

# **STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CODE OF CONDUCT**

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The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) works to properly represent its constituency by effectively participating in the formation of state policies that may or directly affect our student constituency.

A high level of positive conduct is expected of all student participants that requires self-control, individual decision-making, responsibility, and adherence to a code that is appropriate for all conferences, general assemblies and meetings.

## **I. BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT**

A. Essential to the SSCCC is the concern of each participant for the rights of every individual. Each participant is responsible for his or her actions at all times. It is essential for all council members to act responsibly to ensure that their own conduct and attitude is beneficial not only to themselves and their fellow participants, but also facilitates the credibility and longevity of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

B. All council members are expected to act in a respectful manner, in both language and action, when interacting with other students and advisors as well as hotel staff and guests. They are accountable for preserving the reputation and high standard of the SSCCC.

C. All facilities placed at the disposal of the SSCCC are to be given the greatest care and attention.

D. The SSCCC expects all participants (i.e., council members, delegates, senators) to adhere to the Code of Conduct at all official SSCCC functions and conferences.

## **II. GENERAL RULES**

### **A. Conduct within meetings:**

Respect - Council members should remain respectful and avoid emotional outbursts or personal attacks.

Speaking - Council members should always wait to speak until called upon by the chair and keep their language courteous and professional. Avoid repeating points already made in the meeting and speak concisely.

Listening - Council members should always give the speaker their full attention

Role responsibilities - Council members should keep their responsibilities in mind at all times. Members should monitor self and others, help each other learn, remind others to abide by these ground rules, make certain that everyone who so desires has expressed an opinion.

Focus - Council members should always stay on the item at hand.

**B. Conflict of Interest**

Members should recuse themselves from voting on council business when they have a vested interest that may affect their impartiality and prevent them from best representing their constituencies on the issue at hand.

**C. Dress Code**

Council members must realize that as elected officials, their personal appearance and manner of dress reflects upon the organization and their respective constituencies. Whenever in doubt, council members should dress business casual.

**D. Misrepresentation**

Misrepresentation of the organization, and positions and policies of our organization, system partners, and individual members shall not be tolerated.