



**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
September 25, 2023
Room MC 211 A/B
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MINUTES**

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynne Allbee, Michael Brewer, Henry Browne, Alison Gurganus (Proxy to Burgert until 2:50PM), John Crocitti, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Justin Estep, Rob Fremland, Veronica Gerace, Helen Greenbergs, Mary Gwin, James Hinton, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Janue Johnson (Proxy to Katungi @ 3:30PM), Jesse Keller, Sam Lee, César López, Thekima Mayasa, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jill Moreno Ikari, Katherine Naimark, Olga Pilipets, Scott Plambek, Alison Primoza, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Robert Sanchez, Jessica Sardo (Proxy to Fremland until 2:45PM), Kristian Secor, George Svoboda, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Karen Wait and Guest David Merino

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra (Excused), Janna Braun (Excused), Emmett "Chip" Lancaster, Laura Maki, Jennifer Moreno (Proxy to López) and Judy Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:24PM.
Parliamentarian – Veronica Gerace/Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Motion to Approve with the the Relocations of Agenda Item VI to III and Agenda Item VIII to IV:

M/S

Hoffman/G. Johnson

UNANIMOUS

Gurganus (Proxy to Burgert)

Moreno (Proxy to López)

Sardo (Proxy to Fremland)

Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss)

III. GUEST:

A. SDMC President Dr. Ashanti Hands:

1. Next Accreditation Cycle:

- a. We met with the Chair and Assistant Chair of our Accreditation Team today.
- b. The SDMC Community will have a meet and greet with our Accreditation Team.
- c. We need to be able to support our Students.
- d. Our Accreditation Team is looking to affirm and validate our work this time around.
- e. We will have the opportunity to resubmit our information if updates are needed for any of the standards.
- f. There will only be a site visit from our Accreditation Team if we do not meet the standard for every area.
- g. Please read the Institutional Self Evaluation Report ([ISER](#)) before you attend the upcoming virtual Community Forum on October 12th from 1:00PM – 2:00PM.

- FLEX Workshop # 20559

- Zoom Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/MesaAccreditation2023>

2. Questions from Academic Senate Members:

a. Jennifer Cost:

- Access to WIFI can be very spotty on campus.
 - * President Hands reported that SDMC is in the process of updating our WIFI.
 - * Please let President Hands know if there is a location on campus with spotty WIFI access.

b. Rob Fremland:

- Some of our Students cannot access Open Educational Resources (OER): No access to a computer and/or WIFI.
 - * President Hands reported SDMC provides access to two (2) machines in the Learning Resources/Academic Support (LRAS) Building that allow Students to scan pages from textbooks.
 - * President Hands also reported that we are able to email portions of textbooks to our Students.
 - * President Hands also reported that she has asked our Technology Department to clean up the memories on the Loaner Laptop Computers that are available to our Students.

c. Helen Greenbergs:

As reported by Helen Greenbergs:

"I suggested that we have lots of messaging about equity and student services on campus, but that we need more highlighting of academics and excellence."

- President Hands reported she has been sharing our stories in her Weekly Updates. (Please send your stories to President Hands, VPI O'Connor and Administrative Technician Eileen Hayward.)
- Veronica Gerace reported she is working with VPI O'Connor to record our stories. (Please send your stories to Veronica Gerace too.)
- Alison Primoza reported the annual SDMC Research Conference tells the stories of excellence at SDMC.

d. Cathy James:

- The Adirondack Chairs that are on the lawn across from Mesa Commons are great! (I always see our Students sitting in the chairs and there are dark gray chairs that are large enough for a Mother to sit with her child.)
 - * President Hands reported Facilities Director Jacqueline Collins and Administrative Technician Giovanna Garcia found the chairs for us. (I love that we can see people sitting in the chairs from the windows of the Culinary Arts Dining Area.)
 - * President Hands also said she loves what Learning Resources/Academic Support (LRAS) has done to create nice seating areas for our Students where they do not have to be quiet.

e. Geoff Johnson:

- Questions about California Assembly Bill (AB) 1111 – Common Course Numbering Project:
 - * President Hands reported Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor serves on the state body for the project and she is our best resource regarding AB 1111.
- Supporting Lifelong Learners in addition to Students pursuing degrees and transfers to four-year institutions:
 - * President Hands reported she has been working with the [Aspen Institute](#) and expanding the data we look at.
 - * President Hands also said community colleges serve as a bridge to other things and we are focusing a lot right now on what Adult Learners need.

f. Jill Moreno Ikari:

- The current working relationship between Administration and Faculty: What is working? How can we improve our working relationship?
 - * Presidents Hands reported Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor has been working closely with the Department Chairs.
 - * President Hands also reported that she discusses these issues with the three (3) SDMC Vice Presidents on a regular basis.
 - * We want to improve our communication process to the SDMC community.
 - * Please let President Hands know about issues that concern you and need improvement. (We have to have the necessary conversations about difficult issues.)

g. Ryan Mongelluzzo:

- We need to be more Student Facing and Community Facing:
 - * President Hands asked the Academic Senate to share their ideas when we pursue our next bond measure that will help us increase/improve our focus on our Students and our Community.

h. Alison Primoza:

- Transparency about the Funding Process - SDMC Allocation Decisions & Access to Available Funding:
 - * President Hands reported the Vice President of Administrative Services (VPA) Lorenze Legaspi has a presentation on the topic that he can share.
 - * President Hands also reported transparency regarding the fund allocation process and access to additional/flexible funds is an Executive Team goal and mission.
- CALGETC:
As reported by Alison Primoza:
"I told President Hands about the Department of Language's concerns about CALGETC which eliminates the foreign language requirement for transfer and graduation at CSU's. I asked her for suggestions about how to deal with probable drops in enrollments due to this change. She said she was looking to us for solutions and ideas and that we should share them with her for her support."

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Updates – FLEX Obligations Related to Enhancing Cultural Competence:

J. Johnson

As reported by Janue Johnson:

"We are requesting feedback from Academic Senate members regarding the CBA amendment: "The Parties agree to consult the Academic Senates at each college on the development approval of professional development activities which are reasonably related to enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, anti-racism, cultural competence, and related topics (DEIA-related) designed to improve the success outcomes of diverse student communities. Activities approved for credit toward the DEIA-related flex obligations for unit members shall be made available to all unit members in the same format as other preapproved flex activities."

- Can members of AS share recommendations, ideas, or questions about DEIA focused PL activities from the LOFT?
- How we partner to expand DEIA in PL?
- Are there any members that can serve on a PL committee to build the partnership?
- Share comments here: bit.ly/CBAPL?

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): David Merino

As reported by David Merino:

"It's so great to be here with all of you today. Some of you I have not seen since before Summer and it is a privilege to be back in your orbit again.

I'd like to announce that the Associated Student Executives and Senators are elected and seated.

They are working on Fall events and student affairs; today there was a big focus on planning Mesa's Homecoming event.

I'd also like to announce that Ixchel Diaz is our new Assoc Student Body President. Unfortunately, she wanted to be here today to meet you but is out ill this week.

However, she will be with us at the next meeting so you can meet her and experience all the wonderful qualities that inspired the students to elect her head of our student body council

In the meantime, Ixchel has asked me to continue as the Student Rep so you will be seeing me - and Biscuit - in your orbit again this year.

The other announcement I want to make is that Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is active again at Mesa.

We are working on building out a framework that will allow the organization to remain active as students and officers matriculate out.

It is an important organization for students to have access to and we are proud the Mesa chapter will be active on campus again."

B. Classified Professionals: Co Presidents Sahar "Mona" King & Ayana Woods/Vice President Courtney Lee (No Report)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. G. Johnson:

As reported by Geoff Johnson:

"Geoff Johnson asked the Mesa Academic Senate to consider making changes to its constitution to allow adjunct for both run for and serve as either Senators-at-large, or in the Secretary position."

VII. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: September 11, 2023

Motion to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Moreno Ikari

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Cost

J. Johnson (Proxy to Katungi)

Moreno (Proxy to López)

Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss)

VIII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Mary Gwin

As reported by Mary Gwin:

"Academic Affairs is still working on a report regarding generative AI and anticipates inviting Erika Higginbotham to a senate meeting in October to answer questions regarding the transparency of DSPS processes."

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:

"Chairs Academy is this Friday, Sept. 29 at 11 am in LRC 435. All are invited. Pres. Hands and VPs will be our first panel. We will also hear more about Enrollment Management and engage in this work. Refreshments and prizes courtesy of VP Isabel O'Connor. Our next chairs meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2:30 in LRC 435. We will have mental health coordinator Derrick White and CCAP coordinator Gina Abbiate as guests. New business includes ACP Pathways discussion led by Brian Malinis."

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

As reported by Justin Estep:

"CRC met last week. CIC meets this week. This CIC (9/28) is also the deadline to make it into the 24-25 Catalog. Start dates for Catalog impacts are now F25 (at the earliest).

Chairs and Deans have been sent the Six/Two Year Review list.

Chairs and Deans have been sent the Active but not offered list.

We need Mesa representation on Policies and Procedures (reviews APs and BPs). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 1:00-2:00, hyflex (Zoom or District). If interested in serving, email me.

Catalog Review for Chairs and Deans is due today. Catalog Committee has met three times. Meetings are Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 by Zoom. If interested in serving, email me.

Please share this information with others. If you would like any of the lists I referenced, if you are interested in serving on Policies and Procedures or the Catalog Committee, or if you have any questions, please email me.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!

Justin Estep"

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

- Program Review is happening!

2. Other Committees:

a. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Judy Sundayo (No Report)

b. *Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC):* Co-Coordinator Marisa Alioto (No Report)

- The SDMC AS Members shared their Department Chairs' concerns about the limitations of only being allowed to choose two (2) Academic & Career Pathways (ACP) for each of their programs.

c. *Other Committee Reports:* None

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"Academic Senate Vice President, Veronica Gerace said an email would go out on Tuesday to the Faculty DL with a list of committees for faculty participation. Committees with specific vacancies have been highlighted on the list but some committee chairs have not yet responded. Veronica encouraged faculty to embrace the participatory governance opportunities by serving on committees. She will share the list of committees periodically and in an easier to read format once committee chairs make updates.

Veronica also shared that she inquired as to whether the Canvas login could be changed so faculty do not have to input their SDCCD ID number. She shared that Brian Weston informed her that the login would be changing overall in January to be similar to the Outlook email login where we input our email address and a password. Senators asked if it would require an authentication. Veronica said she would investigate further and get back to everyone."

b. *Secretary:* Vacant

c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

As reported by Thekima Mayasa:

"Refreshments (drinks and cake) were provided for today's meeting as you can see. Tonya Whitfield stated that students make our refreshments generally from Leftovers (of various kinds) from other events they may have. Thus, there is no guarantee that anything more than drinks will be available to offer for any given meeting which is why we only are charged half price. Another option would be to ask the 7250 Cafeteria to provide snacks which would be more expensive. Trays are another option, that would also likely be more expensive. So, the Senate body would need to just decide if we wanted to continue having snacks provided by the Culinary students when it's available or not.

(Rob F.) Stated liking the suspense of being surprised.

(Thekima) Called for a consensus of the body. There was a majority of hands and no objections."

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:

"The Board of Trustees is considering a rule change so that speakers on an issue are limited to four minutes each; it will also allow a maximum of eight speakers for a total of 32 minutes. If possible, they would like to follow a Pro/Con format (alternating pro and con speakers on an issue)."

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

X. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: New District Parking Enforcement System (Hoffman)

As reported by Andrew Hoffman:

"The Round Table discussion focused on the district's plan for automated (or paperless) parking. This means that in the future, physical permits, such as the hanging permits, will no longer be required. Instead, electronic readers will be attaching to Parking Services vehicles, and they will read the license plate numbers on cars in our parking lots. These numbers will be crossed checked with a database to ensure that the vehicle does indeed have a registered 'virtual' permit.

The intention is to greatly speed up the time it takes Parking Services to go through parking lots checking cars.

Several issues came up. The system will cost \$240,000, paid for by Prop S and N funds. It is expected to be self-sustaining.

Parking Services is separate from Police, and they will not share data with the police.

Senators Jesse Keller and Sam Lee brought up reservations about the promise not to share data, citing examples from other regions in the area where such data was shared with law enforcement and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

President Hoffman offered to invite Vice Chancellor Joel Peterson to speak to the Academic Senate at our next meeting."

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is October 9, 2023 @ 2:20PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- B.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is October 2, 2023 @ 4:15PM in Room A117.
- C.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is October 11, 2023 @ 2:30PM in Room LRC 435.
- D.** The next Curriculum Review Committee Meeting is October 5, 2023 from 2:15PM-4:00 in Room LRC 435.
- E.** The next SDMC AS Executive Committee meeting is October 2, 2023 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.
- F.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is October 18, 2023 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:26PM:

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S

Primoza/Cost

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Sundayo (Proxy to Reuss)

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS: October 9, 2023