



San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) Academic Senate (AS)

Committee of Chairs

March 12, 2025

Room MC 211 A/B

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari, Mark Abajian, Valerie Abe, Juan Bernal, Anar Brahmbhatt, Donna Budzynski, John Crocitti, Ida Cross, Todd Curran, Nellie Dougherty, Erin Evans, Tasha Frankie, Paula Gustin, Michael Harrison, Erika Higginbotham, Candace Katungi, Gloria Kim, Ken Kuniyuki, César López, Bryan Malinis, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Bruce Naschak, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Hannah Padilla Barajas, Connie Renda, Nathan Resch, Wendy Smith, Jennifer Snyder, Irena Stojimirovic, Todd White, George Ye and Guests SDMC AS President Andrew Hoffman and SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee Chair Das Odasso

Excused Absences:

Ian Duckles (Excused) and Robert Wong (Excused – Spring 2025)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME by Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari @ 2:30PM.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve with the Addition of "2025 Department Chairs Elections":

M/S

Abe/Katungi

UNANIMOUS

III. GUEST:

A. Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor:

1. [Common Course Numbering Project | California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office](#)

- a. Phases: SDMC has the templates for the first eight (8) courses.
 - Phase I:
 - Phase II: Two (2) Parts
 - Phase III: Summer 2025
- b. The goal is to look at the courses with the highest enrollment statewide.
- c. CalGETC courses will be reviewed first.
- d. A dashboard is being created.
- e. Some programs have more scheduling irregularities.
- f. Our district will start looking deeper into the data for our courses starting March 21st.

2. [Fraudulent Enrollments:](#)

- a. 29% of fraudulent enrollees are being detected at the state level.
- b. Our district is using three (3) separate software programs to detect fraudulent enrollees.
- c. It requires a great deal of human resources expenditure of time to follow up and confirm that a Student is a fraudulent enrollee.
- d. We have to find ways to engage our Students in order to make sure that they are legitimate.
- e. SDMC AS President Andrew Hoffman suggested adding a column in the class rosters to denote suspected fraudulent enrollees.
- f. Some fraudulent enrollees are being asked to come to campus to verify that they are a legitimate Student.
- g. Fraudulent enrollees may actually be attending classes in their first semester so they can apply for financial aid in their second semester.
- h. VPI O'Connor is thankful that our Faculty Members are willing to take the time to verify that their Students are legitimate enrollees.

IV. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: February 12 , 2024

Move to Approve:

M/S

Bernal/Stojimirovic

1 Abstain

Lopez

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2025 SDMC Department Chairs Election Results:

1. Completed on April 2, 2025:

a. The election results were forwarded Marco Chavez in the SDMC Business Office Supervisor Marco Chavez.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Communication Studies: Bryan Malinis

As reported by Bryan Malinis: The SDMC Speech & Debate Team is the organization's most successful competitor.

"Mesa's Speech & Debate team took 1st Place in debate at the International Forensics Association's 35th Annual International Speech and Debate Tournament. This 1st place win now makes Mesa's team the most successful debate team in the Association's history! The team returned home safely and is now getting ready for the Phi Rho Pi national championship tournament in April."

VIII. PLANNING/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: Odasso (No Report)

B. Academic Senate: Hoffman

As reported by Andrew Hoffman:

"The Academic Senate has met twice since I last gave a report to this body. At the meeting of Feb. 24, the AS approved a resolution urging the district not to deploy Tasers. The resolution passed by a vote of 15 to 8, with another 8 voters abstaining. We also approved a Syllabus Review Checklist, which is needed as part of our response to the ACCJC report. That was approved by all voters except 3 who abstained. At that meeting, we started a Round Table discussion about Artificial Intelligence and what response, if any, is needed by the Senate. We really had only just gotten going when we ran out of time.

At the March 10 AS meeting, we had no new business or old business, so we had much more time to discuss AI. After some spirited discussions, it was agreed that we would form a task force to look into the matter further. The task force has been asked to recommend steps the Senate should take. Ryan Mongelluzzo is heading up the task force.

Regarding Outcomes, I'd like to spread the word: if you have courses that are Active but not Offered, please let Faculty Outcomes Coordinator, Eliza Rabinovich, know about them. We can remove those courses from our to-do list, which will make it easier to reach our goal of 75% compliance before the ACCJC report is due. This is in addition to the syllabus checks that you are performing. I also urged at Senate that all faculty remember that having the correct outcomes in syllabi is only the first step. To be done is turning in data to the department chair or DOC (as appropriate), and participating in department discussions about what the data reveals and what actions need to be taken (closing the loop). Please take note of my recent email to all chairs regarding Phase III of Common Course Numbering (and apologies to chairs whose departments are not part of Phase III). We need faculty to participate so we can ensure that the templates drawn up are quality – and they reflect as much as possible what we do here in this district and college. Please send names to me by email. I have a short list already started, but I definitely need more. The deadline is April 15, but I'd like to have names well before that."

C. American Federation of Teachers (AFT): Duckles (No Report)

D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Resch

As reported by Nathan Resch:

"CRC discussed and Chair Justin Estep will propose to CIC a new way Student Learning Objectives and Course Learning Outcomes will be displayed in Meta. The idea is to find commonality and provide clarity between colleges in our district who have different names for Outcomes. The proposal is to display Outcomes (Course Learning Outcomes) and Objectives (Student Learning Objectives) in the all fields screen. Currently our three colleges have different names for Outcomes which can be confusing (Course Learning Outcomes, Student Learning Outcomes, Course Student Learning Outcomes).

District GE Taskforce Meetings continue to occur. Presentations continue on district requirements and a vote on proposals will occur in April. A proposed Baccalaureate GE pattern that meets Title 5 requirements and CalGETC has been reviewed by CRC and the taskforce. Suggestions have been made to include Lifelong learning as an option among other feedback. It will go back to CRC then Senate for votes."

E. Student Services: Dougherty/Higginbotham/Marrujo/Parker

As reported by Nellie Dougherty:

"SDSU transfer admission decisions for fall 2025 to be released around March 24, give or take a few days.

SDSU Denials: If a student is denied by SDSU, they will have 30 calendar days to appeal. They need to act quickly. It is usually a mistake that can be corrected, but the student will still need to appeal."

F. Enrollment Management and Instructional Strategic Planning Committee: Budzynski

1. Donna Budzynski provided a report.

G. Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) Committee: Hoffman/Moreno Ikari

1. Andrew Hoffman and Jill Moreno Ikari provided a report.

H. President's Cabinet: Hoffman/Moreno Ikari

1. Andrew Hoffman and Jill Moreno Ikari provided a report.

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

1. Dina Miyoshi provided a report.
2. Dina will continue to serve as the Acting Faculty Co Chair in Fall 2025.

J. Strong Work Force Committee: Johnston/Wong (No Report)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ROUND TABLE/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A. Next Chairs Academy (March 28, 2025)

X. NEXT CoC MEETING: April 9, 2025

XI. Adjournment @ 3:35PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS CoC: April 9, 2025