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LATINA LEADERSHIP NETWORK/SJECED CHAPTER



MISSION: The Latina Leadership Network/SJECED Chapter is dedicated to develop and implement strategies to overcome institutional and personal barriers to Latina educational and professional success. Our Chapter is committed to promote cultural and gender equity within the California Community College system. Our Chapter will develop leadership within the SJECED and the broader community.

*Latina Leadership Network
Of the
California Community Colleges*

SJECCD Chapter

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of the organization shall be Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges, SJECCD Chapter. The official abbreviated form “LLN/SJECCD Chapter” will identify this organization.

ARTICLE II -- LOCATION

The principal office of this organization is hereby fixed and located in the San Jose Evergreen Community College District, in the City of San Jose, State of California. The Executive Board is hereby granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another in the State of California. Any such change shall be noted by the Recording Secretary but shall not be considered an amendment of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III -- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Latina Leadership Network/SJECED Chapter is a mutual support organization committed to:

- a. Leadership development for Latinas at all levels in the California Community Colleges (SJECED Chapter) and;
- b. Promoting and maintaining la cultura Latina and non-sexist familial values.

ARTICLE IV -- GOALS

The goals of the Latina Leadership Network/SJECED Chapter shall be:

- a. To provide, establish and maintain networking opportunities between Evergreen Valley College, San Jose City College, the SJECED District Office and the broader community.
- b. To celebrate the diverse cultural, social and linguistic heritage of Latinas.
- c. To collaborate with other Latinas in the local region.

ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership categories shall include the following:

Type	Yearly Fee
Regular Members	\$15
Friends of LLN/SJECCD Chapter	\$10
Students of LLN/SJECCD Chapter	\$ 5 (Optional)
Golf Club	\$15

Section II. Honorary membership may be granted to any California Community College president or his/her designee. Additional honorary members may be elected by the Executive Board in recognition of their support of the goals of the LLN/SJECCD Chapter.

Section III. Each member shall be entitled to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the organization.

Section IV. Only regular and student members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section I. The Executive Board shall consist of the following members:

President: Two year term. Calls and conducts a minimum of eight (8) meetings per year.

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Vice President: Two year term. Assists the President if absent. Monitors/assists region with respective area activities and coordinates scholarships. The VP is the President-Elect.

Corresponding/Recording Secretary: Two year term. Chairs Election Committee. Follows-up on membership. Sends congratulation letters on behalf of LLN/SJECCD Chapter to staff who achieve recognition or promotion with a copy to respective campus president. Serves as LLN/SJECCD Chapter Historian.

Treasurer: Three year term. Maintains accounting of funds. Collects membership dues. Reports lapsed memberships to Corresponding/Recording Secretary. Submits a financial report to the Executive Board at every Board meeting.

Public Relations: Newsletter Editor/website information updates.

Student Representatives: (EVC and SJCC – one each). Maintains contact with Latino student organizations to promote and increase LLN/SJECCD Chapter involvement.

Section II. Affairs of the LLN/SJECCD Chapter shall be exercised by and under the authority of the Executive Board. The President of the LLN/SJECCD Chapter shall sign all correspondence and approve all area activities that reflect the organization. The Executive Board has the responsibility to keep members apprised

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of the activities of the organization and of the greater LLN.

Section III. The Executive Board shall hold meetings as needed, with a minimum of eight (8) times a year.

Section IV. Five (5) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. Others may vote in proxy.

ARTICLE VII -- ELECTIONS

Section I. All officers shall be nominated and elected by the general membership after the annual Latina Leadership Network Conference.

Section II. The election process shall be coordinated by the Corresponding Secretary after the annual conference.

Section III. The Executive Board shall fill all vacancies which occur. All such appointees shall serve until new elections are held after the next annual LLN Conference.

ARTICLE VIII -- COMMITTEES

Section I. Committees shall be appointed at such time when needed by the Executive Board.

Section II. Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board to reflect a balance of representation of EVC, SJCC and the District Office.

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Section III. Each committee shall select their chair to report back to the Executive Board.

Adopted on March 30, 2012 at the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District. Forum was present and this was an official meeting. Present: Blanca Ezquerro, Irene Gutierrez and Cristina Marsh.

The founding group is made up of the following: Irene Gutierrez, Isabel Macias, Rosalinda Mello, Maria Zendejas, Erlinda Sanchez, Victoria Lugo, and Josie P. Gutierrez.

Position	Name
President	Blanca Ezquerro
VP	Irene Gutierrez
Corresponding/ Recording Secretary	Cristina Marsh
Treasurer	Maria Zendejas
Past President	Josie Gutierrez
Advisor/Fundraising Activities Scholarship Workshop Coordinator	Odila Peper
Student Chapter	Liz Vasquez
PR/Newsletter	Isabel Macias
Web Jefita	Irene Gutierrez
Entertainment	Yvonne Castillo Rios