



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
September 9, 2024
Room BT 101
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynne Allbee, Henry Browne, Lisa Burgert, Jennifer Cost, Justin Estep, Veronica Gerace, Mary Gwin, James Hinton, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Janue Johnson, Candace Katungi, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jennifer Moreno, Dave "Das" Odasso, Scott Plambek, Nathan Resch, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Saloua Saidane, Robert Sanchez, Jessica Sardo, Judy Sundayo, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Karen Wait and Guests Transfer Center Coordinator Anne Hedekin, Basic Needs Coordinator Johanna Aleman, Associated Student Government (ASG) Vice President Mahro Hashimi and Phi Beta Kappa (PTK) President David Merino

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra (Excused), Nellie Dougherty(Excused), Alex Holowicki, Jaeryoung Lee, Laura Maki, Dina Miyoshi (Proxy to Mongelluzzo) and Thu "Tiffany" Nguyen (Excused)

- I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:30PM:
Parliamentarian – Manuel Velez/Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

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UNANIMOUS

Miyoshi
(Proxy to Mongelluzzo)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): ASG Vice President Mahro Hashimi

As reported by Mahro Hashimi:

- 1) "Voter registration during Restore, Reflect, and Unite week
 - Student affairs has facilitated to have tables set out in the "Mesa Commons" area (Sep 16th- Sep 19th)
 - Encouraging students to register to vote
 - Voter registration application available in paper format or code
- 2) Associated Students' homecoming spirit week pep rally
 - Takes place September 25th 12-2 at the Mesa quad
 - Carnival games, inflatables, food, activities for children
 - Devore trophy recognition- introduction to Mesa's sports teams
- 3) Applications for Associated Student Government (ASG) positions are open until September 13th
 - Elections will take place on AS September 18th meeting
 - Senator, president's cabinet, treasurer, and other positions open for applications"

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1

A. Geoff Johnson:

As reported by Geoff Johnson:

"Concerns with AB1111 implementation, noting that faculty in other districts are experiencing issues like a push in credit reduction on certain courses, or the elimination of important corequisites which can significantly impact student success. He noted that why understanding the value on creating a course numbering system to aid in the transfer process, the Chancellor's office combined push towards a single data system is endangering the curricular diversity within districts needed for meeting specific populations in the name of equity. It's important as AB1111 implementation proceeds that, as faculty are currently doing with AB1705, there be discussion against potentially damaging curricular changes.

I am forming an inter-district group for adjunct academic senators."

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: May 13, 2024

Move to Approve:

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Miyoshi
(Proxy to Mongelluzzo)

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Sardo

VI. GUESTS:

A. Anne Hedekin – SDMC Transfer Center Coordinator Presentation: ([LINK](#))

1. Anne Hedekin reported on the SDMC Transfer Center's support services and the upcoming transfer events.

B. Johanna Aleman - Basic Needs/"The Stand" Presentation: ([LINK](#))

1. Johanna Aleman reported on the services that are available to SDMC Students through "Basic Needs" and "The Stand".

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 Veronica Gerace

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"Veronica Gerace thanked the former Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) chair, Janna Braun for all of her hard work leading the committee. The committee is currently receiving sabbatical completion presentations. A new PAC email address has been requested. That email address is MesaPAC@sdccd.edu. A flex workshop to discuss PAC procedures will be held on Tuesday, September 10th from 2:30 - 4pm. The flier is attached to the senate meeting packet. An updated checklist will soon be available on the PAC webpage. Applicants, department chairs, and deans should double check the list before turning documents in to the PAC. The PAC is also asking faculty to combine documents into one file. A video with instructions on how to do this was created by PAC member Carlos Toth and will be available on the PAC website very soon. The upcoming Fall 2024 Salary Advancement Deadlines were shared:

- September 11, 2024
- September 25, 2024
- October 9, 2024
- October 30, 2024
- November 13, 2024
- November 27, 2024"

- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Acting Chair of Chairs Nathan Resch

- Our first fall 2024 meeting is this Wednesday (September 11th) @ 2:30PM in room MC 211 A/B.

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

As reported by Justin Estep:

"CRC had our training and our first meeting. CIC meets this week.

AB 1111 (Common Course Numbering) Templates have now been released for the 6 Phase 1 courses. Implementation is planned for Fall 25.

We (Mesa) need a representative on Policies and Procedures. This group reviews all of the APs and BPs. I have previously served and Michelle Rodriguez served last year. Thank you, Michelle. They meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1pm at District with a Zoom option. If interested in serving, please let me know.

Next meeting, I will have several APs and BPs for you (Senate).

The Catalog Committee is now an official subcommittee of the CRC. Meetings TBD. If interested in serving, please let me know.

We are starting a Task Force to review our District GE requirements. Meetings TBD. If interested in serving, please let me know."

- e. *Program Review Committee (PRC)*: Acting Faculty Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi
As reported by Ryan Mongelluzzo:

"Last Friday (9/6) was a busy day for Program Review. The Program Review/Outcomes Kickoff was held from 11am-1pm and the Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC) met in the afternoon.

A few notes and reminders:

We are in Year 3 of the Program Review/Outcomes/Assessment Cycle. This is another update year.

Timeline:

Dec. 3rd by noon: Drafts of PR Updates and Drafts of Resource Requests (i.e., BARC, FHP, CHP) are due.

Dec 4-Jan 10 : Dean/Manager Review period Jan 13-Feb 3: Final Edit period for lead writers

Feb 3rd by noon: Final PR and Resource Requests due If anyone has any questions, please email me."

2. Other Committees:

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

As reported by Judy Sundayo:

- "CDAIE had our first meeting of the semester on 9-6-24, with 22 persons attending.
- In addition to recognizing Latinx Heritage Month (*Sept. 15 - Oct. 15th*) CDAIE joins the campus in recognizing International Day of Peace (Sept. 21st) and Suicide Awareness Month
- Veronica Gerace presented on the importance of having Honor Spaces on our campus, starting with a Kumeyaay Honor Garden, similar to what is already being done at SDSU and USD. The Professional Learning Subcommittee will be working with her to create this space on our campus, hopefully the first of many such educational spaces.
- Leland Simpliciano presented on the AANAPISI grant, reporting that a number of benchmarks, i.e., access and persistence were being met for Asian American and Pacific Islander students..
- The Pride Center reported that the 3 new LGBTQ-focused classes this fall PERG 120, ENGL 101 & POLI 123, were all full. Also, Pride Center Director, Lucio Lira and one of the 182 Pride Scholars, Daniela Abbott, were appointed to the CCC Advisory Board on LGBTQIA inclusion.
- Dora Schoenbrun-Fernandez reported on Study Abroad opportunities this January in Argentina (Spanish), and this summer in the UK (Fashion & Art), and Japan (Japanese).
- Blythe Barton reported on FPAC regarding the event honoring the late Professor Emeritus, Dr. Barbara Blackmun, this Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 3:30 in D-101 for the Art Dept. and the Your Voice/Your Vote program as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration.
- Dean Vickie Miller reported on Reflect, Restore & Unite week happening on campus Sept. 16th - 20th with a focus on voter registration, the arts, and community gardening.
- The Mesa College 60th Anniversary Committee announced a "Journey Through Time" exhibit on display Sept. 9 - 13th 9 am - 4 pm in LRC-151.
- Also, for the 60th Anniversary, there will be a Panel Discussion on changes which have occurred at Mesa College through the years, entitled, Historical Perspectives this Thursday, Sept. 19th from 11:15 am - 1:15 pm in MC-211, coordinated by Professor Emeritus, Jonathan McCleod.
- Latinx Heritage month events will begin with a kickoff on Thursday, Sept. 12th from 11 - 1 pm in the Quad.
- The Black Student Success Meet and Greet will be held on Monday, Sept. 16th from 11 am - 12:30 pm in the Quad.
- The Pride Center will host a gathering entitled Positivi-TEA on Wednesday, Sept. 18th from 11 am - 1 pm in the Pride Center.
- The Pride Center will also host the film, Kenya, on Thursday, September 26th in the Pride Center.
- Save the date for the 2024 Student Advocacy Fair to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16th from 10 am - 2 pm on the Quad.
- Save the date for the 2025 Cultural Unity Week, April 14th - 18th 2025 and the Annual Festival of Colors, slated for Thursday, April 17th time, TBA.
- The next CDAIE meeting will be Friday, Oct. 4th from 9 am - 11 am via zoom"

- b. *Other Committee Reports*:

- Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC): Michelle Rodriguez provided a report.

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. *President Elect:* Mary Gwin (No Report)

b. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"Academic Senate Vice President Veronica Gerace has not received a response from all committee chairs regarding their updated membership for this academic year. Please remind your committee chairs to reply. There is great need for faculty representation on some committees (e.g. the District Technology Committee, the Mesa Safety Committee, and others). Please represent faculty interests and advocate for students by serving in these ways. If you are no longer serving on a committee, please let the committee chairperson know. A different committee will be featured each month with the call for participation."

c. *Secretary:* Vacant

d. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- Our account balances are \$3,498.81 in checking and \$1,036.17 in savings.
- Please consider increasing your monthly SDMC AS Faculty Dues in Peoplesoft to support our scholarships.

e. Senator at Large – One Year Term: Ryan Mongelluzzo

As reported by Ryan Mongelluzzo:

"Hi, everyone I'm Ryan Mongelluzzo, your new Senator at Large for this year. Traditionally this role acts as an avenue to approach the Senate when their own department's senator(s) are not the best fit. Tell your faculty to feel free to reach out (rmongell@sdccd.edu). Some relevant history about myself: I've spent time on CDAIE, and have been a scheduling Chair and assistant Chair for the Anthropology program and Behavioral Sciences department for a number of years. I think you can see what types of issues I might be best suited for, but any and all contact is welcome. Looking forward to the year!"

f. Senator at Large – Two Year Term: Vacant

g. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant

h. *President:* Andrew Hoffman

As reported by Andrew Hoffman:

"Welcome to all returning and new senators and officers. We have a lot of work ahead of us this year.

- We held a Senate Retreat on Wednesday, August 14, the day before convocation. Many of you were there, and I thank you for your participation. We did some brainstorming about areas that we are likely to focus on this year.
1. First and arguably the most important will be our response to the accreditation report. For those who having been blissfully living under a rock, Mesa College was reaffirmed for 18 months. The accrediting committee gave us some commendations, but the reality is this was a far cry from what we were hoping for – a seven-year renewal of our accreditation. There are really two major criticisms: faculty syllabi either lack the Outcomes or have incorrect ones; and, there is no established process for responding when benchmarks have not been met.
 - a. The principal problem is with Outcomes and Assessment. Simply put, we have not had enough compliance. We can talk about why there was a lack of buy-in until we're blue in the face, but the reality now is that we need to change. That includes more faculty buy-in. The first step should be the easiest: Faculty need to put Course Learning Outcomes into their syllabi. That is a fundamental responsibility of all faculty. This raises the issue of where to find the CLOs. Right now, the CLOs are in Nuventive. Department chairs need to make sure the CLOs there are correct, and make sure that information is distributed to faculty in their departments. Then, assessments have to take place. Our percentages of compliance with this are shockingly low: we have assessments for just slightly more than 10% of our courses. We have nearly 90% to go!
 - b. In the long run, the CLOs will be in the COR, but with the recent change over from Curricunet to CurriQUNET Meta, that has proven unreliable. The district office will be manually taking the CLOs from Nuventive and entering them into CurriQUNET. This will happen 3 times a year.

- c. The Outcomes Coordinator Liza Rabinovich and the Committee on Outcomes Assessment (COA) will be getting the word spread across campus. Another issue is training, and while training on Nuventive and Outcomes Assessment has been made available, the reality is they have not been well attended. We hope to change that in the upcoming year.
 - d. Liza and I will be presenting to the Committee of Chairs this Wednesday.
 - e. We will also need to establish how departments will respond when and if assessments show that certain benchmarks have not been met.
- Campus safety was another issue raised at the retreat. Senators expressed a desire for a better plan of communication across campus when a crisis or emergency event occurs. Faculty involvement in the develop of these plans is essential.
 - The district is involved in piloting new hiring processes. This has already started at the district office and Miramar College. We want to know more about what's happening, what the goals are, and how those goals will be measured.
 - We also talked about continuing the dialogue about Artificial Intelligence. There is a need for a better understanding of AI and its effect in the classroom environment but also for workplace issues. This conversation is on-going, and we may be faced with the question of whether we want some sort of District-wide policy. Different disciplines may have different ideas about what is acceptable or unacceptable use of AI; it likely will differ by instructor as well. If a policy is drafted, the Senate must be fully involved.
 - Other issues raised at the retreat included adjunct faculty's working conditions, a desire for decorum at Senate meetings, and following up on statewide efforts to help our STEM students succeed by revisiting the effects of how AB 1705 is being implemented.

On other issues:

- I want to support the call for participation on committees. Please get the word out to all faculty. I know that a relatively small percentage of the faculty are doing a huge portion of the work of participatory governance. If not, we wind up with committees that are not staffed by faculty, and thus no participatory governance.
- If you haven't heard yet, a new policy has been created at the statewide level to delete all Zoom recordings created before July 31, 2024, will. Faculty are encouraged to save any Zoom recordings by transferring files to other storage areas (e.g., a hard drive). This policy will begin October 1, 2025, and there will be a 30-day grace period.
- Manuel Velez is not here today, but he will be serving as the AS parliamentarian this year."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** SDMC is celebrating our 60th Anniversary with events throughout fall 2024. ([LINK](#))
- B.** The Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) Zoom FLEX Workshop # 25444 is September 10, 2024 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM.
- C.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is September 23, 2024 @ 2:20PM in room MC 211 A/B.
- D.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is September 16, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.
- E.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is September 11, 2024 @ 2:30PM in room MC 211 A/B.
- F.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) Meeting is September 19, 2024 in room LRC 435 @ 2:15PM .
- G.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is September 16, 2024 @ 2:30PM in room A117.
- H.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is September 18 2024 @ 2:00PM in room A117.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20PM.
Move to Adjourn:

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS: September 23, 2024