



## STUDENT SENATE MEETING

Friday, March 13, 2026

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](mailto:scss@shastacollege.edu)) and the Shasta College Student Senate Advisors, Amanda Saetern ([asaetern@shastacollege.edu](mailto:asaetern@shastacollege.edu)) and Katie Elwood ([kelwood@shastacollege.edu](mailto: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 10:02 a.m.*
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Lead the Pledge of Allegiance by saying "Salute, pledge...")
3. ROLL CALL

| <b>Executive Board</b> | <b>Title</b>                | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Quorum Count</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Jackson Richards       | President                   | Present           | 1/1                 |
| Samuel Gordon          | Vice President              | Absent            | /1                  |
| Mariah Bobadilla       | Secretary                   | Present           | 1/1                 |
| Evelyn Degutis         | Treasurer                   | Present           | 1/1                 |
| VACANT                 | Shared Governance Officer   |                   | /1                  |
| Christian Macias       | Regional Affairs Officer    | Present           | 1/1                 |
| VACANT                 | Public Relations Officer    |                   | /1                  |
| VACANT                 | Events & Activities Officer |                   | /1                  |
| VACANT                 | Justice Officer             |                   | /1                  |
| <b>Advisory Roles</b>  | <b>Title</b>                | <b>Attendance</b> |                     |
| River Leal             | Senator                     | Present           |                     |
| <b>Staff</b>           | <b>Title</b>                | <b>Attendance</b> |                     |
| 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: No guests were present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. 3/13/26

*Mariah Bobadilla motioned to approve the agenda, and this was seconded by Evelyn DeGutis. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.*



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## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### a. 3/6/26

*Evelyn DeGutis 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)

*Tim Johnston stated that he was happy to welcome Dr. Marshall Thomas, who demonstrated support for student veterans.*

*Brianne Brichacek stated that she had a great time during the March in March event.*

*Amanda Saetern stated that she had special projects for the SCSS members to do during their office hours.*

*Katie Elwood stated that final resolution packets for the SSCCC General Assembly were released and that the pick-up spot for the General Assembly trip would be near the 2300 building.*

## 8. BUDGET UPDATE

(Discussion)

*Evelyn DeGutis presented the most recent budget updates, which included the \$1,000 allocated towards SCSS scholarships, \$410 allocated towards the March in March event, \$400 allocated for SCSS recruitment, and \$1,000 allocated to support the Basic Needs Resource Center.*

## 9. CLUB APPROVALS

(Discussion/Action)

- a.** Auto Club
- b.** Writing Club

*Evelyn DeGutis motioned to approve the Auto Club, and this was seconded by Mariah Bobadilla. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.*

*Mariah Bobadilla motioned to approve the Writing Club, and this was seconded by River Leal. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.*

## 10. SCSS 25-26 FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING HONOR

(Discussion/Action)

*Mariah Bobadilla suggested having awards for instructors in each academic division.*



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*Amanda Saetern stated that she would reach out to the Professional Development Coordinator.*

*It was discussed that the awarding event could be held around the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. It was noted that spending should be stopped by the end of April.*

*Evelyn DeGutis motioned to allocate \$1,000 towards the awarding event, and this was seconded by Mariah Bobadilla. River Leal expressed his support for the motion. Jackson Richards, Mariah Bobadilla, Evelyn DeGutis, and Christian Macias all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.*

### 11. UMOJA'S SHASTA'S GOT TALENT

(Discussion)

*Amanda Saetern noted that posters promoting the event are being made.*

*It was finalized that River Leal will be the SCSS judge at the event.*

### 12. MARCH IN MARCH FIELD TRIP

(Discussion)

*River Leal noted that the March in March field trip was fun and inspiring. There were many motivating speeches, discussions with proxies, and opportunities to advocate. Along with Brianne Brichacek, he encouraged the returning members of the SCSS to attend the following year.*

### 13. SSCCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Discussion)

*Amanda Saetern stated that the attending SCSS members will have to prepare a report after the event. Katie Elwood noted that the attending SCSS members should break up the resolutions to be able to cover all of them. Elwood added that there will be a working lunch on the last day.*

### 14. SCSS RECRUITMENT

(Discussion)

*Amanda Saetern noted that the SCSS recruitment video has been posted on all social media platforms. Saetern stated that the voting party would be held on the 30th of April from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the library.*

### 15. 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. Regional Affairs Officer Report
- f. Participatory Committee Representative Reports

### 16. COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR



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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.

*River Leal communicated about an issue with logging in his office hours, and Amanda Saetern will get him connected with IT.*

*Jackson Richards expressed that there is work in the office regarding envelopes, and that SCSS Executive Board members should come to help during their office hours or spare time.*

17. Next Meeting on Friday, March 20th at 10:00 am in Room 207 and Zoom.

### 18. ADJOURNMENT

*Evelyn DeGutis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m., and this was seconded by Christian Macias. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.*