

2022-2023 SLCCSA Vision Statement
“Represent, Retain, Reorganize”
President Lindsay Simons

The effects of the pandemic continue to impact student life and success. SLCC students are dealing with increasingly unstable social structures and stressful home lives. We’re worried about paying for food, struggling to pay rent, and stressed about how to do it all on top of doing homework. How can you learn in times like this? While SLCC students continually persevere through these challenges, we in SLCCSA want to support students by advocating for changes at the school that reduces common barriers we face while at school. SLCCSA has identified 3 guiding questions to assist students during these difficult times:

- How well does the school **represent** the diversity of SLCC students?
- How well does SLCC **retain** students already enrolled?
- How could SLCC and SLCCSA **reorganize** itself to better respond to the student voice?

Represent

SLCC students represent the increasing racial diversity of the Salt Lake valley. While the affordability of SLCC within the state draws in a diverse community, the institution is not without barriers for Students of Color. Especially as an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), we need dramatic changes across the college to better serve Latinx students. SLCC can be more welcoming, have more targeted resources for Students of Color, and reduce institutional barriers for undocumented students. We hope by focusing on representation, we can better serve Students of Color and particularly students who are left out from programs across the school.

Retain

SLCC students are struggling to stay in school, which has created a retention crisis. SLCC students want to make a difference for their families and their communities. Incomplete degrees or failing to transfer are a problem. SLCC needs to better understand why so many students leave without achieving their academic goals.

Reorganize

SLCCSA’s structure has been focused on and oftentimes reduced to event planning. While events are important to the school environment, the student government should prioritize its efforts on making SLCC a better place for students. Taking a stronger stance on student advocacy, SLCCSA wants to reshape the way that student leadership is viewed at this college. When we are in spaces that require student participation, our voices will be heard and valued. We want to increase the visibility of the Senate, prioritize student advocacy on EDI and explore new models for student involvement.

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SLCCSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - JULY 7, 2022
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