

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 4, 2024

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

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Printworks Art Club

**Status:**                      **Action**

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**Issue**

Permission is requested to allow the COS Printworks Art Club to travel and participate in Grabadolandia; which is an annual printmaking festival organized by the *Instituto Grafico* de Chicago at the National Museum of Mexican Art. The festival occurs on November 22 - 24, 2024.

Printworks club members (10 students and one faculty) will attend 3 days of the festival.

**Printworks Fieldtrip Goals:**

- Meet and network with a community of printmakers that developed a form to engage with the general population through printmaking
- Observe and learn different ways to approach people through printmaking
- Observe how the Grabadolandia community creates alternatives in the real world to become self-sustainable
- Establish relationships with potential artists who can travel to COS Visalia and offer a workshop
- Explore the Art Institute of Chicago and other art venues

**Background**

The festival is a project that inspires new generations to engage in printmaking as a social force. This project creates more equitable access to cultural resources and events through activities that include an international portfolio exchange, community workshops, and a 3-day printmaking festival. COS Printworks aims to share their passion for printmaking, nourishing the Graphic Art on our Campus, and fundraising for things vital to our art students. Printworks has developed a way to connect with its academic and local community through woodcut relief and screen-printing techniques. Printworks members believe that engaging with our community through an interactive relationship that educates them about this ancient technique creates a path toward a responsive and sensitive community willing to support our work financially.

**Analysis**

The event is from Friday through Sunday, with travel happening on Thursday and Sunday so only Thursday morning classes (if any) will be missed. Some students may miss class on Monday since there will be a 1:15 AM arrival, but the experience will enhance their college and life experiences, particularly Art majors who will use these types of experiences to further their careers and education. All expenses will be paid by a combination of EDAC and Printworks Club funds, individual contributions and fundraising.

**Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this out-of-state travel request.