



STUDENT SENATE MEETING

Friday, May 1, 2026

10:00am-11:00am

Room 207, Zoom

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER *by Jackson Richards at 10:03 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	Present	1/1
Evelyn Degutis	Treasurer	Present	1/1
VACANT	Shared Governance Officer		/1
Christian Macias	Regional Affairs Officer	Present (at 10:13 a.m.)	1/1
VACANT	Public Relations Officer		/1
VACANT	Events & Activities Officer		/1
VACANT	Justice Officer		/1
Advisory Roles	Title	Attendance	
VACANT	Senator		
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	Absent	

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

5/5

Guests: Ryan Pearson

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - a. 5/1/26

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



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5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. 4/17/26

Samuel Gordon motioned to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by Mariah Bobadilla. 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 thanked the SCSS for all the work they did this academic year, especially the contributions to the new constitution, student stipends, and events. Johnston also noted that he would not be able to attend the meeting the following week.

Brianne Brichacek also expressed her gratitude towards the SCSS and their contributions.

Amanda Saetern stated that she appreciated everyone's determination and shared values.

8. BUDGET UPDATE

(Discussion)

It was noted that the hotel charges for General Assembly have not hit the accounts yet and that a little more of the budget will be deducted from for the swearing-in event supplies.

9. RETREAT EXPENSES

(Discussion/Action)

Christian Macias motioned to allocate \$1,500 towards the Leadership Retreat, and this was seconded by Jackson Richards. Jackson Richards, Samuel Gordon, Mariah Bobadilla, Evelyn DeGutis, and Christian Macias all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

10. SCSS 25-26 FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING HONOR

(Discussion/Action)

Samuel Gordon motioned to appoint Dr. Larry Grandy the recipient of the Student Senate's Choice Award, and this was seconded by Mariah Bobadilla. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

11. SCSS ELECTIONS

(Discussion)

It was noted that the new constitution has been passed. Amanda Saetern thanked the SCSS for the informative Voting Party event.



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12. 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

The Vice President reported that the Curriculum Committee approved two new courses (FTWO 337 and FTWO 353) and deactivated twelve courses (FIRS 188D, FTWL 101, FTWL 102, FTWL 103, FTWL 110, FTWL 132, FTWL 134, FTWO 135, FTWO 136, FTWO 148, FTWO 348, and FTWP 126). Gordon added that the Curriculum Committee also revised and updated twenty-three courses and seven degree pathways.

The Secretary reported that the College Council discussed that the Strategic Educational Master will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees. Bobadilla also noted that the AI Task Force is planning to extend through Fall 2026 and Spring 2027, provide access to select AI tools, establish college-wide AI guidance and syllabus language options, support student learning through process-centered approaches, and develop a sustained AI training and fluency program.

The Program Review Committee student representative highlighted that for the Art program, 62 degrees were awarded between 2020 and 2025 and that there was a high retention rate for most courses. Pearson also spotlighted that for Computer Information Systems, 73 degrees and certification were awarded from 2021 to 2026, the CIS program became a member of COSMIC and had strong workforce preparation, and there is a comprehensive 6-year plan to rebuild instructional capacity and modernize technology. He added that for the business program, there were over 700 awards across 8 degrees between 2021 and 2025, and pathways show graduate employment is above the state average. Pearson expressed that for English as a second language, 11 certifications were awarded between 2024 and 2025, it is highlighted as the only free multilevel ESL program in the area, and an advanced ESL course will be developed to bridge the gap between ESL 336 and ENGLC1000. Finally, he pointed out that for Natural Sciences, there was an average of 45 transfer degrees and 139 associate degrees awarded per year across the last 5 years, the retention rate increased from 80% to 86% over the last 5 years, and there are plans to renovate the 1600 building.

13. 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 she wished the leaving SCSS members the best on their new adventures and expressed that she enjoyed working with them.

Jackson Richards brought forward a note from Basic Needs expressing their gratitude for the support of the SCSS during the "Share the Love" foodraiser.



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14. Next Meeting on Friday, May 8th at 10:00 am in Room 207 and Zoom.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Christian Macias motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m., and this was seconded by Samuel Gordon. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.