



STUDENT SENATE MEETING

Friday, October 24, 2025
10:00am-11:00am
Room 207, Zoom

MINUTES

Zoom Link: <https://shastacollege-edu.zoom.us/j/85403095503>

LET IT BE KNOWN that all meetings of the Shasta College Student Senate are open to the public. We, the Governing Board and Representatives of the Shasta College Student Senate, encourage all students and members of the public to feel free to attend this meeting and to voice their opinions on matters of the agenda or matters that they feel are issues that affect the student body of Shasta College. Any person or student wishing to be formally recognized on the agenda is encouraged to contact Shasta College Student Senate and include the emails of Shasta College Student Senate President Jackson Richards (scss@shastacollege.edu) and the Shasta College Student Senate Advisors, Amanda Saetern (asaetern@shastacollege.edu) and Katie Elwood (kelwood@shastacollege.edu), no later than 5pm on the Monday before the meeting at which they wish to be recognized. Thank you.

1. CALL TO ORDER *by Jackson Richards at 10:05 a.m.*
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Lead the Pledge of Allegiance by saying "Salute, pledge...")
3. ROLL CALL

Executive Board	Title	Attendance	Quorum Count
Jackson Richards	President	Present	1/1
Samuel Gordon	Vice President	Present	1/1
Mariah Bobadilla	Secretary	Absent	/1
Evelyn Degutis	Treasurer	Present	1/1
Mia Wallace	Shared Governance Officer	Present	1/1
Christian Macias	Regional Affairs Officer	Present	1/1
VACANT	Public Relations Officer		/1
VACANT	Events & Activities Officer		/1
Jessica Lyn Sarver	Justice Officer	Present (left at 10:57 a.m.)	1/1
Advisory Roles	Title	Attendance	
Fernando Camacho	Senator	Present	
Alex Gaither	Senator	Absent	
Staff	Title	Attendance	
Tim Johnston	VP of Student Services	Absent	
Brianne Brichacek	Director of Student Life	Present	
Amanda Saetern	Classified Advisor	Present	
Katie Elwood	Faculty Advisor	Present	

**Quorum = (2/3) Executive Board Members Present

6/7

Guests: Sidney Young, Sandra Hamilton, and Drewsella Jones

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - a. 10/24/25



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Samuel Gordon motioned to approve the agenda, and this was seconded by Evelyn Degutis. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. 10/17/25

Mia Wallace motioned to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by Christian Macias. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the SCSS on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The SCSS may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. For further information, please contact the SCSS President for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.2)

7. TIMOTHY JOHNSTON (Vice President of Student Services), BRIANNE BRICHACEK (Director of Student Life), AMANDA SAETERN (Classified Advisor), & KATIE ELWOOD (Faculty Advisor)

Brianne Brichacek stated that the Educational Master Plan Committee is seeking a student representative, and Jackson Richards and Jessica Lyn Sarver expressed their interest.

Amanda Saetern reminded the SCSS that Spooky Spirit Day will be held next Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and that the SCSS office will be closed on the 31st of October. Saetern encouraged the SCSS to wear costumes.

8. STUDENT EQUITY PLAN

(Discussion)

Sandra Hamilton asked for input from the SCSS regarding the 3-year student equity plan seeking equitable outcomes for all student demographics. Hamilton stressed the importance of focusing on transfer level Math and English, alongside services like the Tutoring and Learning Center. There is a budget of \$3,000,000 for this, and the funds pay for class computers, lending library, RABA student passes, etc.

Hamilton and the SCSS discussed topics that include low-cost/free textbook acquisition programs, transfer and career pathways, and the publicization of student programs. There will be a board meeting on the 12th of November at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown CLC building.

9. UMOJA TALENT SHOW

(Discussion)

Sidney Young introduced the UMOJA talent show and would like collaboration between the SCSS and the 6 UMOJA student leaders for a more successful and effective event. Young suggested ways to improve the talent show, such as refining acts and ensuring they are safe. Young also notes that auditions will be marketed in January 2026, auditions will be held in February 2026, the show will be marketed in March 2026, and the show will be held in April 2026. Young spotlighted some topics for consideration, like the number of acts, location, program reach, and judges. It was clarified that talent will be open to students only, while attendance is open to the community.



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Jackson Richards, Evelyn Degutis, Mia Wallace, and Jessica Lyn Sarver expressed their interest in forming an ad-hoc committee to assist and interact with UMOJA leaders. Jackson Richards also noted that the Music Club has previously spoken about their willingness to support the event. Richards will make the referral of Zach Gifford to Sidney Young.

10. ABSENT MEMBERS

(Discussion/Action)

There has been an issue regarding attendance of some SCSS members, but this item will not be pursued further as the involved members have submitted their letters of resignation.

11. PARTICIPATORY COMMITTEES

(Action)

- a.** Program Review Committee
- b.** Enrollment Management Committee

Christian Macias motioned to appoint Fernando Camacho as the student representative of the Enrollment Management Committee, and this was seconded by Samuel Gordon. The motion passes with zero votes of opposition and one abstention.

12. LIBRARY SUPPLIES – Jessica Sarver

(Discussion/Action)

This discussion item will be tabled for discussion/action at a future meeting because communication with the library has not been established.

13. CLUB APPROVALS

(Discussion/Action)

- a.** Turning Point USA at Shasta College

Jackson Richards noted that when viewing club constitutions, only the document's validity can be considered in terms of whether to approve or disapprove. Richards recommended approving the club.

Evelyn Degutis motioned to approve the Turning Point USA at Shasta College Club, and this was seconded by Jessica Lyn Sarver. The motion passed with zero votes of opposition and two abstentions.

14. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Discussion/Action)

It would not be logistically possible for more than 3 students, excluding the Regional Affairs Officer, to attend the general assembly event. Therefore, the criteria to decide who would be attending involved active SCSS participation and demonstrated interest in attending the event. Priority will be given to students who have not participated in the event previously and who will be on the SCSS the following academic year. After thorough discussion, it has been decided that Jackson Richards, Samuel Gordon, and Mariah Bobadilla would be the additional students attending the general assembly event.



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Evelyn Degutis motioned to allocate \$6,800 towards the general assembly event, and this was seconded by Samuel Gordon. Fernando Camacho expressed his support for the motion. Jackson Richards, Samuel Gordon, Evelyn Degutis, Mia Wallace, Christian Macias, and Jessica Lyn Sarver all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

15. SWAP MEET

(Discussion)

Brianne Brichacek stated that the "upper management" is interested in a formal proposal for greater ease of providing guidance. Brichacek also added that she can facilitate a conversation with Campus Safety.

16. SSCCC FEDERAL ADVOCACY ACADEMY

(Discussion)

Christian Macias mentioned that student registration for this event would cost \$540. It was noted that any student travel would require an advisor. This item has been tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

17. STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following written reports are provided for informational and accountability purposes. These reports will be considered officially accepted by the Student Senate Executive Board upon adoption of their agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker shall be observed.

- a. President/Student Trustee Report
- b. Vice President Report
- c. Secretary Report
- d. Treasurer Report
- e. Shared Governance Officer Report
- f. Regional Affairs Officer Report
- g. Justice Report
- h. Participatory Committee Representative Reports

The SCSS Vice President reported that the Curriculum Committee reactivated 2 ECE courses, split bookkeeping certificate into 2 programs (Accounting Foundation and Accounting Specialist) to better ensure transferability, revised 43 courses, and deactivated some courses. Gordon noted that all the courses sent to the UCTCA were approved.

The SCSS Regional Affairs Officer reported that the Student Success Committee assigned him to collaborate on the task of improving communication between the campus and the students. Macias noted that the committee is working on creating an explicit way for students to know what jobs their degrees are preparing them for and improve their soft skills.

18. COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

This time is reserved for any member of the senate to make announcements on items not on the agenda or bring forward information for general discussion. A time limit of one (1) minute per speaker shall be observed. No action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended.

Jackson Richards proposed the idea of having an office hours form to communicate what needs to be done for greater efficiency in the completion of tasks. Richards also stated that those interested in the



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ad-hoc committee in collaboration with UMOJA need to fill out the form and return it to the SCSS office next week.

Brianne Brichacek mentioned that those interested in the student representative position on the Educational Master Plan Committee will be meeting on the 7th of November after the SCSS meeting. Brichacek added that there should be a Zoom option for the meeting.

19. Next Meeting on Friday, November 7th at 10:00 am in Room 207 and Zoom.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Christian Macias motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m., and this was seconded by Samuel Gordon. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.