



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
May 13, 2024
Room MC 211
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynne Allbee, Henry Browne, Lisa Burgert, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Nellie Dougherty, Justin Estep, Veronica Gerace, Mary Gwin, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Janue Johnson, Candace Katungi, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Thekima Mayasa, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jennifer Moreno, Jill Moreno Ikari, Katherine Naimark, Olga Pilipets, Scott Plambek, Alison Primoza, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Saloua Saidane, Robert Sanchez, Kristian Secor, Judy Sundayo, George Svoboda, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Karen Wait and Guests Marisa Alioto, Classified Senate President Sahar "Mona" King and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) President David Merino

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Michael Brewer (Excused), Janna Braun (Excused), Helen Greenbergs, James Hinton (Proxy to Naimark), Geoff Johnson (Excused), Emmett "Chip" Lancaster (Excused) and Jessica Sardo (Proxy to Saidane)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:23PM.
Parliamentarian – TBD/Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Primoza/James

UNANIMOUS

Hinton
(Proxy to Naimark)
Sardo
(Proxy to Saidane)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) President David Merino

1. David Merino provided An ASG report.

B. Classified Professionals: President Sahar "Mona" King

1. Mona King reported the deadline for the Classified Awards Opportunity Drawing Baskets Fundraiser was extended.
2. Mona King also reported we will award Classified Professionals with five (5) – 25-year service awards on Wednesday.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Senator Judy Sundayo (Counseling):

B. Senator Jennifer Moreno (Chicana/o Studies):

As reported by Jennifer Moreno:

"Hi everyone, I was going to bring this up in the last meeting, but there wasn't an appropriate opportunity to do so. At the ASCCC Plenary, a resolution was introduced to oppose SB1287, a bill designed to make it more difficult for students to host pro-Palestinian protests on university and college campuses. According to this bill, schools must adopt policies within student codes of conduct that prohibit engaging in violence, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination, as specified, interfering with the free exchange of ideas or calling for genocide. The words "violence" and "calling for genocide" being an unprecedented change in traditional codes of conduct. These changes target students who are calling for peace in Palestine. These changes continue to spread the false narrative that in proclaiming Palestinian resistance, students are being intimidating and discriminatory towards Jewish students or even, "calling for genocide" by saying "Free Palestine".

This bill plays into the fear we're seeing all over the nation of student's (predominantly Black, Indigenous and POC) speaking **out** against the genocide of 40,000 Palestinians, including at UCSD where 63 students and 2 faculty were arrested when riot police and CHP officers stormed their encampment at 5:30 in the morning while they were sleeping, yet charged them with "failing to identify oneself". Leaders seek to silence students and limit the ability to have critical discussions, form their own opinions, and hold their institutions that serve them accountable. These are all bedrocks of the academic environment and have garnered positive change throughout history.

Unfortunately, the resolution was systematically dismissed and the writers have sent a formal complaint to the ASCCC on the basis of harassment, intimidation, and discrimination. For me and my students, I ask myself "How can we expect our students to put theory into practice if their freedoms are being attacked?" I hope that we, at Mesa, will continue to support our student's right to protest and freely exchange ideas, and even prepare them for when they are unilaterally challenged."

C. Senator Alison Primoza (Languages):

D. Treasurer Thekima Mayasa (Black Studies):

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: April 22, 2024

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Moreno Ikari

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Hinton

(Proxy to Naimark)

Sardo

(Proxy to Saidane)

3 Abstain

Keller

Rodriguez

Sundayo

VI. GUEST(s): None

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Mary Gwin (No Report)

b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Janna Braun/Veronica Gerace (Committee Chair Starting Fall 2024)

- Veronica Gerace reported she will start serving as the PAC Chair starting July 1st. (Veronica will also continue to serve as the SDMC AS Vice President.)

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

As reported by Jill Moreno Ikari:

"At our last committee of chairs meeting, VPI Isabel O'Connor gave us some updates, Professor Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez presented on Study Abroad, and Sociology Professor Erin Evans lead a discussion on the revised language for the crisis response team. Congratulations Nathan Resch for stepping into the interim chair of chairs role for the fall semester."

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

As reported by Justin Estep:

"We already held the last CRC meeting of the semester. Our next meeting is August 22.

The Constitutional changes we are voting on today will officially create the Catalog Committee as a subcommittee of the CRC.

We will be working on creating an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the District GE pattern.

There will be lots of ways to participate in the Fall!"

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

- Dina Miyoshi provided a report.

2. Other Committees:

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

As reported by Judy Sundayo:

"CDAIE last met on 5-3-24, with 17 persons attending.

In addition to recognizing Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Harvey Milk Day (*May 22nd*) and Memorial Day (*May 27*),

The Committee joins the campus in celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Foster Care Awareness Month, and Jewish American Heritage Month

There was a video presentation created by Leland Simpliciano for AANAPISI. He attended the Fulbright Scholars Program gathering recently at Ohlone College in the Bay Area recently to review study abroad opportunities for AAPI students. He also discussed advocacy for AAPI students at the National Level. The LRC atrium boasts the Living Memorial installation throughout this month. The 4th Annual KAPWA Scholars Summit is taking place this week May 13 & 15th 10 am - noon in AVANZA, and Finals Study Jams this week, May 13-17 in Pride Center, Avanza, Veterans Center and FAST Center. 12 - 2 pm

There was a presentation by the LRC on the 2023-28 Mesa Library Diversity Equity & Inclusion Strategic Plan

Upcoming Study Abroad Programs include Paris and Madrid this summer 2024

The Dance program hosted Mesa Moves: Dance Synthesis, May 2 - 4th

The Pride Center reported on LGBTQIA+ themed classes for the fall 2024, including PERG 120, ENGL 101 and POLI 123 Gender & Politics

The Committee is in discussion with Dr. Johnson of the LOFT on a DEIA Certificate for Professional Development

The Raza Grad Ceremony was held on Friday, May 3rd

The DSPS Graduation/Transfer Celebration was held on Tuesday, May 7th

The Pride Center's Lavender Graduation was held on Wednesday, May 8th

The AAPI Recognition Ceremony was held on Friday, May 10th

The 2024 Rites of Passage Celebration in recognition of African American students will take place on Wednesday, May 15th from 5-8:00 pm in the Quad

The DEIA Dialogue Series: Session 2 Barriers & Supporting our Students. (*Flex 21609*) Friday, May 17th, 10 am - 12 noon, LOFT w/ Physics Prof. Joseph Martinez

The 43rd Annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show, Friday, May 17th 5 - 7 pm Quad

Peer Navigators Present Fuel Up & Go for students to grab a snack before and after finals, Tuesday, May 21 & Wed. May 22nd between 8 am and 6 pm in AVANZA

Of course, our Campus Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 24th at 2 pm in the Merrill Douglas Stadium

A number of CDAIE members will be joining other Mesa colleagues at the 36th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) in Honolulu, Hawaii May 28th - June 1st

Save the date for the 2024 Pride Parade on July 20th

The annual CDAIE committee planning meeting will be Friday, June 7th from 9 am - 11 am via zoom"

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 and sent preliminary drafts of updated maps for the ADTs on April 11th, 2024. Dr. O'Connor requests that the final versions of these maps be completed and submitted to Marisa Alioto: malioto@sdccd.edu by today, Monday, May 13th, 2024. Any departments who have not submitted approval will be contacted, and we will be submitting appropriate documentation in time for the deadline.

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

Work will also continue on the creation and updating of additional maps throughout the summer, with the hope of getting closer to finalizing our initial 90 maps that have been promised for the Mesa Mapper pilot. Please note that all programs will be mapped.

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.

Three information sessions took place in late-April and early-May. If you were unable to attend and are interested in participating, please email Dr. Ian Duckles: iduckles@sdccd.edu and he will invite you to attend one of the following information sessions:

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:*

- Environmental Committee:

As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:

"Earth Day celebration, April 22, hosted by TerraMesa was a great success! Psi Beta and the Black Student Union as well as the Met High School and several community groups participated in tabling and plant and craft sales, and the Garza Quartet provided jazz music.

ESC also hosted 2 EcoMesa events partially funded by the Constance Carroll Humanities Institute.

Our committee is now turning its attention to the implementation of the Climate Action Plan which was approved at PCAB on April 16. The plan and other information can be found at the EcoMesa part of Mesa's website. We invite those with interest or expertise to join us at our meetings and/or watch for ways to get involved during Fall 2024."

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. Vice President: Veronica Gerace

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"Academic Senate Vice President Veronica Gerace encouraged faculty to share their ideas for committee recruitment. There is great need for faculty to serve on grade challenge committees. These meetings are short term, often one-time, commitments and the meetings are usually held on Monday afternoons."

There will be a regional Men of Color Symposium hosted by our district and SDSU on October 18th and 19th. More details to come."

b. Secretary: Vacant

c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- The spring 2024 Culinary Arts/Culinary Management charges for our meeting refreshment is \$161.63.

d. Senators at Large: Two (2) Vacancies

e. CTE Liaison: Vacant

f. *Immediate Past President:* John Crocitti (No Report)

g. *President:* Andrew Hoffman

As reported by Andrew Hoffman:

- "First off, let me address my omission from our last meeting. I wanted to congratulate Carlynne Allbee, Cathy James, and Geoffrey Johnson on re-election to serve as senators representing the adjunct faculty. My apologies for not announcing this at the last meeting.
- Please put in your calendar the date of Wednesday, August 14. We will be holding another AS retreat from 9 am – 1 pm, hopefully in this room (although it officially a TBD until I get room confirmation). This will be the day after the Uber Chairs meeting, and the day before the Convocation, so this seems like the best time for our retreat. The retreat is intended as an opportunity for us to discuss how we want the Senate to be run. We'll talk about the resolution process, our responsibilities under 10+1, how we use Robert's Rules of Order to run a meeting, and other issues. I am hoping that we will have guest participation as well, including possibly a representative from the state ASCCC.
- The Healing Circle for faculty was held on Thursday, May 2. There is still support available for those who want it through our employee healthcare benefits. I have posted the phone number on the recent newsletter and in several emails, but just in case, the number for Optum Health is (888) 625-4809.
- President's cabinet retreat was held last week. I know many people here were at the meeting. The retreat focused on two major themes: Enrollment Management and Institutional Effectiveness.
- At Deans Council last week, an interesting and important possibility was floated: to put Outcomes under the umbrella of the Academic Senate. The Committee on Outcomes Assessment (COA) would function in a way similar to the Curriculum Review Committee. The committee would have co-chairs and members of both the faculty and the administration, just like the CRC. Exact make-up and responsibilities are TBD. This may be a reaction to what almost everyone expects: that Mesa will get dinged in accreditation for outcomes-related issues. This is the kind of thing we really need to talk about here in the Senate next fall. We don't want to be given the COA just to shift blame from admin to faculty, but if we could really control what happens with outcomes that would be good. I feel it does fall under 10+1.

- I was encouraged to share my feelings about this past year with you. We've had some intense meetings, and while I respect everyone's right to have differing opinions – indeed, it would be weird if we always agreed on everything – I am saddened by how personal the discussions became at times. This body should be discussing issues, not personalities. The result has been that the Senate is seen by many as a hostile environment, and some faculty do not wish to be subjected to that. That was of course never my vision for what this year would hold. Still, I have great faith in this body, and I hope going forward, we can return our focus to issues that affect our students, including – just for example – the implementation of AB 1705 on our STEM students, the undeniable challenges we face as generative AI becomes a permanent feature in our educational landscape, the impact of AB 1111 on faculty's ability to create curriculum that reaches the needs of our students, and who knows what other issues that will inevitably occur. I realize that sometimes external events demand our attention too, but our focus and energy should be focused largely on how we can best meet the needs of all of our students. I'm hopeful this will be where we head next fall."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2024.4.1 - SDMC AS Proposed Constitutional Changes: Mary Gwin/SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee (Second Reading)

1. Corrections to typos on page 9.
 2. Updating the district Human Resources Department's name to "People, Culture and Technology"
 3. Add a description of the duties of the "Committee on Elections" on page 12.
- Move to Approve:

M/S

Crocitti/G. Johnson

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B. Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness (DEI) Topics - Flex Workshops in the Collective Bargaining Agreement: J. Johnson
(A sense of the SDMC AS to support DEI related professional development efforts.)

1. The SDMC Learning Opportunities for Transformation (LOFT) will develop a DEI Certificate in response to the addition of DEI Flex Workshops to the Collective Bargaining Agreement(CBA).
- Move to Support the Development of an SDMC DEI Certificate:

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G. Johnson/Gwin

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XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Congratulations to Alison Primoza on your retirement at the end of spring 2024!
- B. The 2024 SDMC Commencement Ceremony is Friday (May 24, 2024) @ 2:00PM in Merrill Douglas Stadium.
- C. The Mesa College Research Conference is May 17, 2024 in the Math & Natural Sciences Building.
- D. The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is Fall 2024.
- E. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is Fall 2024.
- F. The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is Fall 2024
- G. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is Fall 2024.
- H. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is Fall 2024.
- I. The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is May 15, 2024 @ 2:30PM in room A117.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:53PM.

Move to Adjourn:

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Sundayo/Gerace

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS: September 9, 2024