



**San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)**  
**Academic Senate (AS)**  
**Academic Affairs (AA) Committee**  
**April 3, 2023**  
**4:15PM – 5:30PM**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Chair Dave “Das” Odasso, Dean Linda Hensley, Gail Bachman, Lisa Burgert, Miriam Pacheco, Leslie Seiger and Ngoc “Kim” Tran and guests Marisa Alioto and Veronica Gerace

**Absent:**

Sean Ricketts (Excused) and Oscar V. Torres

**I. Call to Order & Attendance by Chair Dave “Das” Odasso @ 4:18PM.**

**II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:** Approved without Changes

**III. Guest:**

**A. Dr. Veronica Gerace – Resolution (Constitutional Updates - Duties of the SDMC AS Committee on Elections):**

1. Have a plan in place to recruit qualified candidates for each year’s SDMC AS election of Executive Members.
2. Inform Faculty about the important role of the Academic Senate and the Academic Senate Executive Committee Members at San Diego Mesa College.
3. Conduct formal “Sense of the Faculty” surveys about important issues.

**IV. Review of Draft Minutes:** March 13, 2023

Motion to Approve:

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**V. Guided Pathways Report:** Marisa Alioto

As reported by Marisa Alioto:

“College of Continuing Education:

CCE Mesa Day was held on March 15th, and over 75 students from our College of Continuing Education gathered to learn more about Mesa College. Participants enjoyed welcome messages from Dean Miller, VP O’Connor and CCE President Dr. Tina King and sessions on paying for college, student and academic supports, and career education and planning. In addition to these informative sessions students toured the campus with special stops at Culinary and Fashion and then enjoyed a resource fair, lunch, and gelato from our own Culinary team. Much appreciation goes to Trina Larson, Cat Prindle and Karla Trutna who helped make this event a success! Stay tuned for next year’s edition of CCE Mesa Day!

Academic and Career Pathways: Education and Guidance ACP:

Fresh off tabling at Club Rush, the Education & Guidance ACP are focused on two spring events at which they will promote this pathway for interested students:

April 17, 2023: The Education & Guidance Gala will take place from 11am-1pm in MC 211A/B. Attendees are invited to learn about programs and disciplines in the Education & Guidance ACP. No registration is required, walk-ins are welcomed, and lunch will be provided!

April 21, 2023: At the Future Educators Summit (Teacher Education), high school students will come to Mesa to obtain information about pathways in Education. Participants will include our Teacher Education students, four-year partner institutions, and K-12 feeder district reps.

This subgroup is also considering a roadshow presentation in May that can potentially partner with the Math, Science & Engineering ACP to inform students about teaching opportunities, as there is currently a shortage in those areas.

#### Academic and Career Pathways: Math, Science & Engineering ACP:

This subgroup is identifying best practices for communicating events to ensure that the reach is wide and across different areas. The Office of Communications helped clarify marketing processes as they relate to social media, Visix, campus calendar, etc. to advertise ACP events to the campus community.

#### Mesa Success Coaches (formerly SST):

The SST pilot continues, and a communication for the month of March was sent to participants. The focus of the SST workgroup is to scale up for the 23-24 academic year, and will now be referred to "Mesa Success Coaches". Based on the available funding, the 23-24 program will be run on a volunteer basis, and the available funds will be used for swag, food, and resources to benefit the students who participate. A recruitment plan and materials are being created, and outreach to different departments for support and participation is in the works.

#### Data Coaching:

The Data Coaching workgroup continues to update module content for their Canvas Shell to include activities in early modules ("Learning Coaches"), modifications to existing modules ("Emerging Coaches") for self-paced work, and the creation of an advanced module ("Confident Coaches") that will walk seasoned coaches through a complete project.

#### Onboarding and Career Exploration:

Work continues on the Mesa Launchboard: A Career Exploration Guide, and a first full draft review will soon be underway. Mesa Journeys 3000 updates are also in the works, and latest version will be previewed at a future MPC meeting, with plans for student focus groups to provide additional feedback.

#### Technology:

This workgroup is identifying additional resources to add to the ACP web pages, which will likely include information related to relevant clubs, campus centers, career information and other resources identified by programs within the various ACPs. The Office of Communications is also developing videos to promote the ACPs.

#### Pathways Fellows:

The Fellows played an integral role in working with the MOST team to assist in the launch of the pilot for Mesa's OnRamp to Online, where the Fellows were an active resource for students enrolled in the course. The Fellows not only provided personalized feedback and encouragement, they drafted weekly announcements with important information for student retention, achievement and compensation. The Fellows also provided guidance by responding to discussion board comments, "grading" student assignments and helping them to complete the course. The Fellows also assisted our Education & Guidance ACP subgroup by hosting a booth at Club Rush to not only discuss this ACP, but provide general information about all Academic and Career Pathways at Mesa College.

#### Credit for Prior Learning:

CPL recently met with the lead from the department of English and Dean to begin a review process for ENGL 101 and military articulation. 2 information sessions to provide clarity on the CPL process are in the planning phases, dates are TBD. A lab has been added to the approved practical credit by exam options for CACM 206B, however, they are waiting for district and curriculum approval to move forward with the first exam (3 students are awaiting approval). Additionally, CPL met with Aquatics Director Jim Fegan and Exercise Science department chair Nathan Resch to discuss two courses and a certification through ARC.

Call for Members: Pathways Workgroups and Project Teams:

If you are interested in becoming involved in a Pathways workgroup or project team, please reach out to Marisa Alioto ([malimoto@sdccd.edu](mailto:malimoto@sdccd.edu)) or to Howard Eskew ([heskew@sdccd.edu](mailto:heskew@sdccd.edu)).

Next MPC Meeting: Our next MPC meeting will take place on March 22nd from 12:45 - 2:15pm (meetings are held online via Zoom). Our next Mesa Pathways Working Meeting will take place on April 12th from 12:45 - 2:15pm online via Zoom.

*To learn more about Mesa Pathways: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/mesa-pathways/>*

**VI. Spring 2023 Mesa College and SDCCD Meetings: Reports**

**A. Academic Senate:** March 20, 2023 (Chair Das Odasso)

1. Accreditation Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER): Acting Dean of Institutional Effectiveness Hai Hoang and Professor Lisa Shapiro (Second Reading)
  - a. Approved by the SDMC AS with the removal of the two (2) timeline items that stated the draft document was presented to the SDMC AS prior to March 2023.
  - b. The SDMC AS received a two (2) page summary of the ISER from document from ISER author Professor Lisa Shapiro.
2. SDMC AS President John Crocitti reported the spring 2023 election results.
3. Resolution 2023.3.1 – “Nuventive” Software (Replacement for TaskStream”) Canvas Shell Data Mining.
  - a. Approved with friendly amendments.

**B. Committee of Chairs (CoC):** March 22, 2023

1. SDMC AS President John Crocitti and Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari reported that SDMC may apply for the Native American Support and Success Program Grant.
  - a. Dean Pearl Ly is leading the effort.
2. Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari reported there was an announcement during the last Deans’ Council Meeting that the Reassigned Time Calculation Formula for Department Chairs will change after the new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) is ratified.

**C. President’s Cabinet (PCab):** March 21, 2023

1. Kim Tran has Chair Das Odasso’s proxy for the spring 2023 PCab meetings and provided a report from the March 21<sup>st</sup> PCab meeting.

**D. Senate Executive Committee:** April 3, 2023

1. President John Crocitti provided a report from the Academic Senate for California Community College (ASCCC) Area D meeting that took place on Saturday.
2. The committee reviewed the draft copy of Resolution 2023.4.1 – Proposed Constitutional Changes (Committee on Elections) that was developed by Dr. Veronica Gerace and the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee.
3. Professional Advancement Committee Chair Janna Braun reported on the 2023 – 2024 sabbatical award recipients.

**VII. Old Business:**

**A. ChatGPT:**

1. Chair Dave "Das" Odasso:
  - a. Das Odasso reported that we invited current Learning Resource/Academic Support (LRAS) Department Chair Alison Gurganus to attend a spring 2023 meetings to discuss ChatGPT.
    - Alison Gurganus has tentatively agreed to attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee meeting.
  - b. Das Odasso also reported that he has been receiving feedback from Faculty from UC Davis and the University of Chicago about their experiences with their Students using ChatGPT.
    - UC Davis Faculty reported to Das that they have had to report Students to administration for using ChatGPT to complete their class assignments.
2. Ngoc "Kim" Tran:
  - a. Kim Tran reported the Khan Academy started using ChatGPT for online mathematics tutoring.

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. Resolution 2023.4.1 - Constitutional Updates - Duties of the SDMC AS Committee on Elections:** Dr. Veronica Gerace and the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee

1. Dr. Gerace is our guest today and discussed the resolution with the committee.  
Motion to move the resolution forward to the April 10<sup>th</sup> SDMC AS Agenda with changes to item #6:

**M/S**

Burgert/Hensley

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**IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:** None

**X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting:** April 17, 2023 ([Spring 2023 Meeting Schedule](#))

**XI. Adjournment @ 5:08PM:**

Motion to adjourn:

**M/S**

Burgert/Bachman

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Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee: April 17, 2023