

Student Equity Success Committee (SESC) Minutes

Wednesday February 11, 2026 - 3:30-5:00 pm

In-Person Meeting in Fairfield Room 437 "The Nest"

[Zoom Link \(Room# 846 8618 7222\)](#)

Members: Amanda Morrison (SESC Faculty Coordinator and Co-chair) and Heather Watson-Perez (Administration) Co-chair

Faculty	Administration	Special Programs	Special Programs	Students	At-Large
Atticus Frey - Library	Patrick Scott - Financial Aid	Maria Isip-Bautista - AANHPI	Greg Natali-Sherman - ASTC	Mikaela Mack – Student Ambassador	Ashlie Lawson - Faculty
	Brandon Carrera - Vallejo Center	Isabel Anderson - Puente	Matthew Schweitzer - Pride Center	Angelika Duculan - ASSC	
Com St. Germain - Math & Science		Christina Rodriguez – Basic Needs	Michael Reilly - T4E	Kalena Gordon – ASSC Diversity Affairs Senator	
LaNae Jaimez - Social & Behavioral Sciences		Terri Martin - Ethnic Minority Coalition	Kailey Caperton - CSEA		

Participants: Amanda Morrison, Kailey Caperton, Chris Summers, Greg Natali-Sherman, Angelika Duculan, Patrick Scott, Adil Guillen, Amy Kennedy, Michael Reilly, Kalena Gordon, Maria Isip-Bautista, Julene Calvo, Gabi Ballesteros, Brandon Carrera, Shilah Johnson, Sandra Hernandez, Ashlie Lawson, Carolyn Moore, Yusra Ghaleb, Com St. Germain

- Welcomed new SESC members Kailey Caperton, representing CSEA, and Chris Summers, representing Liberal Arts.
- Gabi will send out dates for cultural graduation planning meetings next week. There will also be sign-up sheets for people who can help on the day-of.
- The group was reminded about Black History Month events. Michael briefly shared about attending the opening ceremony.
- Student leaders shared about successful student “chalk out” art-advocacy event, which received positive feedback and engagement. They discussed plans to expand this momentum into forming an art advocacy student org/club.
- Greg announced that new subjects, including accounting, economics, and ASL, would be available in the ASTC in about a month.
- SESC-embedded UndocuAlly training originally planned for today had to be cancelled due to presenter illness, so that agenda item has to be tabled. Dreamer Liason Yusra will look into rescheduling for March or April and communicate new date to group. She shared a reminder that a full 4-hour in-depth training will occur on Feb 24.
- Yusra is building a relationship with nationally recognized Muslim American civil-rights group CAIR to potentially offer anti-hate bystander intervention trainings in April.
- Yusra will also reserve theater space for legal observer training by North Bay Rapid Response Network (NBRRN) on March 11. (It will be part of Flex Day programming.)
- The group discussed possibility of offering an additional Legal Observer training at Vallejo Center and opening it to the broader community, noting the two NBRRN trainers coming to our campus are both Vallejo based. Brandon will check with VPs about this possibility.
- Maria mentioned she could look into bringing workshop(s) her colleague in Amnesty International offers on personal safety and awareness while taking part in social-justice actions and protests.
- Antiracism and DEIA Statements:
 - Statements were approved by Senate last school year, but not by CGC. Maria and Com attended the CGC meeting late last fall in which both statements were agendaized and discussed, and shared feedback and notes. Some administrators questioned the decision to have separate statements and suggested merging them. They discussed concerns with the phrase "complicity in perpetuating racism," and redundancy between points. The team agreed to consider rephrasing while maintaining the integrity of the original statements.
 - The group discussed holding flex sessions to get campus input on the statements.

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- Attendees discussed the overall purpose and utility of such statement(s), including where and how the statement should be displayed. It was suggested statement(s) should be prominently featured on the website and included in the hiring process. Faculty should be encouraged to link to from syllabi. The group agreed it should serve as a tool to recruit and retain justice-minded students and staff, and that it should maintain its "edge" rather than be translated into a more bureaucratic tone.
- Angelika offered to bring statement(s) to ASSC meeting for student-leader input and buy-in. Ultimately, Amanda will need to get this back on CGC meeting agenda to see how we can move forward.
- Peace Pole project: Com shared outline of all the languages to potentially include a message of peace on three Peace Poles, an affirming campus-culture effort initiated (and underwritten) by Cordelia Rotary Club in partnership with SCC. Attendees considered additional languages to best represent speech communities of students and local population, as well as potentially adding QR codes for translation access. Com shared some research on local languages spoken, which is not easy to ascertain. Shilah shared that Research & Planning doesn't collect this sort of data in any direct way. The project is scheduled to be unveiled on Earth Day, April 22nd.