

# southwestern college **SCEA** education association

## SCEA Rep Council Minutes Date Thursday, March 12, 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-Schreiber
April Brenner	Sophia Jimenez	Diana Newberry	Soraya Sandoval	Lisa Tiedmann
Rocio Casco	<b>Geoff Johnson</b>	Jamie O'Conner-Florez	Mohamed Sharif Idris	Liliana Tolson
Victor Chavez	Kim Keach	Maria Olivas	Jacquelyn Simon	Cem Tont
	Grazyna Kubis	Antonio Barquilla-Panadero	<b>Bruce Smith</b>	Naomi Trapp-Davis
Alba Constenla-Torrado	<b>Emily Lohorn Carpenter</b>	Jacqueline Penhos	Liza Smith	Marie Vicario
Russ Corpron	<b>Eric Maag</b>	Justin Pinnell	<b>Michael Speyrer</b>	Jennifer Vo
Sylvia Garcia-Navarette	Ashley Majores	Jessica Posey	Gail Stockin	Ryan Wash
Veronica Guaracha	Yasmin Mossadeghi	John Rieder	Kevin Sweeney	Ruff Yeager

**Guests:** Allen Chu, Bill Coe, Laura Galván-Estrada, Caree Lesh, Mike Litton, Yvonne Lucas, Alejandra Lucero Canan, Eric Luciano, Roberto Ramos, Tobeka Robin, Soraya Sandoval, Andrea Schnitz, Sarey Torres Kirby, Yolanda Yslas-Thompson, Linne Wienke.

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 with minor edits to time

2	<b>Approval of Minutes (2-26-2026)</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:** SLO Coordinator positions have been advertised. Applications are due by midnight March 19. **Item 2:** FHP applications are due in late April. The District is reporting we are over the FON (Faculty Obligation Number) but more information will be provided at the next Senate meeting.

4	<b>SCEA President's Report</b>	<b>Taffolla-Schreiber</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>3 min</b>
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**Item 1:** Congratulations to Kevin Sweeney for receiving the Who (We Honor Ours) union award to be delivered at the Spring CCA conference. **Item 2:** Winter and Summer intersession are non-contractual so scheduling does not necessarily follow right of hire for either part time or full time faculty. If any issues or questions arise regarding scheduling, please feel free to reach out to President Taffolla-Schreiber. **Item 3:** Congratulations to Emily Lohorn Carpenter for her incredible work with organizing.

5	<b>SCEA Elections</b>	<b>Sweeney</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>15 min</b>
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Nominations are now open for SCEA Exec officer positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Part-time Rep) and nominations window will close on Monday 3/16. The voting will take place the week after Spring break, and only dues-paying members will participate in the vote. Also, elections are currently taking place within departments (facilitated by Chairs) for cycle B SCEA Reps, and Annual Reps (part-time faculty) for the School. The elections committee consists of Kevin Sweeney, Erika Berhman, and Josue Arredondo. A nomination was made for Jessica Posey to continue as Secretary.

<b>6</b>	<b>Bargaining Update</b>	<b>Maag</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<p><b>Item 1:</b> The current negotiating team consists of co-leaders Ken Yanow and Meg Eckles, and team members Eric Maag, Ryan Wash, Laura Galvan, Lilianna Tolson, and CTA Rep Marianne Reynolds. Feb 27, 2026 the District met with the negotiating team for the first meeting of the cycle. The focus was on ground rules, such as RFI's (request for information) and quorum, and caucusing. Three articles are currently open (Article 8, 4, and 15). In Article 8 the request is to include 100% coverage with Kaiser, and UHC Harmony, as well as 100% coverage for Delta Dental for part-time faculty. In Article 4 a focus is on scheduling and the request is for rules to be established regarding scheduling for Intersession and summer. The request is for each department to create and vote on their own tailored approach to scheduling for these non-contractual periods. In Article 15, the request is for a reasonable effort to be given for a schedule to match availability, and for clarity about remote work for non-instructional faculty. In Article 15 the request is for language to change from 'faculty' to 'unit member.' SCEA is also asking that once a unit member is vested any work done for the District is counted toward their vested load. This would especially benefit faculty working in multiple disciplines. <b>Item 2:</b> the chairs are working on a proposal for increasing chair reassign time for fair compensation for their workload. <b>Item 3:</b> The Coach MOU was a pilot and expires in 2027, so this will need to be revisited for either an extension or modification.</p>				
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizing</b>	<b>Lohorn Carpenter</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>15 min</b>
<p><b>Item 1:</b> On Sunday March 15, sixty-one people RSVP'd for the family day at Labella's. The event is now at capacity. Goodie bags have been prepared for children in attendance. Pizza is hosted by the SCEA but games will need to be paid for out of pocket by participants. <b>Item 2:</b> The next Governing board will take place on Monday 3/16. SCEA will not have a hosted dinner party, so faculty will be encouraged to attend via Zoom. <b>Item 3:</b> The CCA Spring conference is coming up in Irvine April 24-26. Five people have confirmed attendance for the CCA Spring conference. SCEA has a total of eleven delegate spots so six spots are currently open. Delegates are fully compensated for room and board; however there is an expectation of remaining through Sunday to participate in the voting that takes place. <a href="#">Please use this link to rsvp.</a> <b>Item 4:</b> An event for April as well as the end of year party are currently being planned.</p>				
<b>8</b>	<b>Oral Comm Governing Board meeting Update</b>	<b>Taffolla-Schreiber</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<p>Students attended the February Governing Board and requested more clear communication regarding immigration and safety for the Southwestern College community. Many faculty were asked to stand with students (to alleviate feelings of fear and intimidation). As a result of the comments that took place, there has been a lack of communication between Dr. Sanchez and faculty who were involved. There was a rumor that the student comments were faculty generated, and although this rumor was dispelled, the chill in the lines of communication continues. A question was asked about clarification about safe spaces on campus as well as faculty training for how to interact with ICE. Clarification was provided from one of the tri-chairs from the SCEA ad-hoc safety committee who suggested that the chairs met for the first time and have begun suggesting topics for the committee to address. A question was asked if members of the Governing Board have reached out for communication. Trustee Moreno did reach out, but there has been a lack of communication from other Trustees.</p>				
<b>9</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>			
<b>Next meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2026</b>				