Welcome New Attendees! How To Bloom At Plenary

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Relations With Local Senates Committee Members
Session Description

For first-time attendees and delegates, plenary is a space that evokes a mix of emotions, such as excitement, confusion, and imposter syndrome, to name a few. Join us as presenters seek to create community and grounding through the sharing of experiences and storytelling, along with an overview of the plenary session as well as delegate roles and responsibilities, in hopes of empowering first-time attendees and delegates to maximize their learning and experience and BLOOM at Plenary!
Session Outcomes

Session attendees will:
1. Make personal connections with others new to the ASCCC Plenary
2. Understand the Role of the ASCCC & Plenary
3. Develop a breakout session attendance plan
4. Discuss the Resolutions and Elections Process
5. Examine the Disciplines List
6. Review the ASCCC Awards
7. Be provided additional ASCCC resources for plenary attendees
Oh Hey, Are You New Here?

• Is this your first plenary? Yes, No
• Are you your college’s delegate? Yes, No
• What area are you from? A, B, C, D
• What are you most excited about?
• The theme of the plenary?
• Meeting with your colleagues? Virtually or In-person?
• Resolutions and Saturday Voting?
• Learning something new?
The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC):

• Fosters the effective participation by community college faculty in all statewide and local academic and professional matters;
• Develops, promotes, and acts upon policies responding to statewide concerns;
• Serves as the official voice of the faculty of California Community Colleges in academic and professional matters.

The ASCCC strengthens and supports the local senates of all California community colleges.
Purpose of Plenary

The general and breakout sessions permit local senates—their officers (who often also serve as their senate's official delegate), curriculum chairs, and other interested faculty & CCC system folks to:

- Be apprised about important topics and issues,
- Receive training to bolster the effectiveness of their senate,
- Select representatives and officers,
- Determine Senate positions and provide the Executive Committee its direction through the resolution and voting processes.
Plenary Theme

Making Space For Connection And Belonging
As We Center Authentic Voices and Lived Experiences In The 10+1
How Does One Plenary In A Hybrid Modality?

• Review Plenary Program to see what interests you.
  • In-person attendees have “at-a-glance” brochure
  • Virtual Attendees have Zoom Events schedule on the home page (in-person attendees can access this too)

• Use Zoom Events to create your personalized session agenda.

• Attending plenary with colleagues from your district? Strategize with them to maximize session attendance.
Planning Plenary Activities (your Plenary “cruise director” activities list)

• Breakouts
• General Sessions
• Morning Activities and Social Activities. Yes, even online!
• Caucus Rooms Available
• State of the Senate – First General Session
• Foundation for Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
• Disciplines List Hearings
• Area Meetings on Friday, April 21st
Finding Community in Caucuses

- These groups hold meetings during fall and spring plenaries:
  - Black Caucus
  - Latinx Caucus
  - LGBTQIA+ Caucus
  - Small or Rural College Caucus
  - Womyn’s Caucus
  - Asian and Pacific Islanders Caucus
- For more information about caucuses, [click here](#).
Zoom Events Guide

Navigating Zoom Events: Attendee Experience

Zoom Events Guidelines

Watch The Demo
If you’re a Delegate.....

Things to know and do:
• Attend Area meetings at plenary
• Read session resolutions packets.
• Debate and vote on resolutions - represent your local senate’s positions
• Network!
• Get to know your Area Representative and the entire Executive Committee...we’re here to help!
• And remember – have fun!
Don’t Be A Shrinking Violet; All Are Welcome To Bloom Here!

Peep at the **New Delegate Information Packet** because it is your new best friend!

Ask others questions about anything unclear at meals, during breaks, or between sessions.

Everybody has been the newbie. We’re all here to help!
Resolutions Debating & Voting Overview

• Voting Day is Saturday
• Resolutions: The process ([Resolutions Sp 23 Website](Resolutions Sp 23 Website))
• Discussion:
  • Who can debate?
  • Time Limits
  • Pro/Con Mics
  Parliamentary Inquiries/Parliamentary Mic
• Voting: Who votes?
• Four is the limit for Resolved and Whereas statements.
• Action must be within ASCCC purview.
• Facts needed in Whereas statement.
• Check Resolutions website for previous positions.
• More specific requirements: CLICK HERE
• Resolutions are debated and voted...anyone can debate.
• Arguments are made at the pro and con “mics.”
  • Debate continues until no one is at a mic, or until time for debate expires (15 minutes)
• Parliamentary mic is for making motions, parliamentary inquiries to the chair, etc.
• Voting will be done through the app Poll Everywhere
• Voting order on Saturday 1.01, 2.01, 5.01, 2.02, 5.02, 2.03
Executive Committee Elections --Held At Spring Plenary (not Fall)

Each year, the Executive Committee nominations process provides the ASCCC membership a direct voice in the organization’s governance. The Executive Committee’s composition and annual elections are part of the ASCCC’s by-laws.

All candidates for election to the Executive Committee shall meet at least one of these criteria:

1) is a Delegate or a local senate president;

2) has within the last three years immediately preceding the election been a local senate president or an ASCCC Executive Committee member or officer; or

3) has been nominated by a resolution of a Member Senate. The minutes of the meeting at which that resolution was adopted must be submitted to the Elections Committee chair with the nomination of the individual.

For the spring 2023 term, the ASCCC will be conducting elections by online written ballot, using the software RankedVote. The elections will take place during the Saturday portion of the plenary session on April 22, 2023.
RankedVote Voting Guide


Can be found along with all things Election related HERE
Disciplines List Timeline

Disciplines List = Qualifications for teaching in CCC disciplines (See MQ Handbook)

• February: Request for Proposals (through Sept. 30)
• September: Final Call for Proposals and Summary of Submitted Proposals Distributed
• October: Proposals Discussed at Area Meetings; Written Testimony to ASCCC Office
• November: First Hearing and Testimony Collected at Plenary Session
• January/February: Proposals Reviewed by ASCCC Executive Committee
• March: Summary of Proposals to Area Meetings for Second Hearing
• April: Second Hearing and Vote at Plenary to Recommend Changes to Disciplines or Approval of New Disciplines
Disciplines List Hearing

Disciplines List Hearing will be held **Friday, April 21 from 8:00a.m. to 9:00a.m.**

**Proposal: Ethnic Studies**

During this session, attendees will be informed about the proposals submitted to change the Disciplines List by the authors or their designee. Delegates unsure about the Disciplines List process are encouraged to attend.

Please see [CCC Confer/Zoom Participant Instructions](#).

[See Additional Disciplines List Information here.](#)
ASCCC Awards

• Exemplary Program Award: Recognizes outstanding community college programs. This year’s theme: “Equitable Practices in a Virtual Educational Environment” (Submissions due in November)

• The Hayward Award: Honors Outstanding community college faculty who have a track record of excellence both in teaching and in professional activities and have demonstrated commitment to their students, profession, and college (Submissions due in December)

• Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award: Honors faculty who have made special contributions addressing issues involving diversity (due in February)
Excited By Your Plenary Experience and Want To Keep Blooming With ASCCC?

**Volunteer To Serve** on an ASCCC Committee Or Other Service!

**ASCCC Committees** (click on “Communities” tab to see list of all committees) work together over an academic year…ASCCC Committee Chairs are elected Executive Committee Members.

Senate President: Request a local Academic Senate visit on any 10+1 topic through info@asccc.org!

Serve as your local **Academic Senate Liaison** to ASCCC!

Attend the **Faculty Leadership Institute** in June!

Check out other **ASCCC Events** and Webinars!
Important ASCCC Resources

• About the Academic Senate

• Roles and Responsibilities for Delegates

• Resolutions Handbook

• Senate resolutions web page (searchable)

• Session Resources

• ASCCC Bylaws

Other Resources (hover over “Resources” tab)
QUESTIONS?

Contact us!  info@asccc.org