1. Call to Order – President Harrington Called the meeting to order at 10:08am

1.1 Roll Call - Emily Harrington – President, Jason Stanley – Vice President Finance, Nicole Ridgell – Student Trustee, Atty Garfinkel – Vice President Senate Affairs, Kevin Fock – Vice President External Affairs, Milochka Tshibingu – Public Relations Officer Senators: Young-Zoo Ahn, Randolph Lopez, Rachel Rohrbach, Dano Pagenkopf, Marina Borges, Tom Smith, Ying Guang Zhang, Andre de Melo, David Gordon, Kevin Decarvalho, Ruby Limon, Jordan King and Amy Collins – Secretary, Dr. Ben Partee - Advisor. Absent: Chao Wang – Student Advocate, Cassandra Siegel - Commissioner of Clubs, Ping Gong, Alexandra Stephens, Eve Charbonneau, and Constantin Witt-Dorring.

1.2 Approval of Minutes – Senate voted to approve the 10/30 minutes M/S/C Kevin Fock/Atty Garfinkel

1.3 Approval of Agenda – Senate voted to approve the agenda M/S/C Kevin Fock/Atty Garfinkel

2. Public Forum - None

3. Action Items

3.1 AIAS Club Charter - Senate voted to approve the AIAS Club Charter M/S/C Kevin Fock/Atty Garfinkel

4. Discussion/Action Items - Item was moved to action M/S/C Atty Garfinkel/Jason Stanley

4.1 Senate Technology Items and Budget – Senate voted to approve the $20,133 Technology Items Budget M/S/C Kevin Fock/Atty Garfinkel

5. Discussion Items (3-5 minute presenter time limit)

5.1 Senate Applications -None
5.2 Club Charters – The Senate reviewed the club charter for Travel and Culture Club
5.3 Club Grants – None
5.4 Be Kind Campaign – Moved to 11/20 agenda
5.5 Carpooling - Senate will request Adam Green to speak to the Senate on this issue
5.6 2010-2011 Academic Calendar – The Senate reviewed, made corrections and will vote on 11/20

6. Officer’s Reports

6.1 Emily Harrington – President – Fall General Assembly Report – attached at end of minutes
6.2 Atty Garfinkel – VP Senate Affairs – Fall General Assembly Report – attached at end of minutes
6.3 Kevin Fock – VP External Affairs - Fall General Assembly Report – attached at end of minutes
6.4 Nicole Ridgell – Student Trustee - No report
6.5 Jason Stanley – VP Operations and Finance - Fall General Assembly Report – attached at end of minutes
6.6 Chao Wang – Student Advocate - Absent
6.7 Cassandra Siegel – Commissioner of Clubs - Absent
6.8 Milochka Tshibingu – Public Relations – No written report
6.9 Constantin Witt-Dorring – General Assembly Report - Absent

7. Information Items

7.1 Executive Lunch with UCSB Student Senate – We will host in the Fall, they will host in the Spring
7.2 Update on McKinley School Tour – Tour was excellent; Don Ion’s demonstration in the Physics Lab was a big hit.

8. Campus Committee Reports – None

9. Announcements – A flag-lowering ceremony for SBCC student Marcos Arredondo, will be held on Tues. Nov. 17, at noon in front of the Luria Library on West Campus. Poli Sci Club is helping out at the Red Cross on Friday from 1 to 4pm, all are welcome. Dinner with Dr. Serban will be on 12/2 at 6pm possibly at the GDR. Distance Learning Committee is looking for participants, meetings are Fridays at


11. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 11:21am M/S/C Atty Garfinkel/Kevin Fock

Next Meeting: November 20th 2009
Emily Harrington - The conference began on Thursday morning with a welcoming speech from the President of the SSCCC Reid Milburn who encouraged the assembly to continue diligent efforts at our individual campuses, as well as at the regional and state level whenever possible.

President Milburn’s speech was followed by Mayor of West Sacramento Christopher Cabaldon, who seemed very intent on garnering the assembly’s approval, and spoke about public officer and leadership.

The first breakout session I attended was Common Course Numbering: History and Answers. This session elaborated on the various methods of California wide course numbering which have been attempted in the past, and the C-ID system which serves as a tag to courses, which is now the future of course numbering.

This was followed by a session on Prerequisites which was aimed at encouraging Community Colleges to adopt strong prerequisite programs in an effort to keep seats available for those who can pass the course and in the process save your school money. This opinion was greeted with a fair amount of disapproval in the from students who believe otherwise.

On Saturday, I attended Write It Right, a very helpful and information breakout session which explained the necessity for a constitution and bylaws for every student senate and exhorted us to create one if we did not have one already.

The last breakout session I attended was Your Vote, Your Voice facilitated by Atty, who did a phenomenal job of explaining to us how to advocate to elected officials and how to be the “catalyst for change”.

The Region VI meeting on Saturday was a great success, we had all of the Region VI colleges in attendance which is a first for many semesters. We discussed many of the same topics as our previous meeting, with an emphasis on a statewide walkout in February and funding for SSCCC.

Sunday was focused on Resolution voting, which is an exciting process due to the fact that there is a pro and a con microphone and students can heatedly debate resolution topics. Our delegate voted for these resolutions as was advised by the rest of the senators from SBCC.

The general assembly was an excellent learning experience for our senators, and we were able to gain valuable insight and knowledge into programs to conduct at our campus, the regional level and to also participate in statewide efforts.

Atty Garfinkel - On November 5 I arrived in San Francisco to attend the SSCCC November meeting and to finalize the last minute plans for General Assembly here after referred to as GA.

A date was chosen for the Spring General Assembly. It will be the first weekend of May 2010 in LA. The candles for the candle light vigil were never ordered so I called the local synagogue and they provided us with 2,000 candles at wholesale cost.

A new member was appointed to the Board of Governors for the first time is 6 years. It is the SSCCC’s own Michelle Price who will sit for a year in a shared seat with the current CCC alumni Kristin Franklin. We did the first reading of the revision of the oath of office. I do have an issue with requiring international students to swear allegiance to the constitution of the United States. That along with 2 other points will be reviewed at the next reading.

The Senate asked for volunteers to attend the plenary session of the state Academic Senate at cost to our individual schools or the SSCCC. In a time where we are looking for alternative sources of funding I feel it would be irresponsible of me to attend. Therefore I withdrew my name from consideration. On November 6th, we began the GA. I worked at the registration tables from 11am to 1pm.

SSCCC President Reid Milburn called the first general session to order at 1:09pm. Vice President SSCCC Michael Dickey called for the formal adoption of the agenda which was seconded by a delegate. President Milburn then gave her State of the Senate Address and introduced the SSCCC members, which was followed by the Key-note speaker Christopher Cabaldon. Mr. Cabaldon is a former vice Chancellor for our state and the mayor of West Sacramento for the past 5 terms.

After the Key note speaker Stefano Saltalamacchia, the chair of the General Assembly planning committee gave an overview of GA and the events. The floor was opened up to public comment and many schools shared their upcoming events and ideas.

The First Break out session began at 3pm. I was a guest presenter in Sustainability and College Community Projects. In this role I discussed SBCC’s sustainability efforts and horticulture program. During the second Break out session I presented in the Break out titled “Advisors, who are they and why do we need them?” At 5:30 we finished our breakouts and went to go prepare the rooms for the resolution writing sessions and for the vigil. From 6:30-7:30 I enjoyed my first break of the day.

At 7:30 I went across the street to Union Square and began prepping the cups and candles for the candle light vigil. By 8pm I was done and enjoyed a nice dinner. On Saturday November 7th I was the breakfast ticket puncher for the SSCCC.

During the latter half of breakfast I led a round table discussion on increasing participation in local ASO’s from less represented student groups, with a focus on return and night students. I found some of the ideas to be unique and innovative while others bordered on illegal. All in all I felt the three hours was productive and time well spent. The third break out session began and I was a floater going from Break out to break out ensuring they had all they needed and directing traffic in the halls.

At 12:45 the third general session began with lunch where I was once again a ticket puncher. I was able to enjoy some food before the keynote speaker; Assembly Member Dan Logue began to speak. At 2:15 I began to set up for my solo break out session that I had written. I had intended for Senator Marcus King to present and I would facilitate but he felt that since I had written the program I was better familiarized with the material, so I taught. I was nearly finished with the break out when I noticed part of the delegation from SBCC sitting in the last row. They can give you better information on how it went. Senator King closed the session for me and we were dismissed into region meetings. I was tardy to the regional meeting due to greeting observers from SBCC’s student body. After I arrived we went through the agenda and reviewed many of the resolutions. There was a brief Student Senate Council meeting at 6:30 and a special interests meeting from 8:30-10pm. Many members of the SSCCC observed the traditional caramel popcorn and movie after the last meeting was completed. The next morning after breakfast the last general session began at 9am. Resolution voting began at 9:15 and continued to 5pm. We were able to address every resolution on the docket for the first time in 3 years. I will provide a detailed list of the perfected and amended resolutions once they are made available to the SSCCC council.

Kevin Fock - 1. The Fall General Assembly took place in downtown San Francisco at the Westin St. Francis hotel, which I might add was delightful but perhaps an extravagant expenditure during this economic downturn. 2. The conference began with a welcoming speech the SSCCC president Reid Milburn, followed by a speech given by the mayor of West Sacramento, Christopher Cabaldon who had a very nasty cough. We also had a keynote speaker on Saturday, Assembly Member Dan Logue. 3 District who gave an inspiring speech regarding personal and economic responsibility.

The Fall General Assembly resolution topics are as follows:

1. Academic Freedom, Accreditation, California Code and Regulations, Campus Free Speech, Environmental-Sustainability Issues, Counseling, Equity and Diversity, Financial Aid, Legislation, Assessment and Placement, Reponses to Positions of System Partners, Shard Governance Polices, Student Bill of Rights, Student Fees, Student Involvement, Transportation Issues, Student Funding, Student Senate Governance Documents, Student Services, Textbooks, Veteran Services. As delegate, I voted for and against resolutions falling into the aforementioned categories as was agreed upon by the accompanying Senators from SBCC. 4. During the Region VI meeting at
the conference, we had the following colleges in attendance Allan Hancock College, Antelope Valley College, College of the Canyons, Cuesta College, Moorpark College, Oxnard College, SBCC, Taft College, and Ventura College, giving us full attendance for first time in recent memory. The more heated issues that were discussed during the meeting were, donations to the SSCCC, further details regarding the planning of a statewide walkout for the second week in February, and fall general assembly resolutions. 5. The more memorable breakout sessions which I attended were Common Course Numbering History and Answers, which explained the California education system’s efforts in seeking to have a common course numbering system which applied to UCs, CSUs and CCCs alike. Prerequisites was the second breakout session I attended, in which the facilitator attempted to convince his audience that prerequisites are a necessary and useful means of gauging proper student placement. The third breakout session I attended was Write It Right, which covered the sensitive topic of writing and amending Student Senate constitutions and bylaws, this breakout was especially to our current situation. The final breakout session I attended was presented by our very own Atty Garfinkel, who did an excellent job of informing us of our potential to have an influence on our legislatures both at the state and national level. 6. Finally, I would like to add that the conference was a great success and I laud our Senators for participating in this critical process of representation.

Jason Stanley- Our general assembly attendance was met with exciting new ideas to consider for our own. Our first general session began with an introduction from the president of the SSCCC, Reid Milburn. The keynote presentation was given by Christopher Cabaldon. Breakout Sessions attended after the first general assembly included:1: Budget and Legislative Update: Reasons for Advocacy This breakout session emphasized our ability to reach out to our legislators and tell them the importance of community colleges. Of further interest to me was the personal tips given to the attendees on effective advocating at legislative levels.2: Prerequisites This breakout session examined the reasons for class prerequisites and their reasons for implementations. The examples given helped me understand the reasoning for their use at the community college level and gave me greater insight in the matter. Next was the second general assembly, which focused on the economic situation as it pertains to community colleges and the state. Dan Logue was the keynote speaker, and was kind enough to take questions after his speech. Breakout sessions attended after the second general assembly included:1: Write it Right: Overcoming Writer’s Block This breakout session discussed writing senate constitutions and by-laws. This was a very helpful session, as I received much insight into the reasoning behind constitution composition.2: Your Vote, Your Choice Content included the importance of our vote and our advocacy to legislators. The conclusion of the trip focused on the resolutions the other school senators had written and proposed. Our Vice President of External Affairs can be reached for the specifics on these resolutions.