



SCEA Rep Council Minutes
Date Thursday, February 26, 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-Idiris	Liliana Tolson
Rocio Casco	Geoff Johnson	Jamie O'Conner-Florez	Jacqueline 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	Jacqueline Penhos	Michael Speyrer	Jennifer Vo
Russ Corpron	Eric Maag	Justin Pinnell	Gail Steekin	Ryan Wash Proxy: Erika Behrmann
Sylvia Garcia-Navarette	Ashley Majoros	Jessica Posey	Kevin Sweeney	Ruff Yeager
Veronica Guaracha	Yasmin Mossadeghi	John Rieder	Candice Taffolla-Schreiber	

Guests: Erika Behrmann, Allen Chu, Meg Eckles-Estrela, Yvonne Lucas, Tobeka Robin, Alicia Rodriguez, Zahra Salehpoor, Andrea Schnitz, Rob Shaffer, Laura Trueblood, Marina Schroeder

No:	Item:	Presenter:	Status:	Time:
1	Approval of Agenda	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
The agenda was approved by consensus with the removal of Item 3-Academic Senate President Report.				
2	Approval of Minutes (2-12-2026)	Taffolla-Schreiber	Action	1 min
Approved by consensus.				
3	Academic Senate President's Report	Lesh	Information	3 min
Item pulled.				
4	SCEA President's Report	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	3 min

Item 1: A shout out was given in appreciation to the students who spoke at the Governing board and the faculty who stood in support of them. Please use the following link if interested in witnessing what the students said. [2-23-26 Governing Board Meeting Recording](#) **Item 2:** Thanks were given to Pete Herrera for his service as Elections Committee Chair. The new Elections Committee consists of Chair: Kevin Sweeny, and members Josue Arredondo and Erika Behrman. **Item 3:** SCEA Exec Officer positions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Part-time Rep are open for election this April as well as SCEA Reps for cycle B and all Part Time Rep Positions for the Schools. Please consider running. More information to follow in the coming months.

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5	Part Time Report [Legislation/March in March]	Johnson	Information	15 min

Item 1: A global email will be sent out next week regarding the March in March, and on Tuesday 3/3 from 10:00am -2:00 pm, Part-Time Rep Geoff Johnson will be in the quad with petitions to sign. 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 (California College Association) 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:** Legislation is coming forward regarding how to support students that are detained or deported. CCA is providing training on student advocacy, 'Know your Rights,' and how to deal with ICE. **Item 3:** This coming weekend at the CCA Winter Conference significant votes will take place regarding CCA EXEC elections as well as votes about the budget and scholarship, so please reach out to Rep Geoff Johnson for more information about details regarding the vote. Johnson will also be facilitating three presentations at the conference on Organizing and Bargaining with regard to part-time issues, and on organizing with a One Tier mindset. **Item 4:** Thanks to the members of the newly formed safety committee. If interested, please reach out to Johnson for information about the CCA safety committee and potential resources regarding training. **Item 5:** Please vote for Geoff Johnson for the NEA (National Education Association) as he focuses his work on higher education and adjunct issues. **Item 6:** The Longbeach District just settled a lawsuit and is obligated to pay out over \$18 million in backpay. If you receive an email asking to join a similar lawsuit, please know these are typically not coming from CCA or CFT or the other major union organizations, so proceed with caution. Also, pay attention to institutions that are encouraging bargaining teams to redefine the job duties of adjunct faculty. What this does is prevent the districts from future lawsuits concerning backpay. **Item 7:** The movie *Adjunct* by Ron Major filmed at SDSU will be screened as part of the Part-time Visioning session on March 17 from 2:00-4:00 pm. The film portrays the experiences of part time faculty. More information will be forthcoming.

6	SCEA Safety Committee Update	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	10 min
In response to a request from the SCEA Rep Council, the Ad Hoc SCEA Safety Committee has been formed. The committee is in response to concerns related to the anxiety and fear on campus for racial profiling by ICE. The tri-chairs have been nominated and elected: Alejandra Lucero Canann, John Rieder, and Diana Newberry. The tri-chairs will meet first and create a charter before bringing it to the committee for approval.				
7	Grievance Update	Shaffer	Information	10 min
Grievance Chair Rob Shaffer provided information about common terminology regarding grievance processes such as grievances, investigations, and medical accommodation meetings. He reinforced the information with a Kahoot game.				
8	Prop 55 Extension Update	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	10 min
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 or to sign to get it on the ballot!				
9	Organizing Events for Spring	Lohorn Carpenter	Information	15 min
Item 1: The CCA Spring conference will take place on April 24-26 in Irvine. When registration opens an email with information will be sent out. Item 2: Please join us Family Day at La Bella's on Sunday, March 15 at 1:00pm. Item 3: An adult-only game day will be planned for April in Coin Haus in La Mesa. Item 4: An end of semester party will be planned just before finals begin. More information forthcoming. SCEA is currently scouting for a location. Groundswell Brewing and Balboa Brewery in Chula Vista, well Market on 8th in National City, and The Mesa near SDSU were suggested.				
10	Who Award Winner	Taffolla-Schreiber	Information	5 min
CCA holds three conventions in Fall, Winter and Spring. The Spring convention is when the WHO award is presented. It stands for "We Honor Ours." It is the local level's way of honoring exceptional work on behalf of the faculty union. This year's WHO winner is Kevin Sweeney. If you are interested in attending the conference as a delegate (which is fully compensated) please reach out to any member of Exec.				
11	Adjournment			
Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026				