

SSCA 95th Annual Convention—Norfolk, Virginia

2025 Community College Business Meeting Division Business Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 4 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

- I. Call to order 5:33
- II. Introductions
 - A. Chair, Shaq Marsh- Pellissippi State Community College (Tennessee)
 - B. Vice Chair/ Division Planner, Karen Hill- Volunteer State Community College (Tennessee)
 - C. Vice Chair- Elect, Samantha Chapuseaux- Florida Gateway College (Florida)
 - D. Secretary- Twyla Coy- Lone Star College (Texas)
 - E. Immediate Past Chair, Jeff Sorrels- Collin College (Texas)
- III. Approval of 2024 Community College Division Business meeting in Frisco, Texas
 - A. Karen Hill made a motion to approve minutes, Thomas King seconded, Nakia Welch abstained.
 - B. Minutes approved: 14/0/1
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Submissions
 1. Panels— four (4) submitted, four (4) accepted
 2. GIFTS-14 submitted, 14 accepted (3 total GIFTS sessions)
 - a. 98% GIFTS acceptance rate
 - b. Question- doesn't have to align with theme- but highly encouraged.
 3. Eight (8) total slots for the Community College division at the 2025 SSCA Conference including the Business Meeting
 - B. Program slots
 1. Fusion Room: Thursday, April 3 at 11:45 am, GIFTS I-15
 2. Momentum 2/3 Room: Thursday, April 3 at 2:45 pm -11
Creating Anchorage for Community College Faculty: How Community College Faculty Can Find Support in the Communication Discipline
 3. Energy 2 Room: Friday, April 4 at 11:45 am- 9
Anchoring Accreditation: Connecting the 'What' to the "Why" in SACSCOC Standards
 4. Momentum 2/3 Room: Friday, April 4 at 2:45 pm, GIFTS II-18
 5. Energy 2 Room: Friday, April 4 at 5:30 pm- CC Business Meeting- 16
 6. Imagination Room: Saturday, April 4 at 8 am- 4
The Switch to Accelerated Courses
 7. Energy 1 Room: Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 am- 7
To Anchor or Drift? A Roundtable Discussion of Faculty Career Change
 8. Collaboration Room: Saturday, April 5 at 11 am, GIFTS III- 15
 - C. Membership (***65 people did not select an affiliation**)

Division	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Community College	123	36	44	31		43	29	39	36	48

Note- don't have to teach at a community college to be a part of the Division.

- D. Suzanne Osborn Outstanding Educator Award- Chair: Nakia Welch, San Jacinto College (Texas)
 - 1. 2025 Winner- Shaq Marsh, Pellissippi State Community College (Tennessee)
 - a. Brad- discussion about the award.
 - b. Self-nominations encouraged.
 - 2. 2026 Suzanne Osborn Outstanding Educator Award Committee-
 - a. Chair- Karen Hill, Volunteer State Community College (Tennessee)
 - b. Member-Shaq Marsh, Pellissippi State Community College (Tennessee)
 - c. Member- Jeff Sorrells, Collin College (Texas)
 - d. Nominations are due Friday, December 15, 2025- Self nominations are accepted.
- E. Elizabeth Hanson Smith stopped in for announcements:
 - 1. She can help with membership list, updating bylaws, extra space on web.
 - 2. Discussion about collaboration with Instructional for panel or session next year.

V. New Business

- A. GIFTS repository- Laurie Metcalf, Blinn College (Texas)
 - 1. Presented at conference then disappear, shared at campus levels
 - 2. Discussion with Elizabeth (webmaster) Repository on SSCA website
 - 3. Options
 - a. By Bylaws
 - b. Pull Down menus
 - c. Language "Post" not "Publish"
 - d. Wording in the call- When you submit, agree that it will be "Posted" (Discuss where)
 - e. What about "retroactively"?
 - f. Where- behind a member login- Under Community Colleges
- B. Connection of CC members between annual conferences- Discussed Options
 - 1. Membership List/Emails
 - 2. Community Chats and connections
 - 3. ListServ that is free?
 - 4. Facebook Group
 - 5. GroupMe
 - 6. Group Text
 - 7. Discord
 - 8. Option that prevailed: Private Facebook- SSCA Community College Division (not required to participate)
 - a. Moderators: Laurie and Nakia and Mary
 - b. What are the questions for validation?
- C. Social gathering after CC division meeting (event ideas?)
 - 1. Preset a social event
 - 2. Immediate past chair- should help plan this event
 - 3. Connect with the local educators for recommendations
 - 4. Marisa Hamilton offered to help in Birmingham

- D. 2026 SSAC 96th Annual Convention- Birmingham, Alabama
 - 1. Wednesday, April 8-Sunday, April 12, 2026
 - 2. Conference Theme: COMM-AI-INITI: Conversations in the Age of Intelligence
 - 3. This theme blends the ideas of “community” and “AI,” emphasizing the evolving relationship between human and artificial intelligence in shaping communication. It encourages reflection on how communication fosters connection and shared understanding in an era increasingly influenced by advanced technologies.
 - 4. Start thinking about topics, panels, and GIFTS.
- E. Election for CC Division Vice Chair-Elect
 - 1. Nomination for Brad Bailey, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Mississippi)- by Laurie
 - 2. Accepted by Brad
 - 3. No other nominations from the floor and the vote was unanimous.
- F. Nakia mentions student speech competition- scholarship opportunities (and for book speeches). Norton speaker competitions- June deadline.
- G. Laurie- NCA needs a Legislative assembly rep for Community College, 3 year term. Attend NCA meeting and deliver summary to Executive Council meetings for 3 years. Election takes place within SSAC for Executive Council- in January. Must attend both NCA and SSAC.

VI. Adjourn- 6:37pm

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