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SCEA Rep Council Minutes

Date Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 11:45-1:00

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

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

Guests: April Brenner, Kay Burner, Bill Coe, Meg Eckles-Estrela, Denise Felix, Elisa Hedrick, Caree Lesh, Mike Litton, Yvonne Lucas, Alejandra Lucero Canaan, Araceli Mangione, Sarey Torres Kirby, Tobeka Robin, Andrea Schnitz, Rob Shaffer, Yolanda Yslas-Thompson, Linne Wienke, Brittany Zemlick.

No	Item:	Presenter:	Status:	Time:
1	Approval of Agenda	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min

Approved by consensus.

2	Approval of Minutes 11-13-2025)	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
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Approved by consensus.

3	Academic Senate President's Report	Lesh	Information	3 min
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Item 1: The BOT committee is still meeting and things are much improved. If there are any issues please notify president lesh at clesh@swccd.edu. **Item 2:** SLO Liaison positions are open and letters of interest are due by February 17. **Item 3:** Faculty hiring prioritization will take place this spring even though SWC is currently 13 faculty over the Faculty Obligation number (FON). **Item 4:** Please nominate a student for a Student of Distinction Award (SODA). Nominations will open on February 1, 2026, and must be submitted by February 28, 2026. For nomination details and submission instructions, please visit: <https://jag.swccd.edu/soda/>

4	SCEA President's Report	Taffolla-Schreiber	Discussion	3 min
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Item 1: Please give thanks to Tracy Schaelen for communicating the strain caused by the parking lot closure. As a result the Governing Board spaces, and sections of the parking over in the JAWS parking lot are now available for faculty parking. **Item 2:** Please give a shout out to Lisa Ballesteros for her excellent work on Tenure Review especially over the break to get all the packets over to admin. **Item 3:** Several students have voiced their concern about potential ICE activities on campus and the lack of district response. More information to follow

5	Bargaining Update	Eckles & Yanow	Information	15 min
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Meeting dates to negotiate with the district have been established. Automatic COLA will be distributed this year, and compensation will return to the table next year for bargaining. The following articles are open for negotiation this semester: Article IV: Workload, Article XV: Part Time Faculty, and Article VII: Health and Welfare.

6	Part Time Report [Legislation/ March in March]	Johnson	Information	10 min
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Item 1: The March in March will be held on 3-12-2026 at the California State Capitol, West Steps & Capitol Park. Southwestern College’s Jacquelyn Penhos will speak at the event. If interested, CCA is willing to sponsor travel fees up to \$250. For information about sponsorship reach out to <treasurer@cca.org>. First held in the late 2000s, March in March is a long-standing California movement where community college students, faculty, and advocates come together at the State Capitol to defend access, affordability, and public investment in higher education. Across the years, it has mobilized thousands statewide and remains one of the most visible demonstrations of the power and unity of the California Community Colleges system. For more information access the following link: <<https://www.camarchinmarch.com/>> **Item 2:** AB 65 will be a push for better parental leave. **Item 3:** AB 1171 will help to ensure that part time faculty can get health care from the exchange through an accumulation of their loads across districts, but can have negative unforeseen consequences (such as a reduction in health care benefits already being received). **Item 4:** The first adjunct outreach meeting of the semester will take place on March 18 from 3:00-4:30pm with more information and invitation to follow.

7	Grievance Update	Shaffer	Information	10 min
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Item 1: Denise Felix has joined the SCEA Grievance team. With an extensive background in Social Justice she is an asset to the team! **Item 2:** If you have any issues with a student concerning your own comfort and safety please reach out to the union for assistance with protecting your working conditions. **Item 3:** There have been some issues pertaining to scheduling. If you have a question about how you’re being scheduled you can also reach out to the Grievance team. **Item 4:** Meetings are scheduled to discuss issues concerning non-credit vesting.

8	Prop 55 Extension	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	10 min
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Prop 55 is due to expire in 2030. It taxes couples who make over \$700,000/year and that money goes directly to education in the state of California. It generated more than \$1.6 billion in funding for community college districts in 2024-25. SWC has received \$27 million dollars this past year due to this tax. Passing Prop 55 will extend the collection of this tax to secure future funding. Adding your signature will help get the Prop 55 extension on the November ballot. Please reach out to any member of the SCEA exec team for more information about the measure.

9	Organizing	Lohorn Carpenter	Information	15 min
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The Organizing Team focuses on recruitment and membership, and also engaging and connecting membership to create community and leverage their collective power. **Item 1:** Please join us for dinner at the SCEA hosted Dinner Club at 5:15-6:15 pm just before the Governing board meeting on Monday February 23 at Chula Vista campus. The Governing board meeting starts at 6:30. Please use the following link to RSVP <https://forms.gle/U8tL6CvNxo2ny3vk6>>. **Item 2:** The SCEA sends representatives to the San Diego Labor Council (SDIC) once a month. If interested in attending as a rep please reach out to organizing chair Emily Lohorn Carpenter at elohorn@swccd.edu. **Item 3:** Surge is a community group that focuses on “Showing UP for Racial Justice.” For more information please reach out to Emily Lohorn Carpenter at elohorn@swccd.edu. **Item 4:** The floor was opened to brainstorm ways the SCEA can organize around issues that matter to our constituents. A suggestion was made to create an organizing committee. A request was made for SCEA to get more involved with local issues that directly affect our community e.g. the current fear surrounding immigration enforcement. Another suggestion was made for faculty to attend the meeting on SB98 on Zoom Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27 - 1:30-2:30pm.[Meeting ID 885 0812 2561.] Another suggestion was made to form a Safety Committee as a sub committee of the SCEA. Another suggestion was made to create a Zoom background.

10	Adjournment			
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Next meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2026