



**Student Senate for California Community Colleges  
Region VII  
Special Meeting Minutes**

Los Angeles Valley College | CC 104  
5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, CA 91401  
May 15, 2015 | 11:30 A.M.

**I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**A. Call to Order at 11:41 A.M.**

**Roll Call**

Members	Region VII Officers & Senators
Compton Education Center — P	<b>President:</b> Yana Demeshko — P
East Los Angeles College — P	<b>Vice President:</b> Lisa Misirian — P
El Camino College — excused	<b>Secretary:</b> Elizabeth Him — P
Glendale Community College — inactive	<b>Treasurer:</b> Leah Waight — excused
Los Angeles City College — P	<b>Com. Officer:</b> Hovanes Tonoyan — P
Los Angeles Harbor College — P	<b>Com. Officer:</b> Johanna Roman — excused
Los Angeles Mission College — P	<b>Parliamentarian:</b>
Los Angeles Pierce College — P	<b>Governance and Policy Senators:</b>
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — P	David Allsop — P
Los Angeles Southwest College — P, late	John Noyola — P
Los Angeles Valley College — P	<b>External Affairs Senator:</b>
Pasadena City College — P, late	Hasun Khan — P
Santa Monica College — P	
West Los Angeles College — P	

**B. Approval of Agenda**

1. Los Angeles Pierce College moved to suspend the Region Bylaws to allow David Allsop to simultaneously serve as Governance and Policy Senator and Los Angeles City College delegate; seconded.

- Compton Education Center — aye
- East Los Angeles College — aye
- Los Angeles City College — abstention
- Los Angeles Harbor College — nay
- Los Angeles Mission College — aye
- Los Angeles Pierce College — aye
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — aye



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Los Angeles Valley College — aye  
Santa Monica College — aye  
West Los Angeles College — aye

With eight ayes, one nay, and one abstention, the motion passed.

2. Santa Monica moved to postpone Business item A to the next meeting; seconded.

Compton Education Center — aye  
East Los Angeles College — aye  
Los Angeles City College — aye  
Los Angeles Harbor College — aye  
Los Angeles Mission College — aye  
Los Angeles Pierce College — aye  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — aye  
Los Angeles Valley College — aye  
Santa Monica College — abstention  
West Los Angeles College — aye

With nine ayes and one abstention, the motion passed.

3. East Los Angeles moved to approve the agenda; seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Adoption of Minutes**

1. Santa Monica College moved to postpone approval of the minutes to the next meeting; seconded. No objections were heard. The motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Three minutes per speaker)

**III. REGION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND SENATORS REPORTS**

**A. Executive Officer Reports**

Communications Officer Tonoyan stated the Comms Committee is currently working on the newsletter; those with recommendations for the newsletter should send ideas to CO Tonoyan.

President Demeshko stated the Region Leaders Council will meet on Sunday, May 31. Elections will not be held. Last Sunday, the Region VII Executive Board met to discuss end-of-year reports.

**B. Region Senator Reports**

GP Senator Noyola attended the Alternative Textbook production meeting yesterday; they transcribe textbooks into Braille and provide e-textbooks to students with special needs.

GP Senator Noyola yielded his time to SSCCC Treasurer Turrill. Treasurer Turrill stated the budget committee will conduct a second reading of their budget and approve the financial code in June. She is working on a Region Treasurer's Handbook; the committee hopes to complete the handbook before their terms end. She is also working on obtaining a database of ASO budgets.



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The SSCCC is officially incorporated as a 501(c)(3); they are working on donation and grants approaches.

EA Senator Khan gave the Region an update on the May revise. His report will be disseminated to the region.

GP Senator Allsop has been working on campus visits. He urged campuses to have a defined role and student as region delegate.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Two minutes per speaker)

Communications Committee has a meeting on Wednesday, May 20. The agenda will be posted on Sunday. Interested parties can contact Communications Committee Chair Greg to add items on the agenda.

Resolutions Committee has been working on a resolution in support of the LATTC ASO. They are also working on making sure Region VII resolutions are implemented.

#### **V. ASO REPORTS** (Two minutes per speaker)

Compton Education Center held a Cinco de Mayo Festival last Tuesday, May 5. They are working on the May 20 Awards Banquet for students and staff on campus. Their commencement ceremony took place yesterday, May 14. May 15 is the last day of classes for Compton Education Center. Students will not be meeting every week during the summer.

East Los Angeles College will hold their annual Husky Bowl on May 21, where clubs will compete for awards. They presented the Hunting Grounds and held HIV testing throughout April. They just finished completed their AS elections; over 1,200 students voted. Their graduation ceremony will take place the second week of June.

Los Angeles Harbor College recently held a beautification day on campus. They hope to continue beautification efforts by installing a community garden on campus. Their ASO parking discount has been reinstated. The district and college administration have been supportive with their reinstatement efforts.

Los Angeles Mission College is currently working on a ride-share program to connect students from both their campuses. They plan to repurpose parking meters to fundraise for local charities. They are installing hydration stations around campus. Their Armenian Genocide Remembrance day took place on April 22 and their awards banquet took place on May 15.

Los Angeles Pierce College recently held their May 1 Town Hall which was a success, but unfortunately rendered their students unable to attend the Spring 2015 General Assembly. Their ASO elections were held in April. At the end of May, they hope to hold a candlelight event for victims of the Nepal earthquake. Their ASO is currently working on their budget for 2015-2016. On June 5, Pierce will hold their ASO banquet.



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Los Angeles Trade-Technical College will hold their annual car show on Saturday, May 16. A cultural fair will also be a part of this event. On May 8, they had a dance for foster kids. The ASO recently held their elections. Through ICC, they extended their club charters through the summer session and they encourage other campuses to do so as well.

Los Angeles Valley College held their Care Kid even for homeless students last Wednesday. They recently hosted a club event for Cinco de Mayo. Their end-of-year banquet will take place on May 26. Changes were recently made to their Constitution and Bylaws. An article regarding elections recall was added to their Constitution and they added Parliamentarian and Chief Justice roles to their Bylaws.

Santa Monica College is finally closing their ASO books for the year. Their Finance Committee held their last meeting last week. They recently completed interviews for their Student Success Awards to provide students with scholarships. Almost 400 students applied for their scholarships. They encourage others to implement similar scholarships on their campuses.

**VI. REGIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS** (Action may be taken)

**A. \$2 Student Representation Fee** — As per item IB2, this business item was postponed until Region VII's next regular meeting.

**B. Resolution in Support of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College's ASO** — The Resolutions Committee Chair Marco Marrufo read the draft resolution in support of LATTTC ASO. The draft resolution can be found in the Region VII supplemental materials folder, though the committee is continuing to work on the resolution. Chair Marrufo recommended Region VII take action on the item during the next meeting in order to improve the resolution and for delegates to take the information back to their campuses. GP Senator Noyola clarified more of the LATTTC ASO grievances. Santa Monica College delegate Flory recommended a call to action and stated a press release for the resolution would assist the cause. The LATTTC delegate Lewis stated there were issues with the posting of the agenda during the meeting where the vote of no confidence was discussed. He also stated the current board is not in support of the vote of no confidence.

Santa Monica College moved to postpone action on the LATTTC ASO item until the next meeting when the Resolutions Committee can provide at least two hard copies of supplemental materials. No objections were heard. The motion passed.

**C. SSCCC: Next Steps** (30 min.) — Senator Khan updated the region in regards to SSCCC incorporation. He laid out the steps the SSCCC will have to take in order to be recognized as a non-profit charity. Senator Khan has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding and the SSCCC will continue to work on the MOU. The MOU also clarifies that the Chancellor's Office can not back out after a year of the SSCCC's incorporation. Los Angeles Harbor College delegate Marrufo asked Senator Khan if he recommended for individual ASOs to incorporate and EA Senator Khan stated many ASOs, such as Santa Monica College have already done so.



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**D. Elections of Governance and Policy Senators**

LATTC moved to open nominations for the position of Governance and Policy Senator; seconded. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LATTC nominated David Allsop.  
LAVC nominated Ali Khan.  
LAHC nominated Yana Demeshko.  
SMC nominated Marco Marrufo.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of GP Senator I.

East Los Angeles College — Ali K.  
Los Angeles City College — David  
Los Angeles Harbor College — abstention  
Los Angeles Mission College — Marco  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Yana  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — David  
Los Angeles Southwest College — Yana  
Los Angeles Valley College — Marco  
Pasadena City College — Ali K.  
Santa Monica College — Marco  
West Los Angeles College — Yana

As the results were tied between Yana and Marco, a run-off election for the position of GP Senator I was held.

East Los Angeles College — Yana  
Los Angeles City College — Marco  
Los Angeles Harbor College — abstention  
Los Angeles Mission College — Marco  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Yana  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Yana  
Los Angeles Southwest College — Yana  
Los Angeles Valley College — Marco  
Pasadena City College — Yana  
Santa Monica College — Marco  
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Yana Demeshko was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Governance and Policy Senator I.



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Region VII commenced voting for the position of GP Senator II.

East Los Angeles College — David  
Los Angeles City College — David  
Los Angeles Harbor College — abstention  
Los Angeles Mission College — Marco  
Los Angeles Pierce College — David  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — David  
Los Angeles Southwest College — Marco  
Los Angeles Valley College — Ali K.  
Pasadena City College — Ali K.  
Santa Monica College — Ali K.  
West Los Angeles College — Marco

David Allsop was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Governance and Policy Senator II.

**E. Elections of External Affairs Senator**

The motion to open nominations for the position of External Affairs Senator was assumed by the chair. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LAHC nominated Ali Khan.  
ELAC nominated Gerson Sanchez; seconded.  
LATTC nominated Ryan Navarrete.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of EA Senator.

East Los Angeles College — Gerson  
Los Angeles City College — Gerson  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Ali K.  
Los Angeles Mission College — Gerson  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Ali K.  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Ali K.  
Los Angeles Southwest College — Ali K.  
Los Angeles Valley College — Ali K.  
Pasadena City College — Ali K.  
Santa Monica College — Ali K.  
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Ali Khan was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII External Affairs Senator.



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**F. Elections of Region President**

LAVC moved to open nominations for the position of Region President; seconded. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LATTC nominated Nehasi Lee.  
SMC nominated Ali Asghar.  
LACC nominated Baye Watkins.  
LAVC nominated Lisa Misirian.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of Region President.

East Los Angeles College — Ali A.  
Los Angeles City College — Ali A.  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Baye  
Los Angeles Mission College — Nehasi  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Ali A.  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Nehasi  
Los Angeles Valley College — Nehasi  
Santa Monica College — Ali A.  
West Los Angeles College — Ali A.

Ali Asghar was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII President.

**G. Elections of Region Vice President**

SMC moved to open nominations for the position of Region Vice President; seconded. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LAPC nominated Gabby Sharren.  
LAVC nominated Hayarpi Orjuyan.  
ELAC nominated Isaac Medeiros.  
LAPC nominated Gerson Sanchez.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of Region Vice President.

East Los Angeles College — Isaac  
Los Angeles City College — Gerson  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Gabby  
Los Angeles Mission College — Gerson  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Gerson  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Gerson  
Los Angeles Valley College — Hayarpi



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Santa Monica College — Gabby  
West Los Angeles College — Gerson

Gerson Sanchez was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Vice President.

1. ELAC moved to suspend the orders of the day to hold elections for Region Secretary; seconded. No objections were heard. Motion passed.

LAHC moved to open nominations for Region Secretary; seconded. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LAHC nominated Hovanes Tonoyan.  
WLAC nominated Baye Watkins.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of Region Secretary.

East Los Angeles College — Hovanes  
Los Angeles City College — Baye  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Hovanes  
Los Angeles Mission College — Hovanes  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Hovanes  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Hovanes  
Los Angeles Valley College — Hovanes  
Santa Monica College — Baye  
West Los Angeles College — Baye

Hovanes Tonoyan was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Secretary.

#### **H. Election of Region Treasurer**

LAHC moved to open nominations for the position of Region Treasurer; seconded. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LACC nominated Isaac Medeiros.  
LAHC nominated Leonard Yang.  
LAVC nominated Anna Rafaelian.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of Region Treasurer.

East Los Angeles College — Isaac  
Los Angeles City College — Leonard  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Leonard  
Los Angeles Mission College — Leonard





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Los Angeles Pierce College — Leonard  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Leonard  
Los Angeles Valley College — Anna  
Santa Monica College — Leonard  
West Los Angeles College — Leonard

Leonard Yang was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Treasurer.

**I. Elections of Region Communications Officers**

LAVC moved to open nominations for the positions of Region Communications Officers; seconded. No objections were heard. Nominations opened.

LAVC nominated Janet Simitian.  
SMC nominated Ryan Navarrete.  
LACC nominated Isaac Medeiros.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of Communications Officer I.

East Los Angeles College — Isaac  
Los Angeles City College — Isaac  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Isaac  
Los Angeles Mission College — Isaac  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Isaac  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College — Isaac  
Los Angeles Valley College — Janet  
Santa Monica College — Janet  
West Los Angeles College — Isaac

Isaac Medeiros was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Communications Officer I.

Region VII commenced voting for the position of Communications Officer II.

East Los Angeles College — Janet  
Los Angeles City College — Ryan  
Los Angeles Harbor College — Ryan  
Los Angeles Mission College — Janet  
Los Angeles Pierce College — Ryan  
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West Los Angeles College — Ryan

Janet Simitian was elected as the 2015-2016 Region VII Communications Officer II.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**VIII. FUTURE MEETING LOGISTICS**

The next Region VII regular meeting will take place on the first Friday of June (June 5) at Los Angeles City College.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** at 5:52 P.M.