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**SCEA Rep Council Minutes**  
**Date Thursday, May 14, 2026**  
 Time: 11:45-1:00

Zoom: <https://swccd-edu.zoom.us/my/jettazoomroom33>

Peter Bolland	<del>Sophia Jimenez</del>	Diana Newberry	<del>Jenny Sabas</del>	<b>Candice Taffolla-Schreiber</b>
April Brenner	<b>Geoff Johnson</b>	<del>Jamie O'Conner-Florez</del>	Soraya Sandoval	Lisa Tiedmann
<del>Rocio Casco</del>	Kim Keach	Maria Olivas	<del>Mohamed Sharif Idris</del>	Liliana Tolson
<del>Victor Chavez</del>	Grazyna Kubis	<del>Antonio Barquilla Panadero</del>	Jacqueline Simon	<del>Cem Tont</del>
Alba Constenla Torrado	<b>Emily Lohorn Carpenter</b>	Jacqueline Penhos	<b>Bruce Smith</b>	Naomi Trapp-Davis
<del>Russ Corpron</del>	<b>Eric Maag</b>	Justin Pinnell	Liza Smith	Marie Vicario
Sylvia Garcia-Navarette	Ashley Majoros	<b>Jessica Posey</b>	<del>Michael Speyrer</del>	Jennifer Vo
Veronica Guaracha	Yasmin Mossadeghi	Nghiep Quan	Gail Stockin	Ryan Wash
	Katherine Ness Santana	John Rieder	Kevin Sweeney	<del>Ruff Yeager</del>

**Guests:** Erika Behrman, April Brenner, Allen Chu, Bill Coe, Meg Eckles-Estrela, Caree Lesh, Mike Litton, Brian Palmiter, Tobeka Robin, Alicia Rodriguez, Andrea Schnitz, Marina Schroeder, Sarey Torres-Kirby, Yolanda Yslas-Thompson, Ken Yanow, Tina Zeidan, Brittany Zemlick.

No:	Item:	Presenter:	Status:	Time:
1	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>Taffolla-Schreiber</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>1 min</b>

Approved by consensus.

2	<b>Approval of Minutes (4-23-2026)</b>	<b>Taffolla-Schreiber</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>1 min</b>
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Approved by consensus.

3	<b>Academic Senate President's Report</b>	<b>Lesh</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>3 min</b>
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**Item 1:** A notice will be sent out soon about Faculty Recognition Award winners. **Item 2:** The FHP committee will be meeting next week to rank the Faculty Hiring Prioritization reports and results will be shared out as soon as possible. **Item 3:** Thank you to the collaborative work between the Senate and the SCEA!

4	<b>SCEA President's Report</b>	<b>Taffolla-Schreiber</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>3 min</b>
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**Item 1:** Thank you so much to Geoff Johnson for his tireless advocacy of Part-time rights!!!

5	<b>Early Incumbent Endorsement Dumas</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>10 min</b>
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A motion was made and seconded to approve an early endorsement of Governing Board incumbent Don Dumas. A question was asked if he has been responsive to faculty concerns. It was asserted that while flawed, he has been an advocate and always receptive to speak with faculty. He has also been willing to admit fault and take accountability both in private and in public. The motion passed by majority. One nay vote was recorded.

6	<b>Early Incumbent Endorsement Moreno</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>10 min</b>
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A motion was made and seconded to approve an early endorsement of Governing Board incumbent Robert Moreno. Comments regarding the endorsement included that he is consistently reaching out to ask questions, and is willing to learn; however he seems to be hesitant/unsure in using his voice. It was noted that he has been using his voice more assertively at Board Meetings,

and that while he needs to strengthen his self confidence he is aligned with pro-union advocacy, and he is an alumnus of SWC. The motion was approved by consensus.

<b>7</b>	<b>Next Steps Cuellar-Martinez and Soto</b>	<b>Exec and PAC</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>10 min</b>
Corina Soto is running for the Governing Board again; however, she has not requested an early endorsement from the SCEA at this time. Running against Corina is Aimee Cuellar-Martinez, an assistant Principal at Sweetwater High School and past faculty member. Cuellar-Martinez and Soto will be invited to a meet and greet in June either the 16, 17, 18 on zoom. SCEA Reps and Exec will be invited. The deadline for candidates to submit their paperwork is in August, so an endorsement would be most effective if completed before this time. A motion was made and seconded to grant authorization to the SCEA Exec, PAC and members of Rep Council to make a decision about her endorsement over the summer after the meet and greet meeting even if those present are less than typical quorum. Comments regarding an endorsement of Corina suggest it would be complicated regarding her past performance on the board leading to a lack of influence in efficacy. A comment was also made regarding Cuellar-Martinez's support from Don Dumas and if this would lead to an imbalance of his influence on the board. The motion passed by majority. Two nay votes were recorded.				
<b>8</b>	<b>SCEA Faculty Safety Committee Public Statement</b>	<b>Lucero Canaan, Newberry, Rieder</b>	<b>First Read/Action</b>	<b>10 min</b>
Thanks were given to faculty who created a grassroots movement and pushed for the union to support this. A motion was made and seconded to support the SCEA Faculty Safety Committee Public Statement to be sent out via global campus email. Discussion pointed out that if permitted by campus policy the statement would be sent out if supported by the Rep Council. The motion passed unanimously.				
<b>9</b>	<b>Part Time Report</b>	<b>Johnson</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>10 min</b>
<b>Item 1:</b> Part-time contributions have been highlighted, but please send in more information so we can celebrate our part-time faculty. A request is also being made for part-time faculty to send in a quick note to Geoff Johnson if you are retiring and how many years of service you have completed. <b>Item 2:</b> A Contingent Faculty Caucus has just been created at the National level and more information will be provided in the fall.				
<b>10</b>	<b>Bargaining Update</b>	<b>Eckles &amp; Yanow</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>10 min</b>
<b>Item 1:</b> The vesting language for multi-disciplinary faculty and intersession assignment is gaining traction. <b>Item 2:</b> The District and the SCEA Bargaining team have done some calculations to move Health benefit contributions for faculty and families+1 from 90-100% and those numbers are currently being validated. <b>Item 2:</b> Right now, part time faculty in the system do not get dental benefits. An ongoing conversation is happening with the District to entertain various pilot programs to offer dental to part time faculty. <b>Item 3:</b> Compensation reopens next year for issues such as COLA, reassign time, equitable compensation. Please reach out to the Bargaining Team with suggestions for the next round.				
<b>11</b>	<b>Organizing Update</b>	<b>Lohorn Carpenter</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>10 min</b>
Join us for hosted food and drinks at the SCEA end of year celebration. We will meet at Balboa South at 290 Third Avenue, Chula Vista on Friday, May 22 from 5:00-8:00pm. We have limited space so please be sure to rsvp, and update your rsvp if things change.				
<b>12</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>			
<b>Next meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026</b>				