

southwestern college

 education association

SCEA Rep Council Minutes
Date Thursday, April 9, 2026
 Time: 11:45-1:00

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

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

Guests:Erika Behrman, Bill Coe, Elisa Hedrick, Yvonne Luca, Brian Palmiter, Nghiep Quan, Tobeka Robin, Alicia Rodriguez, Andrea Schnitz, Rob Shaffer, Sarey Torres Kirby, Yolanda Yslas-Thompson, Brittany Zemlick.

No:	Item:	Presenter:	Status:	Time:
1	Approval of Agenda	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
Approved by consensus .				
2	Approval of Minutes (03-26-2026)	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
Approved by consensus.				
3	Academic Senate President's Report	Lesh	Information	3 min
The Senate president has been postponed as the Senate President is attending Spring Plenary.				
4	SCEA President's Report	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	3 min
Item 1: SCEA set a goal for 51-75 new members. As of now we have reached 48 new members. Please encourage your colleagues to join the union to show the District that the majority of faculty are represented in our membership. Item 2: Thanks to the Elections Committee-Chair Kevin Sweeney, and members Erika Behrman and Josue Arredondo, and administrative support. Cecil Boucher. Item 3: There has been a tuberculosis exposure on our campus that took place between October 2025 and finals in December 2025. San Diego county just notified the District a week ago, and all those who have been exposed directly have been contacted. If you have received notification of exposure, you can get tested for free at Sharp Occupational. Please reach out to Zaneta Encarnacion for more information (zencarnacion@swccd.edu).				
5	SCEA Safety Committee Update	Reider	Information	15 min
The Safety Committee met the Thursday before Spring break and have been working on the charter, tangible goals (such as creating a campus map with private and safe spaces, having more training on individual rights on campus), and working on the SCEA position statement. The draft of the SCEA position statement will be brought to the next Rep Council meeting. The position statement draft is as follows: "The SCEA Safety Committee will think through the impacts of ICE and CBP presence in our community, the District's response, and the overall effects on working conditions, providing regular reports and recommendations to the SCEA Executive team and Rep Council."				
6	Grievance Update	Shaffer	Information	10 min

Item 1: There has been an increase in faculty concerns related to faculty safety. If you or someone you know is experiencing this please reach out to the grievance team Chair Rob Shaffer(email: sshaffer@swccd.edu) (Cell: 610-552-7065). **Item 2:** There have been concerns about scheduling with 'Right of Assignment'. There are scheduling procedures that protect Full time faculty in Article IV and Part Time faculty in Article XV.

7	Part Time Report	Johnson	Information	10 min
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The part time report has been postponed.

8	Elections Update	Sweeney	Information	10 min
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Item 1: Elections for the SCEA Exec board are currently underway and close on Thursday 4/16 . Information including the ballot statements and the link to vote has been emailed from the SCEA account. **Item 2:** SCEA Full Time and Part Time elections are currently underway and being conducted within their respective departments. These elections must be complete by the end of May 2026.

9	Organizing	Lohorn Carpenter	Information	10 min
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Item 1: A full team of delegates will be attending the CCA Spring conference. Custom chair back covers have been obtained to show our unity on the conference floor. **Item 2:** A grant is being submitted to secure funding for the end of the year gala. More information will be forthcoming. **Item 3:** Planning is underway for a final social gathering in May. Details will be shared soon.

10	Political Action Committee Fall 2026	Taffolla-Schreiber, Lohorn Carpenter, Maag	Information	10 min
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Item 1: In November of 2026, three Governing Board Seats will be open by those currently occupied by Don Dumas, Robert Moreno, and Corina Soto. Candidates will ask for SCEA endorsement and this will be brought to SCEA Rep Council for a consensus vote. Please consider participating in the effort to support labor-friendly candidates. **Item 2:** The San Diego Labor Council is composed of members who are actively engaged in pro-labor movements. SCEA is asking for people to help make a presence there. Those interested in attending the Labor Council please reach out to Vice President Eric Maag (emaag@swccd.edu). A shoutout was given to Geoff Joghenson and Josue Arredondo who consistently attend Labor Council representing SCEA.

11	Adjournment			
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Next meeting: Thursday, April 23 2026