report. Here is a link to [her report](#).

E. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Maria Blaze, a student member of the Board of Governors, provided a report to the SSSCC Board of Directors on updates across the entire system.

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

Mitra Sapienza, ASCCC At-large Representative, reported on SSSCC activities, including upcoming area meetings. She highlighted resolution topics, the Fall plenary session, and their other events.

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

Dr. Oranit Limmaneeprasert, President, reported on FACCC activities. Her report can be found at [this link](#).

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- H. California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA)**
Liaison Report
No report.

III. BUSINESS

A. The RP Group and SSSCC Partnership

Darla Cooper, Executive Director, The Research and Planning Group, informed members that representatives from the RP Group and the SSSCC have maintained an ongoing partnership, attending each other's board meetings and collaborating on various initiatives such as transfer resources, student videos, and research advisory committees. At the September SSSCC meeting, two new collaboration opportunities were identified: improving student leaders' access to institutional research on their campuses and integrating student-facing resources into future RP Group research projects. Dr. Cooper presented a request to form three task forces with SSSCC membership: 1) increasing college student leaders' access to local IRPE offices; 2) adding student-facing resources as a regular part of The RP Group's research projects; and 3) creating research opportunities specifically for CCC students. President Reyes asked for volunteers to serve on the three groups:

1) increasing college student leaders' access to local IRPE offices:
LAD VIII Flores-Olson, LAD VI Landeros, VPRA Jarvis, and VPF Demaestri

2) adding student-facing resources as a regular part of The RP Group's research projects:
RAD X Hernandez, LAD VII Varkey, RAD III Malbrough, and RAD IX Pamphile.

3) creating research opportunities specifically for CCC students.
RAD II Hill, VPC Maskey, LAD IX Jackson, and RAD VI Rivera.

Motioned, seconded (VPRA Jarvis) to approve the SSSCC membership for the three RP Task Forces as discussed.

B. AB 1705 Research

Alyssa Nguyen, Senior Director of Research for the Research and Planning Group, presented statewide research on AB 705 and AB 1705, focusing on student access and completion in transfer-level math and English. The presentation highlighted the historic challenges of extended course sequences and inequitable placement practices, particularly affecting female, African American/Black, and Hispanic students who often self-placed into lower-level math courses.

Since implementation, significant progress has been made with nearly all students now having access to transfer-level courses and notable increases in one-year math completion rates across all student groups.

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Between 2015–16 and 2023–24, completion rates rose 3.8 times for Black students, 3.2 times for Hispanic/Latine students, 2.2 times for Asian students, and 1.6 times for White students.

Ms. Nguyen emphasized the need to continue dismantling institutional and classroom barriers, redesign support structures, and reimagine preparation for required math courses to ensure equity and success for all students. Her presentation can be found at [this link](#).

C. [Cal State Student Association Presentation](#)

CSSA President Al-Rehani introduced members to the Cal State Student Association. Similar to the SSSCC, the Cal State Student Association is the representative voice of students at California State universities. Her presentation can be found at [this link](#).

D. [First Quarter Report - 2025 - 26 Budget](#)

Executive Director Adams presented the first 2025 - 26 Quarterly Budget Report. The SSSCC budget is performing as expected. Her presentation can be found at [this link](#).

E. [2025 - 2026 Legislative Update](#)

Alisha Nagpal, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, and Mikala Hutchinson, Legislative Specialist, updated on legislative activities.

F. [Executive Director Recruitment Process](#)

Executive Director Dr. Adams presented a proposed Executive Director Search process, outlining a transparent and inclusive process to guide the Board through the hiring of the next Executive Director. She is recommending hiring a consultant who will assist in planning, recruitment, interviews, and onboarding to ensure continuity and alignment with best practices. The proposed timeline spans January through December 2026, with the new Executive Director anticipated to begin by the end of that year.

The proposal acknowledges the importance of maintaining continuity during leadership transitions, particularly given annual Board turnover, and emphasizes clear documentation, consistent communication, and consultant advice as key strategies. The current Executive Director will serve in an advisory capacity during planning but will not participate in recruitment or selection phases.

Motioned, seconded (VP Chandler) to approve the proposal as presented with the understanding that it will receive further feedback from the grantor and consultant. No objections, motion passed.

This item will return to a future meeting if revised.

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G. Advocacy Academy Update

RAD McLemore and Executive Director Dr. Julie Adams updated the Board on the planning for the Advocacy Academy.

I. 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
N	Y	Y	V	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

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
Y	Y	Y	V	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	V

D. Internal Operating Committee Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- I. Advocacy Academy Conference Committee
- II. Audit Committee
- III. Caucus Committee
- IV. [Communications Committee](#)
- V. Conference Committee
- VI. [DEIAA Subcommittee](#)
- VII. [Executive Committee](#)
- VIII. Finance Committee
- IX. [Internal Affairs Committee](#)
- X. [Legislative Affairs Committee](#)
- XI. Region Finance and Fundraising Committee
- XII. [Regional Affairs Committee](#)
- XIII. [Resolutions Committee](#)

E. External Reports

- I. [California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee](#)
- II. [Common Course Numbering Council](#)
- III. [Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Advocacy Committee](#)

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F. [Action Tracking](#)

A simple tracking of tasks assigned by the Board of Directors to members or staff.

II. INFORMATION (Written information only)

A. [External Committees](#)

B. [Internal Committees](#)

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.