Shasta College
STUDENT SENATE

STUDENT SENATE MEETING
Friday, October 9, 2026
1:00 pm-2:00pm
Room 207, Zoom

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER *by Mariah Bobadilla at 1:00 p.m.*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Lead the Pledge of Allegiance by saying "Salute, pledge…")

3. ROLL CALL

Executive Board	**Title**	**Attendance**	**Quorum Count**
Mariah Bobadilla	President	Present	1/1
Evelyn Degutis	Vice President	Absent	0/1
Amelia Rocca	Secretary	Present	1/1
Finn Hansen	Treasurer	Present	1/1
Alexandra Karlsson	Regional Affairs Officer	Present	1/1
Advisory Roles	**Title**	**Attendance**	
Cardea Marcus	Senator	Present	
Staff	**Title**	**Attendance**	
Tim Johnston	VP of Student Services	Present	
Brianne Brichacek	Director of Student Life	Present	
Amanda Saetern	Classified Advisor	Present	
Katie Elwood	Faculty Advisor	Present	

**Quorum = (2/3) Executive Board Members Present 4/5

Guests: *Madeline Manning*

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   - **a.** 10/9/26

   Finn Hansen motioned to approve the agenda, and this was seconded by Alexandra Karlsson. Cardea Marcus cast an advisory vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   - **a.** 10/2/26

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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)

     Madeline Manning shared that she is the Region 1 Intern at SSCCC (Student Senate for California Community Colleges) which serves as the official voice of all community college students. Manning shared that registration is open for SSCCC conferences, specifically mentioning the Advocacy Academy. She also encouraged the SCSS members to join the Legislative Advocates Network (LAN) to help work on policy and system wide reform campaigns. Manning shared the link to sign up for LAN as well as her email and encouraged the SCSS to reach out if they had any questions.

7. STAFF REPORTS
   - **a.** TIMOTHY JOHNSTON (Vice President of Student Services)

     Tim Johnston expressed that he is looking forward to the second reading of AP 2410 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures. Johnston also explained that many were affected by a data security breach that has made it so that financial aid checks have to be distributed either by mail or picked up in person. Johnston stated that he may have to leave early to help with that process.
   - **b.** BRIANNE BRICHACEK (Director of Student Life)

     Brianne Brichacek followed up on Tim Johnston's report by saying that three million dollars of financial aid checks have been handed out and that money has made a huge difference for students. She also shared that Community Day was a huge success and that she was looking forward to discussing it during agenda item 9.
   - **c.** AMANDA SAETERN (Classified Advisor)

     No report was provided.
   - **d.** KATIE ELWOOD (Faculty Advisor)

     No report was provided.

8. PARTICIPATORY COMMITTEES
   (Discussion/Action)
   - **a.** College Council – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 3pm-5pm

     Cardea Marcus expressed his desire to be the student representative at the College Council. Amelia Rocca moved to appoint Cardea Marcus as the student representative for the College Council. Alexandra Karlsson seconded the motion. Cardea Marcus abstained from his

advisory vote. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions from the executive board.

9. KNIGHTS CONNECT – Recap
(Discussion)
   a. Involvement Fair/Community Day 10/8

Brianne Brichacek asked the SCSS what they thought of the event and if they had any suggestions for next time. Mariah Bobadilla stated that she believed it went really well. Bobadilla stated that the basketball game was very popular, but it was slightly flimsy and may need to be assembled better next time. Finn Hansen said that the SCSS was able to adequately serve all the students that stopped by the table through splitting up and multi-tasking. Cardea Marcus noted that the location of the SCSS table was a bit out of the way and therefore got less traffic than other tables. Bobadilla added that the SCSS should try to get there earlier and find a better spot next time.

10. BYLAWS UPDATE – First Reading
(Discussion)

Amanda Saetern brought up the revised first draft of the new SCSS bylaws for review. We reviewed the changes made as well as any new comments published on the document. Brichacek encouraged the SCSS to comment on what should be added. Brichacek added that the SCSS should look for continuity when reviewing things like advisor versus advisor(s) and other little details. Brichacek stated that discussion should be cut and revisions done on each member's own time.

11. GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Discussion)

Cardea Marcus confirmed that he will be going to General Assembly. Mariah Bobadilla requested that the Regional Affairs officer reach out to the other Region 1 community colleges to see if they'd like to collaborate on a resolution for General Assembly. Alexandra Karlsson said that she would. Brichacek stated that it would be best to include a few ideas for resolutions to get a conversation going. Amelia Rocca noted that the SCSS should discuss some resolution ideas before Karlsson has to send the email so that she knows what to include. Katie Elwood suggested creating an Ad Hoc committee to discuss the resolutions. Alexandra Karlsson motioned to create an Ad Hoc committee for brainstorming general assembly resolutions. Mariah Bobadilla seconded the motion. Cardea Marcus cast an advisory vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

12. SWAG FOR SCSS
(Discussion/Action)

Alexandra Karlsson stated that she looked at the short sleeve dress shirt prices online, and it is 12 for $19 each for cotton and 12 for $21 for a cotton/polyester blend. Amelia Rocca said that she'd prefer black shirts instead of forest green. The rest of the SCSS agreed on black. Mariah Bobadilla motioned to allocate $600 dollars for new SCSS shirts from 4imprint. This was seconded by Finn

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Hansen. Cardea Marcus cast an advisory vote in favor of the motion. Mariah Bobadilla, Amelia Rocca, Finn Hansen, and Alexandra Karlsson all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

13. 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

Finn Hansen gave his budget report. Hansen's report included all the SCSS money allocations since the begging of the year. $300 for Constitution Day, $50 for Resource Fair, $15,000 for General Assembly, $200 for Community Day, and $6,000 for Giving Tree. Mariah Bobadilla suggested that Hansen included how much was allocated and how much was spent as well as how much money was in excess. Brianne Brichacek stated that she will be adding the money allocated for new shirts onto the budget spreadsheet and suggested that payments like this be added as "encumbered" meaning it's been allocated but not spent yet.

- **e.** Regional Affairs Officer Report
- **f.** Participatory Committee Representative Reports

14. 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.

Mariah Bobadilla shared that on Thursday October 15th there will be a Think Pink event put on by Student Health from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. She stated that they are looking for volunteers and if any SCSS could help out, even if only for an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Bobadilla asked Alexandra Karlsson how the SCSSS delegate transfer has been going. Karlsson shared that there have been some issues, and she missed the first meeting, but it should get straightened out soon.

15. Next Meeting on Friday, October 16 at 1:00pm in Room 207 and Zoom.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Amelia Rocca moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m., and this was seconded by Alexandra Karlsson. Cardea Marcus cast an advisory vote in favor of the motion. Mariah Bobadilla, Amelia Rocca, Finn Hansen, and Alexandra Karlsson all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.