**THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**2023 Spring Plenary Session**

**Leading Change: Teaching, Learning, and Governance in a Hybrid World**

**April 20-22, 2023**

**(Virtual Event Platform Opened for Participants Beginning April 13th, 2023)**

**THURSDAY, April 20th, 2023**

**Morning Activity:** Coffee Networking: Meet and Greet and New Delegate Session at 8:00 a.m.

**Caucus Meetings** Participants attended caucus meetings from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

1. Asian Pacific Islander Caucus
2. Black Caucus
3. Latinx Caucus
4. LGBTQIA+ Caucus
5. Womxn’s Caucus
6. Small or Rural College Caucus

**FIRST GENERAL SESSION:** From 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. session participants attended the first general session. **Welcome and Call to Order:** President Virginia May called the 2023 Spring Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to order at 9:18 a.m. and welcomed delegates and guests.

**Adoption of Procedures:** Vice President Cheryl Aschenbach presented the Academic Senate’s Rules and Procedures and asked for their adoption. [**Adoption of Fall 2022 Minutes MSC**](https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/2022%20Fall%20Session%20Minutes%20Final_0.pdf)

**Foundation Report and State of the Academic Senate:** ASFCCC President Manuel Velez presented an update on the Academic Senate Foundation for California Community Colleges activities. President Virginia May presented the State of the Academic Senate Address. Attendees can access the Academic Senate Foundation and State of the Academic Senate presentation here: [State of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges](https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/G1_State_of_the_Academic_Senate_11-3-22_Final%20for%20Posting.pptx)

**FIRST BREAKOUT SESSION:** Session participants attended breakout sessions from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., choosing from the following:

# In Person:

1. Be a Change Agent: Leveraging Resolutions to Maximize Impact
2. General Education in California’s Public Higher Educational Systems
3. Legislative and Advocacy Update
4. Academic Freedom: Making Space for Belonging and Connection in Our Classes and Campuses Hall

# Virtual:

1. Accreditation During Changing Times
2. Faculty Role in Institutional Planning as It Relates to Strategic Enrollment Management

**Elections Nominations:** From 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Elections Chair, David Morse conducted elections nominations.

**SECOND GENERAL SESSION:** From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. session participants attended a second general session.

**Presentation: Update on Budget and Legislation: Community College Budget: From the State to the District/College**

Following a review of the California budget process and the Governor’s January budget proposal for 2023-2024, presenters discussed what the proposed budget means to local districts and colleges and shared perspectives about changes that might be in the Governor’s May Revise.

**SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION:** Session participants attended breakout sessions from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., choosing from the following:

# In Person:

1. Collegiality in Action: Building a Relationship with Your College President/District Chancellor
2. Rethinking Attendance Accounting: What If We Do Things Differently?
3. Common Course Numbering
4. Promising Practices for Faculty Evaluations on DEIA

# Virtual:

1. The Brown Act in a Post-State-of-Emergency World
2. A Proliferation of Technology for Teaching: How Do We Use It to Facilitate Authentic Student Learning?

**Resolutions and Amendments Due at 2:45 p.m.** All resolutions were submitted electronically through the online form and signature page.

**THIRD GENERAL SESSION**: From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. session participants attended a third general session.

**Presentation: ALL Authentic Faculty Voices & Lived Experiences Belong in Academic Leadership**

Having a place at the table is not enough! Academic senates serve a unique role on our California community college campuses. Academic senates are the primary way by which the faculty engage in local, district, and state participatory governance, and work closely with administrations on academic and professional matters. Academic senates achieve this by offering the administration recommendations, guidance, perspective, and feedback as the college makes important decisions on how the college does its business. It is well established in educational leadership research that decision-making is at its best when diverse voices are amplified and when alternative perspectives are considered. Decisions are often influenced by who occupies the leadership role, and faculty from underrepresented groups are not being equitably elevated to positions of leadership in our academic senates and decision-making committees. Come join us in this very important discussion on intentionally including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in faculty leadership roles on our campuses you ever heard the phrases “I am not a data person” or “That isn’t what I am seeing in my class?" The data presented to us only seems to tell part of the story and it may not represent the individual challenges you have seen your faculty and students tackle every day. In this session, participants learned how to be actively engaged in determining what data is being tracked, determining what the data really means, and deciding what still needs to be explored to work towards equitable student success.

**In-Person Rooms Open for Caucuses at 3:00 p.m.** Caucus members may request to use an open breakout room by going to the registration desk and speaking with an ASCCC Office Team member.

**Candidate Information Session: From 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. presented by Elections Chair, David Morse:** All individuals who are considering running for the ASCCC Executive Committee are highly encouraged to attend this session.

**Resolutions and Amendments at Plenary - Mandatory for Contacts: From 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This is a mandatory session for those plenary session attendees who submitted a resolution or amendment at the plenary session. The contact for the submitted resolution or amendment must attend this meeting for the Resolutions Committee to consider adding it to the packet for the following day.

**Academic Senate Foundation Evening Activity:** From 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. session participants help raise funds to support professional development for faculty by dining out at one of the participating restaurants.

**FRIDAY, April 21st, 2023**

**Disciplines List 2nd Hearing:** From 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. session participants attended the Disciplines List Hearing.

**FOURTH GENERAL SESSION:** From 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. session participants attended a fourth general session.

**Presentation: Candidate Speeches**: presented by Elections Chair, David Morse.

**AREA MEETINGS:** From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session participants attended Area Meetings.

# Honorary Resolutions 12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Resolution Presentation:** President Virginia May recognized John Freitas, past member of the Executive Committee for Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and read the following resolution:

***Whereas****, John served on the Executive Committee from 2013-2018 chairing a wide variety of committees including Educational Policies Committee, Online Education Committee, and Resolutions Committee from 2013-15, Curriculum Committee from 2015-16, and Standards and Practices Committee from 2016-17, as well as serving in various Chancellor’s Office Committees including but not limited to the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee, CTE Minimum Qualifications Workgroup, Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee, and Noncredit Advisory Committee;*

***Whereas****, John reveled in the minutiae of Title 5 and Ed Code and regularly cited regulation and statute in meetings, emails, and social functions;*

***Whereas****, John’s love of legislation, Title 5, and Ed Code was inevitably challenged by his frustration at the lack of Oxford commas (John - Please note the use of the Oxford comma in this resolution);*

***Whereas****, John’s dedication to and interest in the ASCCC resolutions process led to multiple terms as Resolutions Committee Chair and the formal creation of the ASCCC Resolutions Handbook;*

***Whereas****, John’s work on the Online Education Initiative Steering Committee, while sometimes deserving of combat pay, was invaluable in maintaining respect for the faculty voice in shaping the efforts of that body;*

***Whereas****, As a person who greatly appreciates the fine art of British wit the likes of which were created by the Black Knight, Brave Sir Robin, King Arthur and Brian, John does not in fact have a very big nose;*

***Whereas****, When someone from the field posed a question, John was inevitably so thorough in his answer that no one would ever dare to ask the question again; and*

***Whereas****, John’s love for community colleges, faculty, and students is only surpassed by his love for Lorraine and their fur baby, Nellie;*

***Resolved****, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges thank John Freitas for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors in the California Community College system.*

**Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award Presentation 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM:**

President Virginia May presented Veronica Gerace, from San Diego Mesa College with the 2023 Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award.

**Amendments and Urgent Resolutions Due 1:00 p.m.** Amendments and urgent resolutions were submitted electronically through the online form.

**THIRD BREAKOUT SESSION:** Session participants attended breakout sessions from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., choosing from the following:

# In Person:

1. Authentic Voices in Curriculum Design
2. We Need You: Statewide Service
3. The Disciplines List, Minimum Qualifications, Equivalency, and Assigning Courses to Disciplines Oh My!
4. Academic Senate Leadership and Governance: Cultivating Belonging During Challenging Times

# Virtual:

1. Understanding Noncredit Education for Equity and Access
2. Empowering Faculty in Using Data

**Amendments and Urgent Resolutions:** From 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. This is a mandatory session for those plenary session attendees who submitted an amendment or urgent resolution at the plenary session. The contact for the submitted amendment must attend this meeting in order for the Resolutions Committee to consider adding it to the packet for voting day.

**Caucus Meetings:** Participants attended caucus meetings from 2:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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5. Womyn’s Caucus
6. Small or Rural College Caucus

**FIFTH GENERAL SESSION:** From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. session participants attended a fifth general session.

**Presentation: Keynote Speaker: Ben Chida**

Ben Chida is the Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, where he has served as senior policy advisor for cradle to career. Previously, Chida was an attorney at an international law firm, an attorney-advisor in the executive office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, and a judicial law clerk to federal judges in California and on the D.C. Circuit. Earlier in his career, Chida was a third-grade teacher at P.S. 325 in New York City and a roofer while attending a continuation high school. Attendees joined this session to hear about the Governor’s multi-year roadmap for the California community colleges and to participate in discussions about the role of faculty and academic senates in ensuring the success of 100% of the students in the California community colleges system.

**SIXTH GENERAL SESSION:** From 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. session participants attended a sixth general session.

# Presentation: Inclusion Works: Centering Authentic Voices and Lived Experiences through a Vision and Mission

# With the goal of ensuring the success of all students, the ASCCC embraces inclusion, diversity, equity, anti-racism, and accessibility (IDEAA) as a call to action for a better future. Including and centering authentic voices and lived experiences acknowledges that institutional discrimination and implicit bias exist. Honoring the voices and stories in light of our vision and mission will support our students and colleagues as we dismantle structural barriers. In this session participants learned how local academic senates and colleges can strive to deliberately value and include the underrepresented voices of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and part-time faculty and students to leverage our growth and understanding as an educational community.

# Officers Candidate Forum: From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. session participants attended this session and interacted with candidates for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. This session provided attendees the opportunity to ask questions, clarify information on the candidate statements, and to listen to how these individuals will continue to move the ASCCC forward in its current climate.

# Executive Committee Meeting: From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Executive Committee reserved time to meet in closed session to discuss any urgent resolutions submitted at the plenary session.

# Evening Activity: From 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. session participants attended the President’s Reception and Dance.

**SATURDAY, April 22nd, 2023**

**Morning Activity:** Test Voting at 8:00 a.m.

**SEVENTH GENERAL SESSION:** From 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session participants attended a seventh general session.

**Call to Order:** President Virginia May called the Seventh General Session to order at 8:30 a.m. with announcements and explained the rules of parliamentary procedure.

**Minutes from Fall 2022 Plenary Session*:*** President Virginia May presented the minutes from the Fall 2022 Plenary Session for adoption. **MSC: Approve the minutes from the 2023 Spring Plenary Session as presented.**

**Elections: The final election results were as follows:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS 2023-24**

President: Cheryl Aschenbach, Lassen College

Vice President: Manuel Velez, San Diego Mesa College

Secretary: LaTonya Parker, Moreno Valley College

Treasurer: Robert L. Stewart Jr., Los Angeles Southwest College

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED**Area A Representative: Stephanie Curry, Reedley College 2023-2025

Area D Representative: Maria-José Zeledón-Pérez, San Diego City College, 2023-2025

North Representative: Mitra Sapienza, City College of San Francisco, 2023-2025

South Representative: Carlos Guerrero, Los Angeles City College, 2023-2025

South Representative: Kimberley Stiemke, North Orange Continuing Education, 2023-2024\*(1 year term)

At-Large Representative: Christopher Howerton, Woodland Community College, 2023-2025

# Resolution Voting Begins

Delegates considered the Academic Senate’s resolutions. A full listing of the resolution voting results during the 2022 Fall Plenary Session can be found on the Senate’s website at [http://www.asccc.org.](http://www.asccc.org/)

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Michelle Bean presented the Academic Senate Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2022-23.

**Academic Senate Foundation Area Competition** The Area Competition winners were announced

# Resolutions Voting continues

***Adjournment***

The 2023 Spring Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges was adjourned on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

ASCCC Event Management LaTonya Parker, Secretary