



THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
**FOUNDATION**  
for California Community Colleges

## ASFCCC Directors Meeting Summary

**Tuesday February 24 2026**

**9:00am- 10:30am**

**Zoom**

<https://yccd-edu.zoom.us/j/8326191425?omn=88138410653>

**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

1. Welcome and Call to Order  
President called the meeting to order at 9:03am.  
Everyone shared regarding the prompt: “What have you done recently to spark some ‘joy’ or recent ‘win’?”.
2. Approval of Agenda - **Action**  
**MSC (Bethany/Erik) motion to approve the agenda**
3. Approval of Minutes from 1/27/2026 – **Action**  
**MSC (Bethany/Erik) motion to approve the 2026-01-27 minutes 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 Reminders” and “Messages of Gratitude” – [Brainstorm Document](#)

President informed directors that there is no spare space near the plenary session venue and there are other complications with a nearby (if available) suite.

Therefore we will have a self-care station.

Self-care station list of items due by March 13 to provide time for the office team to fulfill the requests.

Directors discussed the name: Self-care station or pause and presence table/station were provided as starting points.

Landed on the name: Pause and Presence Point

President shared ideas gathered in the brainstorm document.

Could gather things for relaxation/meditation like a mini-water fountain.

White board to write joy statements, shout-outs, or kudos.

Wish wall. Bulletin board style.

Could have a raffle from donations for books, swag, etc.

Come up with a list of snacks, including Asian snacks, etc.

Secretary will start a shared document to come up with a list by early next week.

List will include snacks, self-care, and some suggestions in the brainstorm document (chapstick, mints, rice crackers, mochi, ...).  
Start with a moment of mindfulness before starting sessions.  
President can model this during the foundation update at the first session and encourage others to implement this idea when discussing plenary at the March ASCCC board meeting.  
Before speeches is another time to lean into these ideas.

c. Photobooth pt.2. – Update

Tonya found a photobooth vendor for the president’s reception on Friday from 7pm-9pm and will move forward with that activity.  
Booth is \$700 for the event.  
Directors discussed backdrop options for the photobooth.  
Narrowed list of backdrop options: Black & Gold, Marble, Brushed Black and White  
President will put together a poll for the directors to determine the final background.  
Question about ASCCC props developed for the photobooth at the past Fall plenary.  
Office team will report back to the foundation about the ASCCC props.

d. Others?

5. Scholarship Updates

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

Amy provided an update on ongoing and upcoming scholarships.  
Received one new testimonial from a scholarship recipient.  
Spring plenary applications due on Mar 6 and will be forwarding redacted applications to directors soon thereafter.  
In the future, directors could forward total scores as well as rank to use scores for the overall determination of scholarship recipients.

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

a. Draft Document

President reminded directors of the draft honorarium idea and requested review of the proposal for further discussion at the next foundation meeting.

7. Reports – **Discussion/Information**

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

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

- a. Previous Foundation Plans 2019-2022; 2016-2019
- b. Goals for the 2025-2028?
  - i. Brainstorm Document - Draft

Goal is to complete a strategic plan this year to help guide future foundation work.

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

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

Space to honor or recognize faculty, and then folks could donate in their honor to help support the foundation.

Maybe a virtual space where we can do this, rather than a brick or buy a chair in a theater that may happen on our campuses.

Main donations are through area competition and general donations.

Perhaps an opportunity to recognize a member by donating to the foundation in their name.

Could use the existing foundation space in ASCCC communications for shout-outs, for example.

Frame with pictures of honorees for which donations in their honor were received.

Maybe there is a way to work towards an endowment for named scholarships.

Some of these additional fundraising ideas could be part of our strategic plan.

Are there other groups that do these things well, such as honoring retirees?

All things to explore.

Request for discussing if there is room for other scholarships (breakage), such as curriculum institute and other events.

No foundation presence at Leadership Institute and Curriculum Institute, perhaps, in part, due to the handover of positions in June.

How can we carve out spaces for the foundation at those events, without this board making actionable items for the next board?

Board authorized the external director attending plenary to support the foundation.

Attending the curriculum institute has not been discussed and voted upon by the board.

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:28am