



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. All facilities placed at the disposal of the SSCCC are to be given the greatest care and attention.
4. The SSCCC expects all participants to adhere to the Code of Conduct at all official SSCCC functions and conferences.

## **I. Background and Purpose**

Representatives of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and this Code of Conduct.

## **II. Code of Conduct**

- A. Prohibited practices include, but are not limited to the following:
  1. Consumption of alcohol or possession of related paraphernalia at SSCCC and CCCCCO sponsored events.
  2. Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs or related paraphernalia.
  3. Possession of any firearm, illegal knife, explosive or other weapon.
  4. Assault, or deliberate physical injury to another person (sexual harassment, unwanted sexual advances, and sexual assault).

5. Violation of hotel or facility rules and/or policies.
  6. Disruptive behavior or the behavior that threatens the health and or safety of others.
  7. Discrimination, harassment, and bullying against any individual on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical and/or mental disability, or political ideologies. Such discrimination, harassment and bullying has the effect of creating a hostile or intimidating environment sufficiently severe or pervasive to substantially impair a reasonable person's participation in SSCCC and CCCCCO sponsored events or activities.
  8. Threatening or harassing behavior conveyed by written or electronic means, including, but not limited to, email, social media, texting and online.
- B. Individual members of the SSCCC are personally responsible for any damages caused to any facility while attending an event and will not hold the SSCCC, the CCCCCO, or the State of California liable for any damages, injuries, or costs that occur as a result of their attendance.
- C. Individual members must always maintain a professional demeanor when representing the SSCCC.
- D. Depending on the nature of the violation of this Code of Conduct and the circumstances, the CCCCCO may take any or all of the following actions:
1. Immediate dismissal from the event.
  2. Request for hotel security to intervene.
  3. Notification of local authorities.
  4. Removal on an interim basis from all SSCCC and CCCCCO sponsored activities.
  5. The CCCCCO will notify the SSCCC President, the student's advisor, local college and/or the Region Chair for consideration of appropriate action.
- E. A serious violation may result in the withholding of state funds for future travel and interim removal from all SSCCC and CCCCCO sponsored activities.
- F. The SSCCC and CCCCCO will seek to resolve any situation with the least intervention necessary, but will take whatever measures are required to protect the health and safety of attendees and the interests of the Board of Governors.

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