



San Bernardino Valley College Student Trustee's Report Thursday, November 6, 2008



Student Senate for California Community Colleges

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges hosted its' 2008 Fall General Assembly on October 24 - 26, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, CA. The SSSCC General Assembly serves as an outlet to provide ongoing and widespread dissemination of information to enhance awareness on statewide issues to adopt resolutions on matters of statewide concern.

As a member of the SSSCC Council, I flew in a day before the Assembly to help with preparations. Over 500 students were in attendance representing the various community colleges throughout California. Attendees were able to attend various breakout sessions intended to assist the students understanding on community college related issues and to strengthen their perspective as a student leader. Breakout sessions mentioned below are a small sampling of what issues were discussed:

1. Student Loans: Access, Options, and Safety Nets
2. Assisting International Students
3. Textbooks: It's Time to Make a Difference
4. Understanding Student Rep Fees
5. Public Relations Made Simple
6. Capitol Lobbying 101: Why Lawmakers Will Listen to You
7. Diversity Issues
8. Strengthening your Region: How Local Senates Can Help

I, as a Regional Senator of the Council, had the opportunity to facilitate and present one of the breakouts. The breakout was designed to help struggling regions by giving them viable options to help address some of the common issues that they struggle with. It was fun and exciting, but most of all I enjoyed being able to help other regions so that they may become self sufficient.

Additionally, many resolutions were passed by the colleges as a whole. Therefore, the SSSCC has a lot of work to look forward to and will need to address these resolutions and bring them forward to the Board of Governors.

***Respectfully submitted by,
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