



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

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynn Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Lisa Burgert, Janna Braun, Michael Brewer, Henry Browne, John Crocitti, Justin Estep, Veronica Gerace, Helen Greenbergs, James Hinton, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Janue Johnson, Candace Katungi, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Laura Maki, Thekima Mayasa, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jennifer Moreno, Jill Moreno Ikari, Katherine Naimark, Scott Plambek, Alison Primoza, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Saloua Saidane, Kristian Secor, Judy Sundayo, , Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Karen Wait and Guests SDCCD BOT President Bernie Rhinerson, VPA Lorenze Legaspi, Marisa Alioto, Blythe Barton, Cristina Crosby, Miyel Murillo, Pegah Motaleb, Jacob Repkin, Nathan Resch, Jennifer Sime and George Ye

Absent:

Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty (Excused), Mary Gwin (Proxy to Burgert), Emmett "Chip" Lancaster (Excused), Olga Pilipets, Robert Sanchez (Excused) and George Svoboda (Excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:28PM.
Parliamentarian – TBD/Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

G. Johnson/Allbee

UNANIMOUS

Gwin
(Proxy to Burgert)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Renata Quiroz

1. Renada Quiroz reported on the ASG's spring 2024 activities.

B. Classified Professionals: President Sahar "Mona" King (No Report)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Helen Greenbergs commented on proposed Resolution 2024.3.1.

As reported by Helen Greenbergs:

"I asked the senate to reject Resolution 2024.3.1. I suggested that this resolution has problems that conflict with our values of diversity, equity and inclusion. I stated that by using a colonial/indigenous framework, it dismisses the claim (supported by historical, genetic and archeological evidence) that Jewish people have to being indigenous to that land. I stated that anti-Zionism can be antisemitic when it goes beyond criticizing a government and suggests Jewish people are not entitled to a sovereign nation on land they have occupied for thousands of years. I stated that it is not consistent with our values to affirm the use of phrases such as "from the river to the sea" which is perceived by some members of our community as a call for violence against their people. I asked the senate to instead commit to balanced education about all sides and sensitive discourse regarding complex global conflicts."

B. Geoff Johnson made an announcement regarding the upcoming March in March event in Sacramento.

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: February 12, 2024 (Please send your changes to Sue Saetia @ ssaetia@sdccd.edu)

A. Helen Greenbergs submitted changes.

B. Karen Wait's Proxy (A. Johnston) Abstained from casting a vote for the December 4, 2023 draft meeting minutes.

Move to Approve with Changes:

M/S

Naimark/G. Johnson

31 Approve

Gwin
(Proxy to Burgert)

3 Abstain

Katungi
Maki
Wait

VI. GUEST:

A. San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) BOT President Bernie Rhinerson:

1. November 2024 SDCCD Education Facilities Bond Measure:
 - a. SDCCD employees can share their support for the bond when they are not officially on the job.
 - b. Proposed SDMC Projects:
 - New Child Development Center and Childcare Facilities
 - New Language Art Center, Veterans Services and Student Services Complex
 - New State of the Art Classrooms, Performing Arts Labs and Facilities
 - New Kinesiology Labs and Classrooms
 - Affordable Student Housing & Support Services Complex

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:
 - a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Lisa Burgert
As reported by Lisa Burgert:
"Academic Affairs is currently working on Constitutional Revisions to clarify the process for introducing resolutions to the Senate. If you have any questions, please let Mary Gwin know."
 - b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Janna Braun
As reported by Janna Braun:
 - "Sabbatical applications are due by Wednesday, March 6 by 5 p.m.
 - The next Professional Advancement submission deadline is Wednesday, March 13."
 - c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari
As reported by Jill Moreno Ikari:
"At our last COC meeting on Feb. 28, Dean Alex Barry, Counselor Raquel Sojourner Worlds, and Supervisor Olivia Picolla presented on the Career Services Strategic Plan. Faculty Evaluations Coordinator Dina Miyoshi discussed student evaluations. Our next COC meeting will be March 13."
 - d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
As reported by Justin Estep
"CRC meets this week.

We are now using Meta (new curriculum management system). If you have questions, please contact me or Chris (Kinney). District is also providing training on Fridays at 10:30am by Zoom. You should have received a memo from the Vice Chancellor of Education Services (Susan Topham) about Meta. Please let me know if you need it forwarded to you."
 - e. *Program Review Committee (PRC):* Acting Faculty Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
As reported by Dina Miyoshi:
"The program review feedback survey is still open if you have feedback about any aspect of the program review process. Also, the resource request committees have all completed their scoring and their ranked lists will continue to proceed through the process at PIE and PCAB. If you have any questions, let me know."

2. Other Committees:

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

As reported by Judy Sundayo:

- "CDAIE last met on 3-1-24, with 25 persons attending.
- The Committee joins the campus in celebrating Women's History Month this month, as well as International Women's Day coming up on March 8th
- The Committee had a guest speaker from Braver Angels inviting collaboration with Mesa students, faculty and staff. Braver Angels is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, with the mission of bringing Americans together to bridge the partisan divide, strengthen the democratic republic and ensure that we recognize the humanity in one another, using shared values as a bridge to mutual respect. This is especially important in what is expected to be a contentious election year. How are we preparing our students (and ourselves) to discuss issues that may come up with respect and civility? To learn how, Braver Angels invites people to sit in on a meeting. They meet the second Saturday of each month at the Center for Creative Leadership in La Jolla, from 10 am to noon. The next meeting is March 9.
- Also, on March 9, is Mesa College's annual Jumpstart Your Success, where we invite incoming students and their families to campus, from 8:30 - noon, Mesa Commons.
- The Committee hosted Michelle Rodriguez, who updated us on the Mesa College Climate Action Plan and invited feedback from Committee members.
- Events for Women's History Month are underway, with a Careering While Asian Panel taking place this morning, with other exciting events taking place throughout the month. Please attend if you are able and invite your students.
- The Asian Pacific Islander American Committee is offering two student scholarships this year of \$500 each. They are also working on an LRC installation of Maya Lin, historical memory and belonging. It will be installed in the LRC in the third week of April. The AAPI Recognition ceremony is being planned for May.
- The Pride Center celebrated its first-year anniversary on Feb. 21st. The Lavender Celebration will take place May 8th at 4:30 in D-101.
- The Committee joins Mesa's 60th Anniversary Committee in co-sponsoring a signature event for this year's 60th Anniversary Celebration, i.e. a Powwow on Saturday, March 16th from 10 am - 8 pm on the upper Athletic Field. Bring the family!
- The Fine and Performing Arts Committee (FPAC) is sponsoring an event entitled Celebrating Women's Stories Through Dance on March 21st at 7:30 pm in L-116
- The dates for Cultural Unity Week will be April 8th - 12th, which means Festival of Colors will be held on Thursday, April 11th, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. in the QUAD.
- Associated Students will be performing Random Acts of Kindness with give-a-ways to folks on campus that week.
- International Education announced their Study Abroad to Argentina the past January was a resounding success. Mesa will host a Study Abroad in Spain this summer.
- The Organizational subcommittee updated the CDAIE committee information on the Mesa College Diversity website.
- Students announced a Diversity Film Project is underway with David Brooks of the SDCCD Communications Office.
- The Chair attended a meeting with the Accreditation Team responding to their interest in the Mesa College 13 Pt. Strategic Action Plan for Racial & Social Justice. It went well.
- The next CDAIE meeting will be Friday, April 5th from 9 am - 11 am via zoom."

b. *Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC):* Co-Coordinator Marisa Alioto

As reported by Marisa Alioto:

Mesa Mapper:

Mapping has begun! To be in compliance with AB 928, a team of counselors has prioritized and is currently working on providing preliminary updates to ADT maps in preparation for a review process with faculty members, which will take place in March. An update of maps for all local programs and certificates will follow, in consultation with instructional faculty, to reflect curricular updates.

Mesa Mapper Implementation Update presentations are currently in progress. So far, we have provided presentations to: Dean's Council, Committee of Chairs, PIE, Classified Senate, and Associated Students.

Upcoming presentations are currently planned for Academic Senate, PCAB, CRC, MSSC, Counseling, and Academic Affairs.

Mesa Success Coaches (MSC):

The Mesa Success Coaches are continuing into their second semester. Coaches reached out during Flex week and with a reminder about the add/drop deadline. Coaches cohorts will begin meeting again in March. A mid-year report on the impact of the program has also been generated by Institutional Effectiveness.

Next Mesa Pathways Committee Meeting: Our next MPC Meeting will take place on April 10th 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:*

- Environmental Sustainability: Michelle Rodriguez

As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:

- "Save the date - Earth Day celebration, April 22 - TerraMesa will host tabling and a student club competition. Please share with student groups about the opportunity to win \$100 with the best display about sustainability, environmental justice, and/or climate change.
- Michelle Rodriguez was invited to co-author an article about campus sustainability in the most recent edition of The Rostrum, which is the ASCCC magazine. There will also be a session on this topic at the ASCCC Spring Plenary.
- The ESC invites everyone to view and comment on the Mesa College Climate Action Plan (CAP) at:
 - tinyurl.com/mesacapdraftAnd to check out our new and improved EcoMesa website at:
 - tinyurl.com/sdmesaecomesa
- The CAP includes sections on Mesa Planning and Governance, Education, Transportation, Food/Waste, Landscaping, Buildings, and District Planning. It includes an overall goal of achieving GOLD rating from AASHE/STARS by the end of 2026/2027 year. Mesa College would be one of the first in CA to achieve this rating. We would especially invite discussion/ feedback on our four guiding ideas:
EQUITY
 1. Looking back - an environmental justice lens shows how the disproportionate impacts of climate change we see today and will see tomorrow arise from the same causes that drive many of the inequities we seek to address.
 2. Looking forward - climate change threatens to undermine progress on equity, and amplifies the need to focus on inter-generational equity.
EXCELLENCE
 3. The expertise of faculty across the curriculum at Mesa can be deployed to build knowledge about climate change and environmental injustice. The strength of Mesa's connections to the community can be harnessed to build problem-solving capacity on these issues in our city and state."

- SDMC Research Conference: Justin Estep/Candace Katungi/Alison Primoza

As reported by Alison Primoza:

"The MCRC Mesa College Research Conference Committee would like to encourage Senators to reach out to their constituents to urge them to encourage their students to present their research at the upcoming MCRC conference this May. We also hope each senator will encourage their own students to present. The deadline to apply to present is March 22.

It is a great and very unusual opportunity for undergraduate students to be able to present their research at a juried conference. It is even more unusual for lower division students to have this opportunity which they can put on their resume, transfer application and to gain more research opportunities once they transfer. This year's special topic is Preserving the Environment. There will be a special award for the best presentation on this topic. Students can do a poster presentation or an oral presentation. Both individual and group presentations are encouraged.

A great way for you to get involved is to serve as a judge at the conference. If you are interested in serving as a judge, please email Candace Katungi, Justin Estep or me (Alison Primoza).

Please share this link to the MCRC Conference with your students www.sdmesa.edu/mcrc"

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. Vice President: Veronica Gerace

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"Academic Senate Vice President Veronica Gerace thanked faculty for heeding the call for committee participation. She provided an update on Academic Senate faculty process approvals and appointments to date. Faculty have been approved for: 10 Equivalency Requests, 19 Committee Appointments, and 3 Grade Challenge Committees. Vice President Gerace explained that little notice is given for Grade Challenge Committees. So, she is compiling a list of faculty who are willing to be called on short notice to serve on this particular committee. Senators willing to participate on Grade Challenge Committees should let her know."

- b. Secretary: Vacant

- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- Our current balance in checking is \$2,986.32 and \$1,035.87 in savings.
- We are awarding three \$500.00 scholarships this year.

- d. Senators at Large: Two (2) Vacancies

- e. CTE Liaison: Vacant

- f. *Immediate Past President:* John Crocitti (No Report)
- g. *President:* Andrew Hoffman
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in the current Accreditation Cycle. (The exit meeting was very quick.)
 - The Faculty Hiring Prioritization (FHP) Committee's recommendations will go to Planning & Institutional Effectiveness and then President's Cabinet.
 - Spring 2024 SDMC AS Election: Please consider serving.
 - * President Elect
 - * Secretary
 - * Senator at Large (Two Positions)
 - * Treasurer
 - * Senator for Adjunct Faculty (Five Positions)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AP 4250 (Replaces AP 3000) Student Academic Standing: Hoffman

1. This falls under the SDMC AS 10+1 purview.
2. The updates reflect legal changes.
3. The revised AP is less punitive.

Move to Forward the item to the March 18th meeting as "Old Business" for discussion and potential vote:

M/S

Gerace/G. Johnson

32 Approve

Gwin
(Proxy to Burgert)

2 Abstain

Allbee
Brewer

B. Resolution 2024.3.1 – Request SDCCD/SDMC Reaffirm the Protection for Free Speech & Academic Freedom:

Moreno

1. Jennifer Moreno provided background information.

Move to Forward the item to the March 18th meeting as "Old Business" for discussion and potential vote:

M/S

Crocitti/Katungi

28 APPROVE

Gwin
(Proxy to Burgert)

4 Oppose:

Brewer
Browne
Greenbergs
Naimark

2 Abstain

Arguelles Ibarra
Gerace

C. Resolution 2024.3.2 - Climate Action Plan (CAP): Primoza/Rodriguez

1. Michelle Rodriguez provided background information about .

Move to Forward the item to the March 18th meeting as "Old Business" for discussion and potential vote:

M/S

G. Johnson/Sundayo

UNANIMOUS

Gwin
(Proxy to Burgert)

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATED 02/26/24 - Resolution 2023.11.1 – Request SDCCD/SDMC Pledge to Fight Anti-Semitism: Greenbergs

Updated February 26, 2024

1. Judy Sundayo submitted two friendly amendments.

2. Comments from Katherine Naimark:

As reported by Katherine Naimark:

- “Responding to some objections:
 - "This Resolution is not inclusive; why doesn't it mention hate toward other groups, such as Islamophobia?" - Following the same logic, one could criticize Black Lives Matter for lack of inclusivity! But this is not how inclusivity works. When standing up against hate toward a particular group, we focus on this group's story, and it's simply impossible to include all others. This does not take away the importance of their plight.
 - "The mention of the ADL was taken out of the text, but ADL's ideas and projects are still mentioned". - We should be judging ideas based on their own merit and not on the merit of which organization suggested them.
 - "This Resolution requires using additional framework/resources". - No, it suggests using the already existing DEI committee and DEI framework. It simply asks to put the antisemitism problem on our DEI map.
- Friendly amendment/clarification of the mentioned data. According to the official FBI statistics, there was about 36% increase in antisemitic hate crimes BEFORE 2022 (from 2021 to 2022). This is before the outbreak of war in October 2023. Since October 7, a 400% increase in antisemitic incidents in the US was observed. This emphasizes the importance and urgency of this Resolution.
- This Resolution does not take sides in a political conflict, and the only thing it stands against is hate. It calls for bringing awareness of the urgent problem of antisemitism in our country and for creating a supportive and welcoming environment for all. This, it works against divisiveness and promotes awareness, peace, and respectful dialogue.”

Move to approve with Judy Sundayo’s Friendly Amendments: **Passed without majority approval of the the members present.**

M/S

Crocitti/Katungi

12 APPROVE

6 Oppose:

Crocitti
Hinton
Holowicki
James
Moreno
Tran

16 Abstain

Allbee
Arguelles Ibarra
Burgert
Estep
Gerace
Gwin
(Proxy to Burgert)
G. Johnson
Keller
Kushkaki
Mayasa
Miyoshi
Moreno Ikari
Plambek
Saidane
Sardo
Secor
Wait

B. UPDATED Resolution 2024.2.1 – Proposal to Increase SDMC AS Contract Faculty Membership Dues: Mayasa

1. Second reading postponed due to time expiration.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- C.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is March 18, 2024 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM. (Room MC211 A/B)
- D.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is March 11, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.
- E.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is March 13, 2024 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM. (Room BT 101)
- F.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) Meeting is March 7, 2024 @ 2:15PM in room LRC 435.
- G.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is March 11, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.
- H.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is March 6, 2024 @ 2:30PM in room A117.

X. Meeting Extensions:

- A.** Move to extend the meeting until 4:30PM:

M/S

Brewer/Crocitti

33 Approve

Gwin

(Proxy to Burgert)

1 Oppose

Arguelles Ibarra

- B.** Move to extend the meeting until 4:35PM:

M/S

Brewer/Keller

UNANIMOUS

Gwin

(Proxy to Burgert)

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:35PM.

M/S

Gerace/Allbee

UNANIMOUS

Gwin

(Proxy to Burgert)

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS: March 18, 2024