



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

February 24, 2024

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Henry Browne, Lisa Burgert, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Mary Gwin, James Hinton, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Thekima Mayasa, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Danica Moore, Jennifer Moreno, Jill Moreno Ikari, Dave “Das” Odasso, Mychal Odom, Nathan Resch, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Robert Sanchez, Jessica Sardo, Scott Suarez, Judy Sundayo, Ngoc “Kim” Tran, Karen Wait and Guests SDMC BLAS Department Chair Candace Katungi, District College Police Advisory Committee Member/SDMC Counselor Valerie Pallares-Herrera and ASG President Zora Williams

Absent:

Veronica Gerace (Excused), Jaeryoung Lee, Laura Maki, Thu “Tiffany” Nguyen (Excused) and Scott Plambek (Excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:27PM.

Parliamentarian – TBD /Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Sardo/Moore

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): ASG President Zora Williams

1. The application period for our Student Leadership positions just closed. (We should be able to fill all our positions.)
2. The “Student Leadership Week” starts on March 24th.

B. Classified Professionals: President Ayana Woods (No Report)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. SDMC Counselor Valerie Pallares-Herrera (College Police Advisory Committee Member) – Resolution 2024.11.1:

As reported by Valerie Pallares-Herrera:

“Campus Police Advisory Committee voted 8-1 in favor of CED’s.”

B. SDMC Professor/Department Chair Candace Katungi (BLAS) – Resolution 2024.11.1.

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: December 9, 2024

Move to Approve:

M/S

Johnson/Cost

33 Approve

3 Abstain

Arguelles Ibarra

Moore

Suarez

VI. GUEST(s): None

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave "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:

As reported by Jill Moreno Ikari:

"COC met on Feb. 12. Allison Gurganus came to present on AS Dreamscape; she collected feedback to send to the Chancellor. VPI Isabel O'Connor and Admissions & Records/VA Director Ivonne Alvarez will be our guests at our next meeting March 12."

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

As reported by Justin Estep:

"CRC has already met twice.

CIC meets this week.

Catalog Committee meets tomorrow (2/25) at 3:20pm by Zoom. Thank you to everyone who helped with the second proof.

Mesa's District GE (Requirements) Taskforce met on Friday (2/21). Our next meeting is on March 7 and we will be discussing the Health and Activity requirements.

Common Course Numbering, Phase II is being split. The first 8 courses will be in the 2026 Catalog. The remaining courses will be in the 2027 Catalog (with Phase III).

The Phase III list has been revised and no longer includes Spanish and Japanese.

We (the District) are aligning CTE (Career Tech) codes. You will receive an email from me if there are issues with any of your program's SOC or CIP codes.

Please email me if you have any questions or would like to join one of these groups."

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

As reported by Dina Miyoshi:

"Program Review closed on February 3rd and resource requests were sent to BARC, FHP and CHP. The first readings at PCAB of BARC and FHP will be in March. I also was asked to attend the February 18th COA meeting in a Program Review advisory role due to the interfacing between outcomes and program review. It should be noted that this committee is central to the accreditation recommendations/requirements that the college must meet in the Fall and this particular meeting was well attended by administrators. Because this committee's decisions directly impact faculty and it is vital for faculty to be in this loop, my recommendation is for the Senate to have regular communication from COA in the form of some sort of standing report."

2. Other Committees:

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

As reported by Judy Sundayo:

- "CDAIE held its last meeting on 2-7-25 with 22 persons attending.
- The Committee joins the campus in recognizing Black History Month, International Day of Women & Girls in Science (Feb. 11), Chinese New Year (Jan. 29 - Feb. 12), and World Day of Social Justice (Feb. 20),
- Leland Simpliciano reported on the 42nd Annual San Diego Chinese New Year Fair held Feb. 8-9 in downtown San Diego, the AnimeHipHop event with Eric McElroy founder of AnimeHipHop Feb. 10th, the Pilipinx Academic Student Services (PASS) Outreach event Feb. 11th to meet transfer students from UCB, and the Talk Story Hour for men of color held every 3rd Wednesday at 2:30 in the Veterans Success Center, K-103
- FPAC announced the San Diego Mesa Fine Art Faculty & Staff Exhibition, Feb. 10 - March 6th , Into the Woods: Resplendent exhibit March 24 - April 24, and the World Art Gallery & Research Center, which is open Mon. - Thursday from 11 am - 4 pm in LRC 446
- Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez announced the 2025 proposal deadline for Study Abroad is March 7th and the Gilman Scholarship application to study abroad is due March 13th She also mentioned faculty could apply to become a selection panelist. <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>
- Gilman Scholarship Program - Study Abroad with a Gilman Scholarship
The Gilman Scholarship Program offers scholarships to exceptional undergraduate students to study or intern abroad who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints: www.gilmanscholarship.org
- Lucio Lira announced the first Pride Scholars Learning Community in the fall of 2025, with ENGL 101 and PERG 120, will be offered with Honors. The Pre-pride Month celebration will be held in April in collaboration with the SDCCD. There is a new Trans and non-binary Resource Page on their website. Lucio will be presenting about Mesa's Pride Scholars, at the 2025 CCC LGBTQ+ Summit, April 15 - 16th
- The Student Affairs Office is overseeing the review of Mesa's 2025 Scholarship Applications. Students are designing the 2025 Festival of Colors Tote Bag Give-a-way, which this year will display the quote by John Lewis about "Good Trouble."
- Black History Month saw record attendance this year at the Annual Rosa Parks Birthday Ceremony at the Rosa Parks Transit Station. This year's theme was Transit Justice and Councilmember Foster's Office attended to present a Proclamation naming February 4th as Rosa Parks Transit Justice Day.
- Other Black History Month events have been well attended. Still to come this final week include Tribute to the Ancestors Feb. 25th at 1 in G-102, to recognize noted African Americans who passed this past year, Afrocentric Dance Feb. 26th at 9:35 in L-116, and Open Mic Night, Feb. 27th at 5 pm in G-102.
- The Student Diversity Club will finalize their booklet about Diversity this spring.
- The Women's Advisory Committee has finalized events for Women's History Month. They have applied for a faculty hire (joint women's studies-philosophy) to help build the Women's Studies Dept.
- CDAIE is working with Dean Diaz to apply for the 2025 Community College Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award.
- The next CDAIE meeting will be Friday, March. 7th from 9 am - 11 am via Zoom."

b. *Other Committee Reports:*

Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC): Michelle Rodriguez

As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:

- “The ESC’s first meeting of the semester will be held on 2/14 at 2pm via zoom.
- We have lost members recently to retirement and parenting, and would welcome new members who are interested in helping identify steps in our Climate Action Plan, and in working with TerraMesa to plan events leading up to Earth Day on April 22.
- We gave a training at Catalyst about the District-wide Leaf Program. We had 9 people in attendance with several indicating their intention to take steps to revise their course to receive a Leaf designation. We designed a flyer that will be used each semester going forward to identify these courses.
- We created a poster on the theme of “Transit Justice” for the Rosa Parks Birthday recognition on Feb 5 showing data about student transit usage and campus CAP goals.
- Tasks this semester include:
 - Work with BARC to develop guidelines for the “sustainability” measure in Program Review (CAP goal incorporate sustainability in college goals)
 - Host on a Climate Literacy event with interns funded with a grant from the Bird Alliance (aka Audubon Society) which was requested by TerraMesa. (CAP goal - climate literacy events each semester)
 - Send representatives to serve on the district taskforce to update the green building standards, on the Mesa Bond Committee, and on the District Sustainability Committee (CAP goals - building and landscaping sustainability)
 - Continuing to develop and celebrate the Mesa Trail and Garden (CAP goal- campus as a living laboratory)
 - Support faculty in submissions to the Leaf program (CAP goal - 90% of departments have at least one Leaf course)”

c. *District Technology Committee:* Jesse Keller

As reported by Jesse Keller:

“District Technology Committee has created a Laptop and Desktop Standards Working Group, and the group is looking for faculty representatives. The working group meets Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm on Microsoft Teams, and anyone interested in participating should email Annette DeLozier adelozie@sdccd.edu.”

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. President Elect: Mary Gwin

As reported by Mary Gwin:

“I attended a Brown Act training given by Ljubisa Kostic, general counsel at SDCCD. The foci of the meeting were on types of communications that are prohibited by the Brown Act and privacy of communication within the meeting. The main takeaways were 1) serial meetings are prohibited and 2) there is no reasonable expectation of privacy at a Brown Act meeting.”

b. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace (No Report)

c. *Secretary:* Vacant

d. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- Thekima Mayasa provided a report.

e. *Senator at Large – One Year Term:* Ryan Mongelluzzo (No Report)

f. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant

g. *President:* Andrew Hoffman

A reported by Andrew Hoffman:

- “I want to thank Mary Gwin for covering for me at DGC and the Board of Trustees meeting as I had a conflict with an English Department hiring committee.
- I also want to thank Chancellor Greg Smith for moving his Spring Forum to tomorrow, 2-3:30 pm. There had initially been a conflict. I encourage everyone here to attend. Not to put words into people’s mouths, but I want to remind folks that in this body we’ve talked about a number of things that you might ask the chancellor about:
 - Dreamscape Learn and associated concerns/ideas
 - The response to Bots in our classes that seems to putting additional burden on instructors; can district devote more resources? What’s happening at the state level?
 - The new apportionment model and what that means for the college, particularly the scheduling of classes
 - I also want to thank Manuel Velez for being the parliamentarian of the Senate last semester. Manuel is serving now as Acting Dean of the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences at San Diego City College.
- Regarding Course Learning Outcomes, it’s very, very important that all faculty have them in their syllabi and that they’re the correct ones. Also, be sure to call them “Course Learning Outcomes” as it’s important to show consistency throughout Mesa College.
- Curriculum clean-up can also help with the Outcomes effort. Liza Rabinovich has received a list of courses that are currently active but not offered, and is removing those from our total, which increases our percentage of completed outcomes. However, active but not offered courses should be deactivated through CRC so they are removed from catalogue. Also, there may be other courses Liza hasn’t heard about. Please make sure your chairs communicate those to her so they can be removed from the list of courses for which we measure outcomes.
- There has finally been some movement on rewriting the Faculty Evaluation form, but it’s too soon to know what it will look like in its final form. This is the form that students use in evaluating faculty.

I would like to encourage faculty who receive an invitation to participate in surveys for CCN to do that. Right now that’s the best way our voices can be heard.
- Elections for Senate Executive officers are going to happen in March, and we’re currently seeking nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and two Senators at-Large. Scott Suarez, chair of the Election Committee, sent out an email on February 18, 2025, calling for nominations.

On other matters, if you are interested in being a marshal at the year-end graduation, please let me know. We need two faculty to serve.”

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATED Resolution 2024.11.1 – Opposition to the Deployment of Potentially Lethal Tasers on San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Campuses: Moreno (Updated February 2025)

1. Jennifer Moreno worked with Mary Gwin to update the resolution after the December meeting.
2. There has not been a presentation to the SDMC AS on the subject from a district College Police Representative.
3. District College Police Advisory Committee Member Valerie Pallares-Herrera reported the committee approved the implementation of tasers by a vote of eight (8) to one (1) after reviewing research on the subject during “Public Comments” today.
 - a. San Diego City College BLAS Faculty Member Darius Spearman was the only vote against the implementation of tasers.
 - Professor Spearman made a “Public Comment” on the subject during the December 9, 2024 SDMC AS

meeting.

Move to Approve the Updated Resolution: **Final Resolution & Vote Delineation:** [LINK](#)

M/S

Mayasa/Johnson

15 Approve

8 Disapprove

8 Abstain

B. UPDATED Academic Affairs Committee – Department Chairs Syllabus Review Check List: Odasso

Move to Approve Updated Document with Changes:

M/S

Moore/Sardo

28 Approve

3 Abstain

Estep

Evans

Suarez

XI. ROUND TABLE: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

A. The following SDMC AS Members commented on AI:

1. Jennifer Cost:

2. Cathy James:

3. Geoff Johnson:

As reported by Geoff Johnson:

"In regards to my comments at the last meeting during the Roundtable discussion, I expressed concern with the use of AI in the classroom in that in fields such as the Humanities, the ideas promoted are often biased sexist, and reflective of the inherent bias of AI developers. I also recognized while instructors in other fields may find AI had a proper place, the sense that those of us who are critical of AI is that we're either anti-technology or anti-progress when in fact we are more concerned about issues of academic integrity and truth.:

4. Jesse Keller:

As reported by Jesse Keller:

"The main use cases of LLM chat bots seem to be 1. Mimicking the writing of text (i.e., having it write something you'd rather not be bothered to write.) and 2. Summarizing text (i.e., having it read something you'd rather not be bothered to read in full). Are there other use cases I'm not aware of? And how is it not damaging to a student's education if they are using LLMs for the above purposes?"

5. Miriam Kushkaki:

As reported by Mariam:

"AI has caused a substantial amount of harm in the learning environment. However, instructors who challenge AI's place in the classroom haven't received any support—all of the workshops and trainings and funding are geared toward pro-AI measures and faculty. I urge the Senate to take a firm stance on supporting instructors who are opposed to AI usage."

6. Ryan Mongelluzzo:

As reported by Ryan Mongelluzzo:

My AI comment: I expressed great concern over AI's increasing alienation of both faculty and students. Faculty have been creating "Are you human?" assignments, and students have been failing them in great numbers. In an online class, students were required to respond to posts on a discussion board left by other students. Responders were left with the choice of trying to sleuth which posts were real or respond to a post that had no human behind it. Both of these examples highlight how our professors and students can become disheartened and alienated from our institution."

7. Danica Moore:

As reported by Danica Moore:

"Students are already using AI and will be doing so in their future areas of employment. It is a tool, and as such we should instruct them on how to use and what it does well, as well as what it cannot do and its limitations.

I disagree that any inherent bias is a reason to not teach it, I think that is all the more reason to instruct students to know its limitations.

Students that do not have access to learn how to use the technology that will be available in the workplace will be at a disadvantage.

We can be intentional about how we employ these technologies in the classroom to ensure that students still come out with the skills they need to know from our classes (ie, how to make sure that things are written well and argue effectively).

[Current SDSU AI Policy](#)"

8. Mychal Odom:

As reported by Mychal Odom:

1. 'People with concerns are not anti-technology
2. AI is an equity question in my classes because it widens the skills gap. Under skilled students don't develop writing skills using it. Other more skilled students aren't as impacted.
3. One of my students says he started using it only after he noticed others used it. It made him think his writing was subpar.'

9. Karen Wait:

As reported by Karen Wait:

"At the meeting I mentioned how we use AI for the creation of case studies within Allied Health. AI creates a case study that has everything for a fake patient, health history, issues and what needs to be done. This allows the students to learn to set up treatment rooms and prepare a patient for different procedures. We still need to read through them to make sure they are correct. But it cuts the time down because we don't have to create them and read through them, so we have more options."

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Chancellor's Forum (Tuesday – February 25th) Room MC 211 A/B (2:00PM).
- B.** Chancellor's Town Hall (Wednesday – February 26th) Room MC 211 A/B (2:00PM).
- C.** Mesa College Research Conference (May 16, 2025) Application due Friday, March 28th. (This year's theme is "Diversity - Broadly Defined")
- D.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is March 10, 2025 in room MC 211 A/B @ 2:20PM.
- E.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is March 3, 2025 in room A117 @ 4:15PM
- F.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is March 12, 2025 in room MC 211 A/B @ 2:30PM.
- G.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is March 6, 2025 in room LRC 435 @ 2:15PM.
- H.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is March 3, 2025 in room A117 @ 2:30PM.
- I.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is March 5, 2025 in room A117 @ 2:30PM.

X. MEETING EXTENSION:

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

M/S

Moreno/Cost

APPROVED

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:25PM.

Move to Adjourn:

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Mayasa/Holowicki

UNANIMOUS

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS: March 10, 2025