



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

April 24, 2023

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President John Crocitti, Gina Abbiate, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Henry Browne, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Rob Fremland, Veronica Gerace, Helen Greenbergs, Andrew Hoffman, Geoff Johnson, Candace Katungi, Jesse Keller, Sam Lee, César López, Thekima Mayasa, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jill Moreno Ikari, Katherine Naimark, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Robert Sanchez, Jessica Sardo, Kristian Secor, Irena Stojimirovic, Judy Sundayo, Karen Wait, Sandra Watts, George Svoboda (via Zoom) and Guests Marisa Alioto and Manuel Vélez

Absent:

Janna Braun (Excused), Michael Brewer (Excused), Lisa Burgert (Excused), Sakeenah Gallardo (Excused), Alison Gurganus, Laura Maki (Excused), Natalie Mapes (Excused), Dave “Das” Odasso (Excused) and Alison Primoza (Excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President John Crocitti 2:23PM.

Parliamentarian – Manuel Vélez/Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF REMOTE/ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANCE:

A. George Svoboda is unable to attend the meeting in person due to an injury.

1. George’s request is accompanied by a doctor’s note.

a. This is George’s first request to attend an SDMC AS meeting remotely this semester.

Motion to Approve George Svoboda’s Remote Attendance Today:

M/S

Hoffman/Allbee

27 Approve

2 Abstain

Estep

Svoboda

2 Opposed

Duckles

Greenbergs

III. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Motion to Approve:

M/S

Duckles/Hoffman

UNANIMOUS

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Inter Club Council (ICC) President David Merino

As reported by David Merino:

ASG:

- The AS is discussing how to participate in Teacher Appreciation week in May
- AS members will attend to support the Black Student Union at their barbeque this week as part of Black Student Success week.
- Senator project for scholarship mentorship by senior students to incoming students
- Held Acts of Kindness event where students could purchase flowers and a note to a faculty member or student on campus
- New members of the Student Judicial Review Board were confirmed.
- Several AS students will be attending the President's Retreat on May 2.
- Election Orientation was held for qualified members running for AS office for next year.
- Working in conjunction with cultural groups and the advisor heading the campus committee on the Land Acknowledgment statement.

ICC:

- Writing report on "CampusGroups" Platform
- Preparing to review "ModernCampus" Platform
- Planning a group club participation event in May

B. Classified Professionals: President Sahar "Mona" King/Vice President Courtney Lee (No Report)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Carlynne Albee:

1. Carlynne reported on the upcoming Campaign for Faculty Equity (CFE) event.
 - a. The event flier was forwarded to the DL for Mesa Academic Senate.

VI. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: April 10, 2023

Motion to Approve with the Correction to the spelling of the ICC President's Last Name:

M/S

Gerace/Duckles

29 Approve

2 Abstain

Allbee

Dougherty

VII. GUESTS:

A. “Nuventive” Updates – Acting Chancellor Greg Smith. Vice Chancellor Susan Topham, Director Peter Maharaj and Acting Dean Hai Hoang – SDMC Office of Institutional Effectiveness:

1. Members of the SDMC AS posed questions about the possible security risks posed by data collection by the “Nuventive” software program from our Course Canvas Shells, Department Outcomes and Assessment Data and Department Program Review Data including the sales of our district’s data to third party entities.
2. There was also a question posed about whether the college and district has been able to benefit from Outcomes and Assessment Data we have gathered over the past several years.
3. Summary from Hai Hoang - Acting Dean of Institutional Effectiveness (I/E) for SDMC:

As reported by Hai Hoang:

“Acting Chancellor Greg Smith and Associate Vice Chancellor Peter Maharaj together answered some questions about Nuventive's data privacy and the district process of reviewing and approving a vendor. Vice Chancellor Susan Topham and Acting Dean Hai Hoang answered questions about program review, outcome assessment, and the purpose of Nuventive.

Nuventive was the result of the work by the districtwide workgroup which met throughout the year in 2022. The workgroup included various constituent groups at Mesa, at other colleges, and at the district. There were over 20 faculty who participated in the design and testing process throughout 2022. The list is available upon request -please contact Hai Hoang and Eliza Rabinovich.

Some reasons for switching to Nuventive:

- Taskstream contract expired
- Taskstream was not user friendly and had no reporting feature, which means it was challenging to review and discuss the information there
- Taskstream only allowed one person from the department to log in at a time
- Nuventive has a user-friendly interface, works for all programs, and has data report features that allow us to discuss and reflect
- It allows existing CLO to be imported into the platform
- Course assessments and benchmarks for student success can be detailed by CLO
- The Depart Outcomes Coordinator (DOC)/Chair can determine and schedule an assessment schedule by course
- The DOC/Chair can filter based on courses that are due for assessment and assign them from the platform
- Nuventive is currently being used by Grossmont College, Riverside City College, El Camino College, Santa Ana College, Imperial Valley College, Moreno Valley College, Oklahoma State, San Diego State, San Jose State, University of Mississippi, and University of Texas - Tyler, West Chester University, and many other education institutions.

Ultimately the idea is to design an easy workflow and decrease the workload for faculty.

For example, a faculty member shared that his area has 191 discrete courses and the DOC coordinates with around 65 contract, adjunct, and pro-rata. There are various challenges with the number of courses, the CLOs, the schedule changes, the coordination, open office hours to support other faculty, etc. There was no release time so faculty typically do not step forward to serve as a DOC for the school, which means the DOC role typically falls on the chair. Nuventive appears promising in fixing those problems.

Here is the video that gives a demonstration of the tool: <https://vimeo.com/819632964/8b963f347f>

For additional questions and requests, please contact Hai Hoang @ hhoang001@sdccd.edu.”

VIII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair David "Das" Odasso (No Report)
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Janna Braun (No Report)
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari
 - Our next meeting is Wednesday (April 26, 2023)
 - * Gina Abbate will report on CCAP High School Students Dual Enrollment.
 - * Ian Duckles will report on The Mesa Success Coaches (MSC) Recruitment.

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

As reported by Justin Estep:

"CRC met on 4/20.

CIC meets this week on 4/27.

The last CRC of the semester is on 5/4.

If you are interested in sharing ideas, serving on, or helping to revive the Catalog Committee, please contact me. Please also tell your areas in case they are interested."

e. *Program Review Committee (PRC):* Acting Faculty Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi

- The Lead Writers submitted their Resources Requests by April 5th.
- It is moving along.

2. Other Committees:

a. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Judy Sundayo

As reported by Judy Sundayo:

- "CDAIE last met on 4-7-23.
- Cultural Unity Week successfully unfolded last week with 16 different events or activities exploring race, culture, gender and their importance to student success.
- Festival of Colors, the annual celebration of diverse cultures through music, art, dance, drama, poetry and storytelling, was held last Thursday April 20th in the Quad. Performances from Mesa's Dance, Drama, English, and Music Departments were phenomenal, as were community performances from Danza Azteca, Ballet Folklorico, Belly Dancers, and Lion Dancers. This was our first on-campus celebration of Festival of Colors since the pandemic. It was well attended and lots of fun. The appetizers from around the world, provided by our cafeteria, were particularly scrumptious and went quickly. And remarkably there were no complaints about drumming.
- The Statewide Black Student Success Week takes place this week. The kickoff was the Black Student Success Summit, last Friday, April 21st. It was extremely well attended and was facilitated in large part by students from throughout the District. Breakout sessions allowed for practical suggestions to help improve success rates. The faculty breakout session resulted in 5 Commitments to improve the success rates of Black students. Information from summit will be remanded to the Black Student Success Workgroup for follow-up and dissemination. For the remainder of this week, there will be a number of events taking place throughout the District to support the Black Student Success Initiative.
- The committee recognizes the importance of Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) marking Mexico's victory over the French in the 19th century, especially to many of our Latinx students and employees.

- The committee encourages the celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month this May. One of the events CDAIE will be co-sponsoring in May, along with our sister campuses and the District, will showcase Steve A. Yagyagan, a Samoan-Ilocano author of "Haikus for Life" on Amazon Best Sellers List. The event is on Monday, May 1st at 6 pm at Miramar College in H-103.
- CDAIE members are meeting this Thursday with SDSU's Tribal Liaison Office on our Land Acknowledgement, along with some of our Associated Students and Mesa's First Nations Club.
- The Raza Grad Celebration will take place this Friday, April 28th from 5:00 - 7 pm in the Mesa Gym.
- The Veterans Recognition Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 2nd from 5:00 pm - 6 pm in the Mesa Gym.
- The Asian American Pacific Islander Recognition Ceremony (ARC) takes place on Wednesday, May 3rd from 5:00 - 7 pm in the Mesa Gym.
- The EOPS Achievement Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 4th from 5:00 - 7 pm in MC-211A &B
- The Mesa College Pride Center's Lavender Graduation is scheduled for Monday, May 8th from 5:30 - 7 pm in the Pride Center.
- The Districts' Rites of Passage event to celebrate Black/African graduates is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th from 5:30 - 7:30 at City College
- The Annual Recognition of the San Diego Chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges takes place on Friday, May 5th from 11:00 a.m. - 2 pm at ECC. The President is our own Equity Librarian, Dr. Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah.
- CDAIE will meet next on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 9 am - 11 am."

b. *Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC):*

As reported by Ian Duckles:

Ian Duckles reported we are holding a series of information sessions for the Mesa Success Coaches (MSC) positions.

As reported by Ian Duckles:

"We have an upcoming information session on becoming a Mesa Success Coach. This is a great opportunity to form meaningful connections as we support and cheer on our amazing students towards reaching their educational goals. The first of three information sessions is this **Thursday, April 27 from 3-3:45 via Zoom**. If you are interested, just respond to this email and I will send you an Outlook invite. If you can't make this session, don't worry, we have additional sessions coming up in the next few weeks."

As reported by Co-Coordinator Marisa Alioto:

"Academic and Career Pathways: Education and Guidance ACP:

The Academic and Career Pathways: Education and Guidance ACP had two amazing events this past week: the Education & Guidance Gala (EGG) on April 17th provided students with the opportunity to connect with programs and disciplines in the Education & Guidance ACP. Additionally, the Future Educators Summit on April 21st was well-attended and provided students with the opportunity to not only learn about pathways in education, but to connect with four-year partner institutions and K-12 feeder district reps.

Mesa Success Coaches:

We are pleased to share that the recruitment of Mesa Success Coaches has begun and a letter was sent to the campus community by President Hands on Tuesday, April 18th to encourage involvement. Follow up to the campus community via email communication and presentations at constituency groups will take place over the next month.

We invite you to attend one of the upcoming information sessions, where you can learn more about the program and the expectations for the Mesa Success Coaches, as it relates to training, time commitment, etc. .

- Thursday, April 27th: 3:00 - 3:45 pm online via Zoom
- Monday, May 1st: 12:00 - 12:45 pm in person (Location TBD)
- Tuesday, May 16th, 10:00 - 10:45 am online via Zoom

Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved as a Mesa Success Coach. This volunteer opportunity will be available to administrators, faculty, and classified professionals. If you're interested (or know someone who would make a great Mesa Success Coach), please email Ian Duckles: iduckles@sdccd.edu

Call for Members: Pathways Workgroups and Project Teams:

If you are interested in becoming involved in a Pathways workgroup or project team, please reach out to Marisa Alioto (malieto@sdccd.edu) or to Howard Eskew (heskew@sdccd.edu).

Next MPC Meeting: Our next MPC meeting will take place on April 26th from 12:45 - 2:15pm (meetings are held online via Zoom).

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

c. *Other Committee Reports:* (None)

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. President Elect: Andrew Hoffman (No Report)
- b. Vice President: Sakeenah Gallardo (No Report)
- c. *Secretary:* Vacant
- d. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- The SDMC AS Executive Committee approved a \$200.00 donation for this year's Classified Professionals Retreat.
- Proposal to increase SDMC AS Faculty Dues in order to fund an additional SDMC AS Scholarship each year or increase the amount of the two (2) Scholarships we currently award each year.
 - * The proposal can be approved through the passage of an SDMC AS Resolution.

e. *Senator at Large (1):* Veronica Gerace

- Please encourage your Students to apply for a scholarship next year.
 - * We did not have applicants for some of the scholarships that were available this year.

f. *Senator at Large (2):* Vacant

g. *President:* John Crocitti

As reported by John Crocitti:

"I reported on the creation of student cadets to act as uniformed service aides on our campuses. They will be paid and will be prepared to enter the Police Academy at Miramar.

I also reported that CALSTRS is facing losses with its investment in commercial real estate mortgage securities/bonds. We should watch this to ensure that our pensions are safe."

Spring 2023 Plenary Session - Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC):

- Congratulations to SDMC AS Senator at Large and Vice President Elect Dr. Veronica Gerace for receiving the 2023 Regina Stanback Stroud Exemplary Diversity Award!
- Congratulations to SDMC AS Senator for Adjunct Faculty Geoff Johnson for having his resolution successfully adopted during the session.
- Congratulations to SDMC ASCCC Area D Representative Manuel Vélez for being elected Vice President.
- Congratulations to SDMC Faculty for having such a large presence during this plenary session!
- Adopted Resolutions: [LINK](#)

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fall 2023 Senate Executive Committee Vacancies: Crocitti

1. We need to hold special elections for the following positions:
 - a. Secretary: No one ran for the position in spring 2023.
 - b. Two (2) Senators at Large Positions:
 - Veronica Gerace was elected Vice President.
 - * We need someone to fill the remaining year of her Senator at Large term.
 - Erin Evans was elected for a two-year term.
 - * Erin has opted to fill a position that works directly with Students instead.
 - c. CTE Liaison: No one ran for the position in spring 2023.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Updates – Three (3) District Administrative Procedures (AP): Estep (Second Reading)

1. Category 1 Procedures: AP 4236 – Advanced Placement of Credit:
 - a. We have been doing everything listed in the proposed AP 4236 document.
 - b. AP 4236 codifies what we are already doing.

Motion to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Hoffman

UNANIMOUS

2. Category 3 Procedures:

a. *AP 4019 Instructional Program Review:*

- AP number changed for 5019 to 4019.
- Wording changed from "Colleges and Continuing Education" to "San Diego City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and College of Continuing Education"

Motion to Approve:

M/S

Mayasa/Gerace

UNANIMOUS

b. *AP 4021 Program Discontinuance:*

- AP number changed for 5021 to 4021.
- Wording changed from "Colleges and Continuing Education" to "San Diego City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and College of Continuing Education"

Motion to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Duckles

UNANIMOUS

XI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Brown Act requires all SDMC AS Standing Committees to meet on campus in spring 2023.

A. The 2023 SDMC Scholarship Awards Ceremony is April 26, 2023 from 4:30PM – 8:00PM in the SDMC Gymnasium.

B. The 2023 SDMC Commencement Ceremony is Friday (May 26, 2023) at 2:00PM in Merrill Douglas Stadium.

C. The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is May 8, 2023 @ 2:20PM (**Relocated to Room LRC 435**).

D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is May 1, 2023 @ 4:15PM in Room A117.

E. The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is April 26, 2023 @ 2:30PM in Room MC 211 A/B.

F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is May 4, 2023 @ 2:15PM in LRC 435.

G. The next SDMC AS Executive Committee meeting is May 1, 2023 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

H. The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is May 17, 2023 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

XII. MEETING EXTENSION:

Motion to Extend the Meeting Five (5) Additional Minutes:

M/S

Mongelluzzo/Mayasa

29 Approve

2 Abstain

Abbate

Katungi

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn @ 4:24PM

M/S

Allbee/Moreno Ikari

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Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS: May 8, 2023