

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES'
REGION LEADERS COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION

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Article I. Preamble

Section 1: Establishment

We, the regions of California that comprise the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, do hereby establish the Region Leaders Council as a means to connect and strengthen bonds between the regions.

Section 2: Mission Statement

Article I., Section 2 shall supersede Article X. in such that the moment in which a mission statement is adopted by the Region Leaders Council all text and content within Article I., Section 2 shall be struck and replaced by the mission statement adopted by the Region Leaders Council.

Article II. Name

Section 1: This body shall be known as the “Student Senate for California Community Colleges’ Region Leaders Council”, and shall hereafter be referred to as the “RLC”.

Article III. Membership

Section 1: Members

The membership of the RLC is restricted to the regions within the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. The members that comprise RLC shall be the Region Chairs, Region Vice Chairs or their equivalents and alternatives pursuant to Article III., Section 2. At the time in which a member of the RLC vacates office within their respective region, said member shall no longer be a member of the RLC. The Student Senate for California Community Colleges shall hereafter be referred to as the “SSCCC”. The members that comprise the RLC shall hereafter be referred to as the “Region Leaders”.

Section 2: Region Representatives

- i. The Region Chair and Region Vice Chair, or their equivalents shall be the representatives to the RLC from their respective region within the SSCCC.
- ii. The respective regions within the RLC may choose to have an alternate Region Leader; however each region may only have two (2) Region Leaders at a time. Any alteration in Region Leaders per region must be formally notified to the Region Leaders Council Chair.
- iii. The Voting Region Leader shall represent their respective region in all votes and decisions presented on behalf of the RLC pursuant to Article VIII., Section 2.

Section 3: Committee Membership

Membership to committees within the RLC shall be restricted to California Community College students.

Article IV. Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of the RLC is to provide support and build camaraderie between the regions that comprise the SSCCC. As well as facilitate and maintain an outlet for Region Leaders to discuss issues and concerns that are pertinent on a statewide level and matters that are region specific.

Article V. Powers

Section 1: Purview

The RLC is an advisory body, however it shall retain the ability to vote or make decisions on the following: Election, appointment or removal of executive officers, creation or amendment of the RLC constitution and bylaws, creation of committees, selection of meeting times, and actions necessary to conduct a meeting pursuant to Article VII., Section 1.

Section 2: Authority

The RLC shall not have the power to make formal recommendations to the regions that comprise RLC or the SSCCC.

Article VI. Council Meetings

A. Meetings

Section 1: Call

A regular meeting of the RLC may be called by the Region Leaders Council Chair or Region Leaders Council Vice Chair pursuant to Article IX., C. Duties, Section 2.

Section 2: Telecommunications

Meetings of the RLC may allow for the augmentation or substitution of a physical meeting location with telecommunication technology that minimally allows for simultaneous and unobstructed audio and hearing. Such technologies shall allow Region Leaders to be in full attendance of a RLC meeting.

Section 3: Special Meetings

A special meeting of the RLC may be called at any time by the Region Leaders Council Chair or if at least four (4) regions within the RLC request a special meeting via writing in a publically available fashion to the Region Leaders Council Chair. If the written request for a special meeting is denied, the regions within the RLC may call a special meeting to conduct business with an express, publicized purpose with a quorum consisting of no less than majority of the active regions within the RLC.

Section 4: Ralph M. Brown Act

All meetings of the RLC shall be conducted in accordance with California Government Code Section 54950-54963 known as the Ralph M. Brown Act; said government code shall hereafter be referred to as the "Brown Act".

Section 5: Reports

During any regular meeting of the RLC, the respective regions and committees shall be given an opportunity to report on matters relevant to the RLC.

- i. Should a region not have a representative in an RLC meeting, any member from that region may report on activities on behalf of the region during the respective region report.

B. Quorum

Section 1: Establishment

Quorum shall be set as the majority of active regions within the RLC.

Section 2: Active and Inactive College Consideration

After a region fails to represent itself through its respective Region Leaders for two (2) consecutive RLC meetings, said region shall no longer be considered active within the RLC.

- i. Upon the attendance of a Region Leader for a respective inactive region to a RLC meeting, the said region shall be considered active; as such that region shall be counted towards quorum.

Article VII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Meetings of the RLC shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Further, the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the RLC in all instances in which they are applicable but only to the extent not defined in the constitution and bylaws.

Article VIII. Voting

Section 1: Purview

The RLC shall only vote or make decisions on matters mentioned in Article V., Section 1.

Section 2: Voting Rights

- i. On items in which the RLC votes, one vote will be recognized per region via its Region Leaders.

- ii. The Region Leaders from each region may decide who shall be the voting representative to the RLC, however if no formal decision has been made on behalf of the Region Leaders within the respective region to the RLC on who the Voting Region Leader is, it shall be assumed that the Region Chair or respective equivalent is the Voting Region Leader and the Region Vice Chair or respective equivalent is the Non-Voting Region Leader for their respective region.
- iii. If an alternate Region Leader is selected by a region within the RLC, a formal decision as to who the Voting Region Leader is must be delivered to the Region Leaders Council Chair by physical or electronic means.
- iv. Voting Region Leaders may make one vote per issue presented, make motions, and second motions.
- v. Non-Voting Region Leaders may make motions, second motions and in the absence of the Voting Region Leader for the respective region, may vote.

Section 3: Vote Call

In all cases in which a vote must occur, voting will be conducted via roll call vote.

Article IX. Region Leaders Council Executive Membership

A. Membership

Section 1: Executive Offices

The executive offices of the RLC shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk. These offices shall hereafter be referred to as “RLC Chair”, “RLC Vice Chair”, and “RLC Clerk” respectively. The persons in said executive offices shall be referred to as “Executive Officers”

Section 2: Membership Limitations

- i. The RLC Chair and RLC Vice Chair shall not be from the same region within the RLC.
- ii. The RLC Chair, or acting Chair of a RLC meeting, shall only vote in cases that result in the making or breaking of a tie.

Section 3: Eligibility

- i. Only Region Leaders are eligible for election or appointment to the offices listed in Article IX., A. Membership, Section 1.
- ii. At any time, during a term of office, should an Executive Officer resign from or vacate their position within their respective region, said executive officer shall be removed from the RLC pursuant to Article III., Section 1.

Section 4: Term of Office and Term Limit

The term of office for all executive offices within the RLC shall be defined as the period beginning July 1st and concluding June 30th. No Region Leader may hold an executive office within the RLC for more than two (2) full terms or thirty (30) months.

B. Elections

Section 1: Election Period

Elections for Executive Officers shall occur in the month of May for the term listed in Article IX., A. Membership, Section 4. The election must be publicized at least two (2) weeks in advance by the RLC Vice Chair and properly labeled on a RLC agenda.

Section 2: Means and Process for Election and Appointment

If an executive office is vacant for any reason for the upcoming term the Region Leaders may nominate themselves or other Region Leaders to the said executive office during the election period. All nominations require a second. Elections shall conclude when a nominee receives a majority of the active region votes. If no nominee receives a majority of active region votes a runoff elections shall occur in a bracket between the two highest vote counts and their respective nominees. Said runoff election shall occur repetitively until a nominee receives majority of active region votes.

Section 3: Interim Executive Officers

If an executive office is vacant or vacated midterm, Region Leaders may nominate themselves or other Region Leaders to said position as interim until the next formal May election. The process for appointment shall follow the guidelines in Article IX., B. Elections, Section 2 and the publication of the election shall follow the guidelines in Article IX., B. Elections, Section 1.

C. Duties

Section 1: Duties and Powers of the RLC Chair:

- i. Call to order and preside over meetings of the RLC.
- ii. Create and distribute agendas for RLC meetings.
 - a. Facilitate the posting of agendas on the RLC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sscccregionchairs>), a physical location, as well as any readily available online webpage of the regions within the RLC.
- iii. Work to increase the involvement of inactive regions within the RLC to the RLC.
- iv. Shall have the power to fill all vacancies in executive offices listed in Article IX., A. Membership, Section 1, by granting commission; said commission shall expire upon the beginning of the next regular or special RLC meeting.

Section 2: Duties and Powers of the RLC Vice Chair:

- i. Assume the duties of the RLC Chair during an absence.
- ii. Assist the RLC Chair in matters per request.
- iii. Publicize elections and appointments.
- iv. Should the RLC Chair not call a meeting within twenty seven (27) calendar days, the Vice Chair may call a meeting of the RLC.

Section 3: Duties and Powers of the RLC Clerk:

- i. Record minutes for all RLC Meetings.
- ii. Be the official timekeeper for all matters presented to the RLC.
- iii. Keep a register of Region Leaders and call roll when appropriate.
- iv. Keep a record of reports and minutes from committees within the RLC.
- v. Keep an active copy of the RLC's constitution, bylaws, rules of order and standing rules and immediately update said documents when changes occur.
- vi. Call a meeting of the RLC to order and preside over the appointment of a Chair Pro Tem for meeting sessions in which the RLC Chair and RLC Vice Chair are not present.

D. Removal / Impeachment

Section 1: Any executive officer of the RLC may be impeached or removed by a majority vote of the active regions within the RLC pursuant to Article IX., D. Removal / Impeachment, Section 2. All impeachments shall be properly labeled on a RLC agenda pursuant to Article VI., A. Meetings, Section 2.

- i. Should the RLC Chair not properly label on a RLC agenda, pursuant to Article VI., A. Meetings, Section 4, an impeachment of an executive officer after formal request via verbal, written or electronic means, a special meeting in accordance with Article VI., A. Meetings, Section 3 may be held with the express purpose of holding a trial for impeachment for an executive officer.

Section 2: Impeachment of an executive officer within the RLC may only occur under the following circumstances: Dereliction of duty or inappropriate or obscene behavior. Removal of an executive officer within the RLC may only occur if said executive officer has attendance issues.

- i. Dereliction of duty shall be defined as a failure to fulfill the duties pursuant to the executive office described in Article IX., C. Duties, Section 1,2.
- ii. Inappropriate or obscene behavior shall be defined as behavior that which negatively impacts the image of the RLC.
- iii. Attendance issues shall be defined as three (3) unexcused absences from a scheduled or special RLC meeting.
 - a. An unexcused absence shall be defined as a failure to notify an Executive Officer of absence at least four (4) hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.

Article X. Region Leaders Council Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: Amendment Readings

Amendments to the constitution require two (2) readings of the proposed amendments. The readings must occur within at least two (2) regular meetings of each other.

Section 2: Approval Requirements

Amendments to the constitution require the approval of at least two-thirds of the active regions within the RLC during the second reading.

Section 3: Appendix

The appendix shall be an active and independent addendum to the constitution; any alteration to the constitution after adoption and ratification shall be recorded in the appendix. Any terms deemed fit by the RLC to be defined in the appendix may be placed in the appendix. Any items deemed fit by the RLC to be placed in the appendix may be placed in the appendix via a majority of the active region votes.

Section 4: Veto

The SSCCC President shall have the power to veto any constitutional amendments brought forward by the RLC.

Section 5: Appeal

The RLC shall retain the right to appeal a veto by the SSCCC President by a two-thirds majority vote of active regions within the RLC in regards to constitutional amendments.

Article XI. Region Leaders Council Constitution

Section 1: Ratification

The RLC constitution becomes effective upon ratification by at least seven (7) regions within the RLC.

Section 2: Veto

The SSCCC President shall have the power to veto any constitution proposed by the RLC.

Section 3: Appeal

The RLC shall retain the right to appeal a veto by the SSCCC President by a two-thirds majority vote of active regions within the RLC in regards to the adoption of a constitution.

Appendix

Terms

RLC	Region Leaders Council.
SSCCC	Student Senate for California Community Colleges.
Brown Act	Ralph M. Brown Act; California Government Code Section 54950-54963.
Region Leaders	Region Chairs, Region Vice Chairs, their equivalents or alternates.
Voting Region Leader	The respective Region Leader that represents one region within the RLC, whom may vote, make motions and second motions.
Non-Voting Region Leader	The respective Region Leader that may make motions, second motions, and in absence of the Voting Region Leader may vote.
Executive Officers	Persons in an Executive Office.
RLC Chair	Region Leaders Council Chair.
RLC Vice Chair	Region Leaders Council Vice Chair.
RLC Clerk	Region Leaders Council Clerk.
SSCCC President	President of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges

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