

southwestern college

 education association

SCEA Rep Council Minutes

Date Thursday, March 13, 2025

Time: 11:45-1:00

Zoom: <https://swccd-edu.zoom.us/j/82902856479>

Najah Abdelkader	Sylvia Garcia-Navarette	Katherine Ness Santana	Jenny Sabas	Candice Taffolla-Schreiber
Lisa Ballesteros	Veronica Guaracha	Jamie O'Conner- Florez	Marina Laneri Schroeder	Liliana Tolson
Darcie Bell	Pete Herrera	Maria Olivas	Mohamed Sharif-Idris	Cem Tont
Peter Bolland	Eleonora Innis	John Pickelle	Jacqueline Simon	Marie Vicario
Emily Lohorn Carpenter	Geoff Johnson	Justin Pinelle	Bruce Smith	Ryan Wash
Victor Chavez	Alana Lozada	Jessica Posey	Liza Smith	Ruff Yeager
Allen Chu	Eric Maag	Andrew Rempt	Michael Speyrer	
Russ Corpron	Michael Meehan	John Rieder	Gail Stockin	
Veronica Corral	Yahid Mohammadrezaei	Rosa Runcie	Kevin Sweeney	

Guests: Josue Arredondo, Bill Coe, Josh Davis, Meg Eckles-Estrela, Laura Galván-Estrada, Rebecca Johnson, Yvonne Lucas, Rachel Nead, Abdishakur Omar, Annette Rempt, Alicia Rodriguez, Andrea Schnitz, Laura Trueblood.

No	Item:	Presenter:	Status:	Time:
1	Approval of Agenda	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
A motion was made to combine item 4 (Academic Senate President's Report and item Approved by consensus.				
2	Approval of Minutes (2-27-2025)	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
Approved by consensus.				
3	SCEA President's Report	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	3 min
<p>Item 1: SCEA leadership sent an MOU to Human Resources asking that the The Facilities Vision Plan responses be anonymous and not use the information in an evaluative manner. However, HR refused to sign the MOU in case a respondent entered a violent or threatening response into the survey. Item 2: Two new members have enrolled in SCEA and this brings the total new member number up to 38. This is 12 away from the goal of 50 new members for the 24-25 Academic year. Item 3: An information request and demand to bargain was submitted to the District centered on the Middle College. Item 4: The next Governing Board meeting will be held at HEC Otay Mesa on 3/17. The SCEA will host a viewing party at the Chula Vista Campus with food and games to encourage participation at the Governing Board. Item 5: SCEA will host a game night on Sunday April 13. More information will be forthcoming.</p>				
4	Academic Senate President's Report	Lesh	Information	3 min
A report was not given today, and the time for this item was ceded to Item 3.				
5	Prop 55 Expiration	Reynolds	Information	20 min

Overview: Since 2012, Props 30/55 have generated an average of \$9 billion annually for California public schools and community colleges. \$7.7 billion to TK-12 school districts annually, and nearly \$1 billion to community colleges. If Prop 55 is not extended, it could lead to a loss of this critical funding, which could result in substantial educator layoffs thus impacting students. Prop 55 was approved by voters in 2016, extending Prop. 30's personal income tax increases on California's highest earners until 2030. The tax extension applies to California's wealthiest residents—those filing jointly with more than \$700,000 in personal income. In order to win, the SCEA can 1.) educate members on the need for an extension of Prop 55, 2.) gather signatures at SWC at the start of the 25-26 academic year to qualify the initiative, and 3.) integrate Prop. 55 extension with the local Board of trustees campaigns and get

out the vote. Currently, the SCEA has drafted a resolution to support the extension of Proposition 55 and is committed to organizing to win this critical extension and prevent any cuts to education funding in California. SCEA will work together in its chapter to gather signatures at school sites and in the local community to ensure this funding continues. **Comments from Reps:** A rep made a motion to support the resolution to extend Prop 55. One rep suggested it would be more appropriate to wait to support the extension until the name of the Proposition has been clarified (The Secretary of State will give this a new number once it gets on the ballot), and something more formal is submitted from the CTA. Another rep suggested the motion on the floor could be to create the draft of the resolution coming back to SCEA for a vote, and noted there is no reason to resist supporting the extension of Prop 55, even if the name has not been solidified. The CTA Rep clarified that when the signature gathering occurs in the Fall of 2025, there will be concrete information. A request was made and accepted to postpone the motion in support of the resolution until the next Rep Council meeting so Reps have a chance to share with their constituents.

6	2025 SCEA Rep Council Elections	Information	Herrera	15 min
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Cycle A for SCEA Reps is open for election. Information regarding the timeframe for nominations and elections will be sent out. For Cycle A, departments are empowered to hold their own elections, and the SCEA elections committee is available to answer any questions and provide support. If there is a vacancy on the SCEA Rep Chart, please nominate a Rep even if it is outside of Cycle A to ensure representation on Rep Council. Anyone interested in participating on the Elections Committee can reach out to President Taffolla-Schrieber.

7	Bargaining Update	Eckles	Information	10 min
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Item 1: Over the last few weeks the SCEA Bargaining Team has passed to the District: Article XVI: Distance Instruction, Article IV: Workload, Article V: Leaves, and the Tenure Review Manual, and is awaiting their counters. The only article the SCEA Bargaining team still needs to get to the District is Article VIII: Health and Welfare, but it should be passed to them next week. **Item 2:** The Bargaining Team has been working on MOUs concerning BOTS and Evaluations, and the Facilities Survey. The District has put in writing that they do not intend to use the survey results in an evaluatory manner; however the District was not willing to formalize that intent in an MOU. **Item 3:** The Bargaining Team is keeping a focus on the Middle College and its potential impacts on workload. **Item 4:** The District turned down proposed language on Remote Work in Article IV: Workload because it was suggested it was in the wrong place. So the language was moved intact to Article XVI which was formally called District Instruction, and the new title would now be Distance Instruction and Remote Work.

8	PAC Reverse Dues	Taffolla-Schrieber	Action	10 min
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A motion was made to approve Reverse Dues for the Political Action Committee (PAC). The Political Action Committee (PAC) is charged with getting labor-friendly Governing Board members elected. In 2026, three Governing Board seats will open up. Currently those seats are held by Don Dumas, Robert Moreno, and Corina Soto. In the past, Rep Council was asked to transfer lump sums of money into the PAC during election cycles. Moving forward, the SCEA is interested in taking a portion of the already collected dues, and allocating it to the PAC fund. Using a Reverse Dues process, \$2 dollars per Part-time member, and \$4 dollars for each Full-time member will be contributed unless a member decides to opt out. The goal is to have this implemented by Fall 2025. The motion passed by consensus.

9	Organizing Update	Lohorn Carpenter	Information	10 min
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Item 1: The March Governing Board Dinner club will take place on March 17 at 5:30pm in BLDG 13-10. SCEA will host dinner and games. This will be accompanied by a virtual watch party of the Governing Board session. If not able to attend the Dinner Club, please consider zooming into the Governing Board meeting and showing support by using an SCEA Zoom background. **Item 2:** SCEA will gather for a game night at Coin Haus in La Mesa on Sunday 4/13. More information will be forthcoming. **Item 3:** The SCEA Dinner Club will be held on Monday 4/21. **Item 4:** The CCA Spring conference will take place 4/25-2/27 at the Irvine Marriott. The SCEA can send 11 fully funded delegates. Please reach out to the SCEA Organizing Chair for more information at (elohorn@swccd.edu). **Item 5:** SCEA has organized new swag, one item includes the SCEA Dinner Club pins available on 3/17.

11	Adjournment			
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Next meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2024