



THE ACADEMIC SENATE
FOUNDATION
for California Community Colleges

ASFCCC Directors Meeting Summary

Tuesday January 27, 2026

9:00am- 10:30am

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Directors: Christopher J. Howerton* (President), Mark Edward Osea*, Erik Reese* (Secretary), Kimberley H. Stiemke* (Treasurer), Bethany Tasaka*, Austin Webster (Interim ED)

Resources: Tonya Davis, Amy Liao*

* Denotes in attendance

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

Chair encouraged everyone to share one or two words about how your heart is today.

Chair overviewed the ambitious agenda items for today.

2. Approval of Agenda - **Action**

MSC (Mark/Bethany) motion to approve the agenda

3. Approval of Minutes from 12/2/2025 – **Action**

MSC (Bethany/Mark) motion to approve the minutes from the 2025-12-02 meeting as presented

4. Foundation Activities

a. Spring 2026 ASCCC Plenary Event/Activity (Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country) – **Discussion/ Action**

b. Proposal for hosting “Self-Care Lounge”

c. Photobooth pt.2.

d. Others?

Last year the foundation hosted a self-care lounge and there were requests to host a similar lounge again this year.

People appreciated the lounge.

Suggest making signs to remind folks that it is a serenity space, not a place to host meetings, and rethink some of the items available in that space.

Lighting, soft seating.

MSC (Mark/Kimberley) motion to approve hosting a self-care lounge at spring plenary

Next steps are informing the ASCCC president and working with the president and Tonya to coordinate.

Discussion about a monetary limit to the self-care lounge.

Chair will follow-up with Tonya to produce an initial budget...

Last year was a budget of \$500 for the consumable items that folks could take.

Last year the sofa itself was about \$400.

ASCCC board will need to authorize hosting the self-care lounge at plenary.

Chair will share the list of consumables from last year as a starting point.

Request that the foundation board members guide the decision regarding consumables and organization of the self-care space.

MSC (Christopher/Bethany) motion to approve up to \$750 for the consumables and authorize the chair to follow up with the ASCCC board and then discuss next steps with the foundation board

Kimberley graciously agreed to take the lead on organizing the self-care lounge.

Other items to consider: journaling materials, meditation, ...

Photo booth was very popular at plenary and high impact for low cost (~\$400 total).

MSC (Mark/Bethany) motion to approve a photo booth for the president's reception or other social event at spring plenary

Chair will follow-up with ASCCC on self-care lounge and photo booth.

Connectfest was challenging as it competed with folks going out to dinner with colleagues.

Board comfortable hosting self-care lounge and photo booth being the base for foundation events.

Discussed bingo/scavenger hunt that ends at the foundation table.

Questions such as geographically closest and furthest from Santa Rosa.

Perhaps a joint event with Relations with Local Academic Senates and Bethany will follow-up.

5. Scholarship Rubric Revisions – **Discussion/Action**

Mark summarized the proposed rubric, leveraging the work on the innovation scholarship rubric previously approved by the board.

MSC (Mark/Erik) move to approve the updates to the events and partners scholarships application and rubric

6. Scholarship Updates

a. Current Scholarship Review Updates – **Liao-Discussion**

Amy provided an update on current scholarships.

APAHE will not hold spots for the ASFCCC scholarship, so the scholarship would only reimburse those that are already registered.

Foundation goal is to provide opportunity for those otherwise unable to attend.

With some other organizations, the foundation pays ahead of time and the organizations are willing to accept last minute changes to attendees.

Different approaches will be required for different organizations, depending on their processes and leadership.

There are cancellation fees for many events to consider as well.

Will continue to build partnerships and work through these processes.

APAHE scholarship closes Mar 6 and APAHE registration ends Apr 3 for late registration.

Foundation already committed to supporting scholarships for this event at the beginning of the academic year.

Compromise given the situation is that the process this year will require folks to have already registered with a truncated timeline:

- Applications Open: Feb 2, 2026
- Applications Due: Feb 13, 2026
- Foundation Directors review applications: Feb 16-20
- Notice to scholarship winners: Feb 23, 2026

- The conference takes place: Apr 12-14, 2026, pre-session April 12
- \$725 for late registration

7. Honorariums – Process and Practice – **Discussion/Action**

a. Draft Document

Not discussed at this meeting.

8. Area Competition and inclusion of “Monthly ongoing Giving Donors” in calculation – Update - **Discussion**

Not discussed at this meeting.

9. Reports – **Discussion/Information**

- a. Treasurer - Stiemke
- b. Secretary - Reese
- c. President – Howerton

10. Strategic Planning – Timeline -Howerton- **Discussion**

a. Previous Foundation Plans 2019-2022; 2016-2019

b. Goals for the 2025-2028?

i. Brainstorm Document - Draft

Not discussed at this meeting.

11. Other Resource Development Opportunities –Howerton- **Discussion/Action**

- a. “Faculty Shout-Outs of Gratitude” #FacultyShoutOuts* (See Below)
- b. Other Suggestions

Not discussed at this meeting.

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:40am