SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
April 22, 2024
Room MC 211
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Michael Brewer, Henry Browne, Lisa Burgert, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Justin Estep, Veronica Gerace, Helen Greenbergs, Mary Gwin, James Hinton, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Janue Johnson, Candace Katungi, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jennifer Moreno, Jill Moreno Ikari, Katherine Naimark, Scott Plambek, Alison Primoza, Anthony Reuss, Saloua Saidane, Robert Sanchez, Jessica Sardo, Kristian Secor, George Svoboda, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Karen Wait and Guests Marisa Alioto and ASG Representative Brianna Jeppson

Absent:

Janna Braun (Excused), Emmett "Chip" Lancaster (Excused), Laura Maki, Thekima Mayasa (Proxy to Gerace), Judy Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss), Olga Pilipets and Michelle Rodriguez

I.   **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:27 PM.
      Parliamentarian – TBD/Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II.   **APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA**:

      A. Addition of Resolution 2024.4.1 – SDMC AS Constitutional Changes Regarding Agenda Items and Vacancies: Gwin/SDMC AS

              Academic Affairs Committee to New Business.

      B. Addition of CDAIE Flex Training to the Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA): J. Johnson

      Move to Approve with the Addition of Two "New Business" Items :
      M/S   Gerace/Allbee   **UNANIMOUS**
                                                                                       Mayasa
                                                                                       (Proxy to Gerace)
                                                                                       Sundayo
                                                                                       (Proxy to Reuss)

III. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**:

      A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Former ASG Vice President Brianna Jeppson
           1.   Brianna Jeppson reported that she has concerns regarding AB 1705 (Student Placement in Math Courses).
      B. Classified Professionals: President Sahar "Mona" King (No Report)

IV.   **PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

      **A. Trish Guevarra – SDMC Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Inst. (AANAPISI)
           Announcement**:
           1.   Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community of Practice Event: August 6 – 7, 2024 (SDMC LOFT)
                a.   The event information was forwarded to the SDMC AS.

      B. Helen Greenbergs – **SDMC AS Senator**:
           As reported by Helen Greenbergs:
           "Lately, we've been having difficult conversations in this body about what we should and should not say - in our classrooms, on our campus, on social media.
           We have disagreed about the meaning of some words and phrases.
           We have disagreed about which members of our community deserve protection and which do not.
           In some cases we have claimed various freedoms supported by law (freedom of speech and academic freedom), but we have discarded others (freedom to record a public meeting).
           On sometimes opposing sides, we have pled with each other to consider not only what is legal, but what is collegial or ethical.
           We have all tried to stand up for what we think is right.
           I want to say that I, personally, have failed to stand up when people in this body have made clearly antisemitic comments. John Crocitti and Jennifer Moreno, I perceive comments you have made as clearly antisemitic, referring to a resolution requesting education as "tribalism", referring to faculty concerned about a teach-in advertised with the slogan "from the river to the sea" as

"extremists", referring to Zionism as genocidal, using tropes about hidden power, and rejecting antisemitism education because "everyone has rights". I find these comments offensive, threatening and not collegial.

I have also felt unsaid words and seen more ambiguous actions that I believe were motivated by antisemitism, including resistance to accurately recording words and events at our meetings.

I also know that many in this room have either been uncomfortably silent or simply disengaged due to their own personal perspective, to which they are entitled. Finally, I know some of you are honestly conflicted by the devastating world events which brought a great deal of emotion to the senate floor. There are no easy answers for that situation, but I continue to believe the answer here – at Mesa College – is balanced, informed education and critique of Israel, Palestine, Iran, Hamas, and the United States. I think our community and our students deserve that.

I want to say that there is no other group on campus that I've seen disregarded when they express concern about bias directed against them. I don't understand why it is being done to Jewish members of our community."

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

A. March 18, 2024:
Move to Approve:

M/S	G. Johnson/Moreno	**32 Approve**
		Mayasa
		(Proxy to Gerace)
		Sundayo
		(Proxy to Reuss)
		4 Abstain
		Brewer
		Gerace
		Greenbergs
		Saidane

B. April 8, 2024:
Move to Approve:

M/S	Reuss/Moreno Ikari	**31 Approve**
		Mayasa
		(Proxy to Gerace)
		Sundayo
		(Proxy to Reuss)
		Abstain
		Brewer
		Burgert
		Gerace
		Greenbergs
		Sardo

VI. GUEST:

A. SDCCD Associate Vice Chancellor of Information Technology Services Peter Maharaj:

1. Associate Vice Chancellor of Information Technology Services Peter Maharaj presentation: PowerPoint Presentation
2. We will get the information sheet out to you for the new telephone system.
3. Alison Primoza asked about the old cable and poles that were left on the SDMC Trail.
   a. John Crocitti reported the cable and poles belonged to AT&T and the issue was reported to the District Architect.
      • The Assistant Vice Chancellor will contact the District Architect regarding the issue.
4. Questions from SDMC AS Vice President Veronica Gerace to Associate Vice Chancellor:
   Responses as reported by Associate Vice Chancellor Maharaj:
   a. As part of effective participatory governance practices, is there a district technology advisory committee that includes faculty where these types of changes and plans are shared and input is invited before decisions are made?

      "Yes, the San Diego Community College District established the District Technology Committee as part of its participatory governance practices. This committee includes members from the colleges and the district office, emphasizing faculty inclusion to ensure diverse input on technological changes and plans."

The committee meets monthly, specifically every third Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It is chaired by Aimee Gallager. The committee's main role is to make decisions concerning technology and to support campus constituents with their instructional technology needs and requirements. This structure facilitates a collaborative environment where decisions are informed by the inputs of various stakeholders, including faculty before they are finalized.

Why do we have to have another change in our sign-ins? Do the tech people think we have nothing to do other than learn new digital systems?

While it's understandable that changes to sign-in processes can feel cumbersome and even disruptive, they are crucial for ensuring the safety and security of everyone's data within the San Diego Community College District. The ITS staff at SDCCD are committed to serving the needs of students, staff, faculty, and the community. These changes are not made arbitrarily; they are guided by stringent state and federal laws that mandate specific security measures.

The introduction of complex passwords and multi-factor authentication (MFA) is essential for meeting compliance requirements and protecting the integrity and confidentiality of SDCCD data and the personal information of all users. These security measures align with the directives from the Department of Education and the State Chancellor's Office.

SDCCD ITS is moving towards a single credential model, which simplifies access by allowing one set of credentials to access all digital resources while enhancing security through the requirement of MFA. This model is about meeting legal requirements and safeguarding our community against increasing cybersecurity threats, which can compromise personal and institutional data.

Understanding the inconvenience, it may cause, the IT department aims to make these transitions as smooth as possible and appreciates the patience and cooperation of all members of the SDCCD community. These changes are essential for maintaining a secure and compliant digital environment, benefiting everyone in the district."

b. Several Faculty do not own cell phones. How the system accommodate them?

"The San Diego Community College District understands that not all faculty members may have access to cell phones commonly used for multi-factor authentication (MFA). To accommodate such cases, SDCCD provides an alternative solution through MFA tokens. These tokens are designed for faculty members who may not be equipped with modern mobile devices, allowing them to securely access the system.

Faculty members needing an MFA token can easily request one by contacting the SDCCD Help Desk. The process is straightforward: simply visit the Help Desk's online support at help.sdccd.edu and submit a request for an MFA token. The Help Desk is equipped to assist with these requests and ensure all faculty members have the necessary tools to comply with security requirements.

Additionally, as a government employee, faculty and staff are entitled to various discounts from providers like AT&T and Verizon, which could help acquire a mobile device at a reduced cost. Information about these discounts is available on the district's website at (https://www.sdccd.edu/about/departments-and-offices/business-technology-services-division/business-services/purchasing-vendors/for-district-employees.aspx). This may be a beneficial option for those who might consider updating their technology."

Many faculty do not allow cell phones in their classrooms (some for pedagogical reasons, others, like culinary, for health reasons). They are concerned that needing a cell phone for 2-factor authentication with SSO may present some challenges in their classrooms.

Please take a look at the answer above on accessing the MFA token."

c. What training will be provided on how to use the SSO? Will there be live support during instructional hours and how do we access it?

"The San Diego Community College District is committed to providing comprehensive training and support for the use of the Single Sign-On (SSO) system. The SDCCD Professional Development unit is actively developing an array of technology training resources to assist faculty and staff in utilizing new and existing software, including the SSO system.

To address the specific needs for SSO training, the Professional Development unit has already announced upcoming training sessions on Microsoft Teams, which will begin next week. These sessions are part of a broader initiative to enhance technology competencies across the district. Furthermore, the district is in the process of coordinating with additional trainers to launch an ongoing program that will cover a variety of software and services, ensuring that all users are well-equipped to use the digital tools provided by SDCCD.

Regarding live support during instructional hours, SDCCD ensures that assistance is readily available. Faculty and staff can access live support through the following:

- Help Desk Support: You can contact the SDCCD Help Desk for immediate assistance during operational hours by visiting help.sdccd.edu. The Help Desk is equipped to provide support for SSO and other technology-related queries.

Together, these training and support options are designed to ensure that all faculty and staff have the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively use the SSO system and other technology resources provided by SDCCD."

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

    a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee*: Chair Mary Gwin
        - Mary Gwin will present the first reading of the committee's resolution under "New Business" today.

    b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC)*: Chair Janna Braun (No Report)

    c. *Committee of Chairs (COC)*: Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari

    As reported by Jill Moreno Ikari:

    "The next committee of chairs meeting will be May 8, 2024. VPI Isabel O'Connor (Office of Instruction) and Professor Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez (Study Abroad) will be our guests. Also, my sabbatical was approved for fall 2024, so if any chairs are interested in the interim role of Chair of Committee of Chairs for the fall 2024 semester, please email jmorenoi@sdccd.edu by Tuesday, April 23."

    d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC)*: Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep

    As reported by Justin Estep:

    "CIC meets this week.

    The last CRC of the semester is on May 2.

    There is a Catalog meeting April 24 at noon by Zoom.

    Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to join."

    e. *Program Review Committee (PRC)*: Acting Faculty Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
        - Our last spring 2024 meeting is next Friday.

2. Other Committees:
    a. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE)*: Chair Judy Sundayo (No Report)
    b. *Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC)*: Co-Coordinator Marisa Alioto

    As reported by Marisa Alioto:
    "Mapper

    VPI O'Connor sent an email to the Chairs on April 3rd, 2024 regarding next steps for the updating of the maps for the Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) so they align with the Cal-GETC GE pattern and will be in compliance by May 31st, 2024.

    Counselors have created preliminary drafts of updated maps for the ADTs, which are ready for feedback. Counselors Kari Parker, Cynthia Rico, and Marisa Alioto also emailed department chairs the following information on April 11th, 2024:

    1. A draft of a 2-year map for the ADT degree
    2. A PDF of the ADT degree requirements in the 2023-2024 catalog
    3. A PDF with the Cal-GETC GE requirements

    Department chairs were reminded that these maps are not education plans and will reflect a two-year pathway to completion of the Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs), which will include major, GE and, if applicable, elective requirements.

    Using this information, the Chairs are being asked to review the map that has been created and reply promptly.

    - If the map is accurate and no edits are needed, department chairs should let the counselor know it has been approved.
    - If modifications need to be made, department chairs are encouraged to set up a 30-minute appointment (in person or via zoom) with the counselor to discuss edits and finalize any changes or updates to these maps.
    - Appointments will be available with counselors starting the week of April 15th and will continue through April 26th. This will allow counselors time to update and finalize maps for submission by the May 13th deadline.

    Dr. O'Connor requests that the final versions of these maps be completed and submitted to Marisa Alioto: malioto@sdccd.edu by Monday, May 13th, 2024.

    Additionally, work continues towards completing the other templates required by the California Community College Foundation to run the Mesa Mapper pilot.

    Please feel free to reach out to Marisa Alioto with questions.

    Student Success Coaches

    Mesa's Student Success Coaches program will continue again next year. Dr. Ian Duckles will be leading the effort and sent an email on April 10th regarding the ways in which administrators, faculty and classified professionals can become an active part of supporting Mesa College students through this program.

    If you're interested, please email Dr. Ian Duckles: iduckles@sdccd.edu and he will invite you to attend one of the following information sessions:

    - Wednesday, April 24th: 1:00 -1:45 pm via Zoom
    - Monday, April 29th: 12:00 -12:45 pm in person (location TBD)
    - Tuesday, May 7: 10:00 - 10:45 am via Zoom

    Next Mesa Pathways Committee Meeting: Our next MPC Meeting is TBD.

    To learn more about Mesa Pathways: https://www.sdmesa.edu/mesa-pathways/"

    c. *Other Committee Reports*:
        a. Environmental Sustainability Committee:
            - Alison Primoza reported today is Earth Day!
            - Thank you to the SDMC AS and President's Cabinet for approving the Climate Action Plan (CAP)!
        b. 2024 SDMC Research Conference:
            - Alison Primoza reported the 2024 SDMC Research Conference is May 17th in the Math & Natural Sciences building.
            - The Students who are presenting this year have very high caliber projects!

3. <u>Senate Executive Officer Reports</u>:
   a. *Vice President*: Veronica Gerace (No Report)
   b. *Secretary*: Vacant
   c. *Treasurer*: Thekima Mayasa (No Report)
   d. *Senators at Large*: Two (2) Vacancies
   e. *CTE Liaison*: Vacant
   f. *Immediate Past President:* John Crocitti
      - John Crocitti reported the District Governance Council (DCG) presented a new Faculty Hiring Process to be implemented in 2025.
   g. *President*: Andrew Hoffman

      As reported by Andrew Hoffman

      "I attended the ASCCC spring plenary in San Jose from April 18-20. There were a large number of resolutions passed, but of particular interest is that the Senate passed no fewer than four resolutions directly related to the issue of AB 1705 and its application to STEM majors who may need additional help. We have heard from Mesa's STEM faculty and from Mesa's Associated Student Government, about the difficulties some students have who are prevented from being able to take transfer-level pre-Calculus courses. I am happy to say that these concerns are clearly shared throughout the state. It's unfair that students who enroll at a UC or CSU institution can get help that is not allowed to be offered at the community colleges.

      Another item of interest was a resolution to support expanding the California College Promise program to students in our Baccalaureate programs.

      The discipline of Artificial Intelligence was added to the discipline list.

      In addition, a revised version of Resolution 2024.3.1 that was passed at the Mesa College Academic Senate was proposed. The revisions were strongly suggested by the ASCCC leadership; the result was a shorter resolution with some controversial language removed. That resolution passed.

      Another resolution, brought by a San Diego City College attendee, opposed SB 1287. That resolution failed. It was the only resolution not to be approved.

      To see all the resolutions, go here: Resolutions

      Unfortunately, Manuel Velez was not re-elected to be ASCCC vice president. He also ran for the position of Secretary, but lost that vote too. I think the fact that Manuel was not allowed to speak again when it came time for the Secretary vote worked against him.

      On other issues, the AS election has been held. Mary Gwin has been elected President-elect, Thekima Mayasa has been re-elected to serve as Treasurer, and Ryan Mongelluzzo will serve as senator-at-large. Congratulations!"

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2024.4.1 – Proposed Changes to the SDMC AS Constitution Regarding Agenda Items and Vacancies:

Mary Gwin/SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee

1. Mary Gwin presented the proposed changes to the SDMC AS Constitution.

Move to Forward the Item to the May 13th Meeting as Old Business for Discussion and Potential Vote:

M/S	Crocitti/G. Johnson	**35 Approve** Mayasa (Proxy to Gerace) Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss) **Abstain** Brewer

B. Addition of Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity (DEI) Training for FLEX Credit/Professional Development Credit to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA):

1. The CBA language has changed to include diversity, equity and inclusivity training for FLEX credit.
2. We will develop a DEI certificate for SDMC.

Move to Forward the Item to the May 13th Meeting as Old Business for Discussion and Potential Support:

M/S	G. Johnson/Gwin	**35 Approve** Mayasa (Proxy to Gerace) Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss) **Abstain** Brewer

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Senators for Adjunct Faculty!
- Carlynne Allbee
- Cathy James
- Geoff Johnson

B. The Mesa College Research Conference is May 17, 2024 in the Math & Natural Sciences Building.

C. The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is May 13, 2024 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM. (Room MC211)

D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is May 6, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.

E. The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is May 8, 2024 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM. (Room MC 211)

F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) Meeting is May 2, 2024 @ 2:15PM in room LRC 435.

G. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is May 6, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.

H. The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is May 1, 2024 @ 2:30PM in room A117.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:01PM.

Move to Adjourn:

M/S	Gerace/G. Johnson	**UNANIMOUS** Mayasa (Proxy to Gerace) Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss)

Submitted by Sue Saetia
Approved by the SDMC AS: May 13, 2024