Shasta College
STUDENT SENATE

STUDENT SENATE MEETING
Friday, September 25, 2026
1:00 pm-2:00pm
Room 207, Zoom

MINUTES

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER *by Mariah Bobadilla at 1:01 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	Present	1/1
Amelia Rocca	Secretary	Present	1/1
VACANT	Treasurer		/1
VACANT	Regional Affairs 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	Present	

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

Guests: *Finn Hansen and Alexandra Karlsson.*

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   a. 9/25/26
   Amelia Rocca motioned to approve the agenda, and this was seconded by Mariah Bobadilla. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   a. 9/18/26
   Evelyn Degutis 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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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)

     No public comments were received.

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

   Tim Johnston welcomed the guests and thanked them for their interest and future service. He apologized for not being able to attend the last two meetings due to the managers' retreat and board retreat.
   - **b.** BRIANNE BRICHACEK (Director of Student Life)

   She wished everyone a happy Dolly Day and reserved any further comments till later in the meeting.
   - **c.** AMANDA SAETERN (Classified Advisor)

     No comments were provided.
   - **d.** KATIE ELWOOD (Faculty Advisor)

     No comments were provided.

8. SWEARING-IN OF NEW OFFICERS
   (Action)
   - **a.** Alexandra Karlsson – Regional Affairs Officer

     Mariah Bobadilla moved to appoint Alexandra Karlsson as the Regional Affairs Officer, and the motion was seconded by Amelia Rocca. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.
   - **b.** Finn Hansen – Treasurer

     Evelyn Degutis moved to appoint Finn Hansen as Treasurer, and the motion was seconded by Amelia Rocca. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions.

   Both Alexandra and Finn were sworn-in successfully.

9. CLUB APPROVALS
   (Discussion/Action)
   - **a.** Returning to Nature Club

     Amanda Saetern noted that the Returning to Nature Club constitution is the same as last year and looks to be complete and in order. Evelyn Degutis noted that she is currently the club's treasurer. Alexandra Karlsson moves to approve the Returning to Nature Club's constitution. Finn Hansen seconds the motion. The motion passed with four-fifths of quorum members in favor, no opposition, and one abstention by Evelyn Degutis.

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10. AP 2410 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures
(Discussion)

Tim Johnston noted that AP 2410 has to do with the process of approving APs and BPs. It currently states that the senate must wait a full 10 days after initial exposure to approve something. He suggested that the SCSS change that to allow for approval one meeting after the first reading. Amanda Saetern noticed that the process involved the shared governance officer, which is no longer a senate position. The proposed changes to the AP are as follows: instead of 10 days say from scheduled meeting to scheduled meeting and instead of Shared Governance Officer say student senate executive board.

11. PARTICIPATORY COMMITTEES
(Discussion/Action)

Finn Hansen stated that the college council meeting times don't work well for him. Amelia Rocca mentioned that the budget committee times changed from when she originally agreed and that she's open to discussion about switching committees.

a. Citizens Bond Oversight Committee – 5:00 PM on Thursdays on October 15, 2026, January 21, 2027, April 15, 2027

Mariah Bobadilla stated that she would be willing to serve on this committee as it is a responsibility that usually befalls the president. Evelyn Degutis moved to appoint Mariah Bobadilla as the student representative to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. Amelia Rocca seconded the motion. The motion passed with four-fifths of quorum members in favor, no opposition, and one abstention by Mariah Bobadilla.

b. College Council – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 3pm-5pm

c. Program Review Committee – 1st and 3rd Thursdays 12:30pm-2pm on Zoom

Alexandra Karlsson stated that the Program Review Committee was the only one that worked well with her schedule. Mariah Bobadilla moved to appoint Alexandra Karlsson as the student representative to the Program Review Committee. Finn Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed with four-fifths of quorum members in favor, no opposition, and one abstention by Alexandra Karlsson.

12. BYLAWS UPDATE
(Discussion)

Everyone agreed that all the comments on the track changes version of the bylaws look good. Amanda noted that this will be the SCSS's last time looking at the track changes version and by next meeting there will be an organized, rewritten draft for review. All members stated that they were ready to move on to the final version for the next meeting.

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13. GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Discussion)

Amelia Rocca provides a quick explanation for the new members of what the General Assembly is and what the SCSS does. Both Alexandra Karlsson and Finn Hansen agreed that they will be attending the 2027 general Assembly. Brianne Brichacek stated that she will start planning as well as booking plane tickets and hotel rooms now that we know who is going. Mariah Bobadilla and Evelyn Degutis agreed to share a hotel room to cut costs. Amelia Rocca and Alexandra Karlsson agreed to share a room as well. Finn Hansen and Katie Elwood will get individual rooms. Maraih noted that Shasta College did not submit any resolutions last year, and she would like us to put forth two at this general assembly. She encouraged senate members to start brainstorming potential resolutions and stated that she will share the formatting and examples with us. There is no specific date posted for when resolutions must be submitted. Katie Elwood suggested that if the SCSS wants to partner with the other region 1 community colleges, we should begin reaching out to them soon.

14. KNIGHTS CONNECT
(Discussion)

a. Involvement Fair/Community Day 10/8

Brianne Bichacek explained involvement fair/community day to the new members. It was noted that Dr. Nigro will be giving his state of the college address, Mariah Bobadilla will be a part of a student panel, there will be a fair in the center of campus, around 600-700 FFA students will be here for farm day, councilors from the high schools in Redding will be in attendance, and there will also be a blood drive from student life. Evelyn Degutis suggested a basketball hoop as a game while tabling. Finn Hansen noted that it would be more eye catching and increase involvement. Amanda Saetern stated that we already approved money, but that well must decide exactly what we want to purchase by the next meeting. The SCSS members agreed to purchase the basketball hoop as well as a bulk stationary pack and assorted candy for prizes. Brianne noted that an amazon list of what to buy must be produced by Tuesday morning. Mariah Bobadilla suggested a QR code for the public to ask questions or submit concerns to the Student Senate as well as a list of upcoming events and activities for the year; that would both be posted on the table.

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

Amanda Saetern explained to the new members that this is when they would report back about their committee meetings. She noted that every SCSS member must make at least one report a semester and confirmed that there is no convention for how the reports are presented. They can be a document or a google slide.

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16. 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.

Brianne Brichacek noted that the SCSS may have a student representative coming from the Tehama campus and that he may want to start a club down there.

17. Next Meeting on Friday, October 2 at 1:00pm in Room 207 and Zoom.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Amelia Rocca moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m., and this was seconded by Evelyn Degutis. Mariah Bobadilla, Evelyn Degutis, Amelia Rocca, Finn Hansen, and Alexandra Karlson all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously with zero votes of opposition and zero abstentions