



STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

April 4, 2024 | Auto Partners Room 11 | 1:00 PM

Student Life Committee Goals 2023-2024

1. Explore strategies and develop recommendations to connect students through in-person and online cohorts, to advance a sense of belonging on campus (EMP Goal A: Strengthening the culture of completion)
2. Develop practices to utilize the Cerritos College App to engage students through online cohorts, interaction features, and app communication (EMP Goal A: Strengthening the culture of completion).
3. Explore strategies to streamline presentation of the graduates during the Commencement Ceremony, to reduce graduates leaving early. (EMP Goal: Org effectiveness).

Minutes

1. Welcome: Introductions & Roll Call

Member Role (*denotes Ex-Officio Member)	23-24 Member	Present - P; Absent - A; Vacant - V
Dean of Student Services	Elizabeth Miller	P
VP of Student Services	Robyn Brammer	P
Coord. of Student Conduct	Cynthia Lavarriere	P
Student Activities Coordinator	Chris Dela Cruz	P
ACCME rep 1	Maria Castro	P
ACCME rep 2	Debra Ward	A
Faculty rep 1 (instructional)	Brooke Hanniff	P
Faculty rep 2 (student services)	Nellie Hernandez-Garcia	A
Confidential Rep	Edith Finney	A
CSEA rep 1	Nikki Jones	P
CSEA rep 2	Maria Isai	P
ASCC Director of Student Services	Airad Reyes	P
ASCC student representative	Matthew Roman	P
Bookstore Manager*	Brianne Freeman	P
Bookstore*	Rosie Alvarez	P
Associate Dean, Student Health*	Hillary Mennella	P
Dean of SAWS, or designee*	Elizabeth Page	P
Chief of Campus Police*	Don Mueller	P
Facilities representative*	Carlos Serna	A
Quorum: Fall – 6; Spring – 9	ATTENDANCE	15

Guests: Robin Taylor and David Rincon

2. Action Item: 2024 Student Commencement Speaker

- The committee heard auditions for the Student Commencement Speaker Finalists chosen by the student committee.
 - i. Each student auditioned separately: Annie Gutierrez & Emily Pita Bautista
 - ii. The committee deliberated and selected the 2024 Student Commencement Speaker.
 - Elizabeth Page moved to select the top scoring candidate (Gutierrez) as the 2024 commencement speaker. Brooke Hanniff seconded. No objections. The motion passes.

3. Information & Discussion: 2024 Commencement

- *The Committee received updates and provide feedback on Commencement planning*
 - i. *Grad Fair- Chris provided an update*
 1. *Participating Tables- of all the departments that received an invitation, only two have not replied back yet.*

- a. *Departments who have not received an invitation to table, who would like to participate, can email Chris.*
 2. *Volunteers - if interested in volunteering, sign up here:*
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4BAFA82EA4F58-48461798-2024#/>
 - ii. *Faculty involvement in Commencement – will there be a cheering section and when?*
 1. *Committee discussed ideas of where to place the cheering line while the procession and the graduate names are being called.*
 - iii. *Other related items:*
 1. *SAS, CCPD, and Dean Miller met to discuss the ADA concerns related to parking.*
 2. *Admissions is finalizing the graduates list. Students are still able to submit their petitions; however, their names will not be printed in the program booklet.*
 - a. *Dr. Miller will be able to run weekly queries to check for any newly added graduates.*

4. Information & Discussion: Cerritos College Food Court, Vending, & Bookstore Services

- *The committee received updates on food & vending services.*
 - i. *Bookstore: Students are ordering their regalia via Jostens. Approx. 50 orders have been placed.*
 - ii. *Cassidy's Corner Café: opening pushed back due to delays of approvals from LA county.*

5. Announcements

- *Grad Fair – Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – 10am-5pm*
- *Next Student Life Committee Meeting is May 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM.*
 - *We will talk about goals for next year*
- *Commencement – Friday, May 17, 2024 – 6pm*

6. Adjourn