

**Subject: Giving Day student input**

April 4, 2023

Attention: SLCC Institutional Advancement & Development Office, & SLCC Cabinet  
From: Salt Lake Community College Student Association



**Purpose:** Part of the 2022 - 2023 SLCC Student Association Vision Statement ([SLCC Globe](#), September 2022) has focused on improving representation for all students, including eliminating barriers for students so they can have success here at SLCC. This created an initiative to increase private donation dollars funneled towards undocumented student resources since this community faces structural barriers to affordable tuition. *This letter documents an agreement reached between SLCC Student Association and the Institutional Development office to henceforth consult with students to determine Giving Day fundraising goals, identify Giving Day scholarship priorities, and select funding distribution associated with Giving Day.*

**Background:** In October 2022, SLCCSA initiated conversations with representatives from the development office to create a specific donation bucket on Giving Day 2023 for undocumented students. Despite these preemptive efforts, Institutional Development failed to create an intentional and visible strategy to gather donation dollars for undocumented students. By creating a separate bucket for undocumented students, donors (whether they are students, staff, faculty, or community members) can try and help eliminate some of the financial barriers that undocumented and non-residents students from staying enrolled and finishing school.

During a meeting in March 2023, Nancy Michalko and Rick Pike agreed that little student input had been gathered on donation priorities, despite the intended audience of those dollars being students and despite of abundant advocacy on this initiative from SLCCSA. As a result, SLCCSA and institutional development representatives discussed strategies to ensure SLCC students have a seat at the table in creating fundraising goals, scholarship priorities, and funding distribution connected to the 2024 Giving Day fundraiser.

**Future strategy:**

- Institutional Development can invite 2 – 3 students to serve on planning committee associated with Giving Day and the creation of scholarship priorities. *Preferably this would be hybrid in format and scheduled based on student availability.*
- Institutional development should evaluate the benefits of bucket specifically supporting undocumented students during Giving Day 2024
- Institutional development should request to meet with the SLCCSA Executive Council and/or SLCCSA Equity & Diversity Board to discuss results of the Giving Day 2024 campaign and to gather additional input on scholarship funding distribution.

We want to recognize the development office and Nancy Michalko for letting students be a part of these important conversations that impact students directly.

**SLCCSA Resolution Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**

**For** – President Simons, Executive Vice President Mukaz, Vice President Ruelas, Vice President Wambuyi, Vice President Duran, Vice President Cherry, & Vice President Demille

**Against** – None

**Abstain** – None