



**San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)**  
**Academic Senate (AS)**  
**Academic Affairs Committee**  
**December 5, 2022**  
**4:15PM – 5:30PM**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Chair Mary Gwin, Lisa Burgert, Amanda Johnston, Dave “Das” Nugent Odasso, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, Leslie Seiger, Ngoc “Kim” Tran and Guests Marisa Alioto and Veronica Gerace

**Absent:**

Dean Linda Hensley and Oscar V. Torres

**I. Call to Order & Attendance by Chair Mary Gwin @ 4:17PM:**

**II. Guest:**

**A. Dr. Veronica Gerace – Committee on Elections (Proposed Amendments to the SDMC AS Constitution):**

1. Add a requirement for the Committee on Elections to provide timely election information to SDMC Faculty to the list of the Committee on Elections’ duties.
2. Add a requirement for the Committee on Elections’ to develop and share a plan of action to bring in well-qualified candidates to the list of the Committee on Elections’ duties.
3. Add a requirement for the Committee on Elections to make an announcement about the spring election each year during the first spring SDMC AS meeting to the list of the Committee on Elections’ duties.
4. Hold a test run to ensure the lists of San Diego Mesa College Adjunct and Contract Faculty Members submitted to the District Dean of Student Services by the Office of the Mesa College Vice President of Instruction (VPI) are accurate.
  - a. We need to find out if any Faculty Member is not receiving emailed information about elections.
5. Mary Gwin reported she will take up the issue in fall 2023 if the Academic Affairs Committee cannot work on the issue during spring 2023.

**III. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:**

**A. Additions to Agenda and Member Suggestions Welcomed:** Approved without changes.

**IV. Review of Draft Minutes:** November 14, 2022 (Approved without changes.)

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

As reported by Marisa Alioto:

“Technology Workgroup:

The San Diego Mesa College (*student-facing*) Academic and Career Pathways (ACP) webpages are now live. By using these web pages – dedicated to each of Mesa’s nine (9) Academic and Career Pathways - students can explore the Academic programs, degrees & certificates, resources and career options within each Pathway. This is the first round of deployment, with more updates to come. This workgroup is also working with MPC and the Mesa Pathways Leadership Team to identify a technology solution to consistently format and update program maps on our website.

### Onboarding and Career Exploration:

OCE continues to do amazing work in the creation of a digital Viewbook. Most recently, a vendor has been hired for design, and a subgroup is working to draft content and the theme, and identify image and video needs. OCE is proud to share [Mesa Journeys 3000](#), an updated version of Mesa Journeys, which has been presented to various stakeholders for feedback. A "home page" for Web App has also been drafted where students can see where they are on their journey, as well as access resources. Lastly, the in-house [Career Compass](#) tool has been completed and is currently being included in all outreach presentations, Reg Fest, and the plan is to embed this tool in the digital Viewbook and Mesa Journeys.

### College of Continuing Education:

The CCE workgroup continues their work in the creation of College Connection videos and have asked members of their workgroup to be part of these important videos. The goal is to film faculty and classified professionals to represent various departments. Once these videos are created, they will be promoted with CCE campuses, their faculty, and on the CCE webpage. Additionally, CCE at Mesa Day will take place on Wednesday, March 15th from 8:30am-12:30pm. The planning has officially begun and students from CCE will be invited for presentations, classroom demonstrations and a resource fair.

### Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):

We are eager to announce that the CPL workgroup has a new lead, Tonya Whitfield. Tonya will be presenting a brief update to the Academic Senate of the progress on the CPL process, and offer continued support for faculty to start the process in their school/programs. The workgroup will also work to set goals for intersession and spring semester, including the creation of flyers and videos to present during school flex meetings. The group will also continue collaboration with CPL efforts at City and Miramar to identify aligned courses to begin joining efforts by scheduling a meeting in early-January with CPL leads to start the conversation.

### Student Success Teams (SST):

The Student Success Team continues to communicate on a bimonthly basis with students in the pilot cohort. Recent communications have focused on registration for Spring 2023, encouraging students to meet with a counselor, register in at least 12 units at designated appointment times, and encourage registration in transfer-level math and English. The workgroup also reviewed mid semester data on the effectiveness of their interventions and is developing a survey to administer to the pilot cohort at the end of fall semester to further evaluate the effectiveness of their interventions.

### Data Coaches:

The Fall 2022 Data Coaching pilot program successfully trained three data coaches over the course of the semester. A participant survey was conducted to collect feedback and improve the program in the future. A report recapping the pilot program is available here: [Link to DC Debrief Document](#). Additionally, the Data Coaching workgroup is in the process of planning for spring 2023. Plans include the creation of additional modules for the Canvas Shell to accommodate Levels 1 & 3 for beginners and participants ready for advanced content, modifying some of the content to reduce meetings and facilitate self-pacing, and working on a marketing strategy to recruit participants, including finding opportunities to explain the purpose of the program and how taking the course can contribute to equity work in various departments across campus.

### ACP Workgroup:

The ACP Workgroup met for a mini-retreat on Friday, December 2nd to discuss and better understand the scope of the work, determine what priorities to focus on, and to begin planning and implementation for spring semester in the form of action plans and monthly activities. The group determined that its work will be centered around two ACPs: Education & Guidance and Engineering, Math & Sciences.

### Pathways Fellows:

The Pathways Fellows have had a busy semester connecting with Mesa students and participated in our Club Rush ACP Event in September, as well as coordinated the Student Leadership Summit in October, which focused on creating media and destigmatizing services for students with disabilities. They have also contributed helpful information to the Onramp to Online Learning Canvas shell, specifically the time management module, which is scheduled to launch in January, 2023. The Fellows have also added to their Student Stories playlist, which are focused on the student experience and their journey through higher education. You can follow the work of the Pathways Fellows on Instagram and TikTok.

### 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 ([malieto@sdccd.edu](mailto:malieto@sdccd.edu)) or to Howard Eskew ([heskew@sdccd.edu](mailto:heskew@sdccd.edu)).

*Note: The [MesaPathways@sdccd.edu](mailto:MesaPathways@sdccd.edu) email address is currently inactive. If you have sent an email to this address since August, 2022, please resend the email to either of the Mesa Pathways Co-Coordinators.*

Next MPC Meeting: Our final Mesa Pathways Meeting for the fall semester is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th from 12:45 - 2:15 pm (meetings are held online via Zoom)

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

## **VI. Upcoming Spring 2023 Mesa College and SDCCD Meetings:** Reports from Chair Mary Gwin

### **A. Academic Senate:** December 12, 2022

1. Second Reading: Resolution 2022.11.1 – Processes for the California Virtual College (CVC): Rob Fremland
2. First Reading: Resolution 2022.12.1 – FHP Rubric: Rob Fremland
  - a. President Elect Andrew Hoffman will work with Rob Fremland to prepare the resolution for New Business.
    - “Nuventive” Software Issues – No training has been provided to the Program Review Lead Writers.
    - Dean Hensley reported School Deans are also under pressure with the short time line.
3. First Reading: Resolution 2022.12.2 - Proposed Revisions to SDMC AS Constitution Section 6 – Removal of Officers:  
SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee

### **B. Committee of Chairs (CoC):** February 8, 2023

### **C. President’s Cabinet:** December 6, 2022

### **D. Senate Executive Committee:** December 5, 2022 (2:30PM – 4:00PM)

### **E. Senate Executive Officers Meeting with President Hands and the Mesa College Vice Presidents:** November 30, 2022

1. The FHP Rubric created by PIEC was approved in the reverse order of the established process.

### **F. Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting:** December 15, 2022

**VII. Old Business:** Chair Mary Gwin

**A. Draft Revisions of San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) Academic Senate (AS) Constitution:**

1. Resolution 2022.12.1 - Proposed Changes to the SDMC AS Constitution Section 6 – Process for the Removal of Senate Executive Officers:
  - a. Judy Sundayo has asked for wording changes to the proposed resolution to provide some clarifications.
    - The Academic Affairs Committee supports Judy Sundayo's proposed changes.

**B. Faculty Hiring Prioritization (FHP) Rubric Rejected by SDMC AS During Fall 2022:**

1. Approved by the SDMC AS on November 28, 2022 with only 10 votes of approval.
  - a. Five (5) members disapproved and 13 members abstained from the vote.
    - President John Crocitti confirmed that the vote is legitimate with the SDMC AS Parliamentary and other resources.

**C. CA Virtual Campus CVC Presentation:** [Dean Brian Weston's November 9, 2022 Committee of Chairs Presentation](#)

1. November 28, 2022 SDMC AS Meeting Vice Chancellor Susan Topham & Dean Brian Weston:
  - a. As more California Community Colleges become Home Colleges in the consortium, issues arise.
  - b. Chair Amanda Johnston's Comments Regarding the CVC During a November 2022 Committee of Chairs Meeting:  
As reported by Amanda Johnston:  
"I mentioned that I would be concerned about students who take courses with a lab such as Anatomy/Physiology in an online format and Mesa accepts them as a transfer course. This is because if the course is a prerequisite for a program and the program does not accept online labs then the student would not have met the prerequisite. Students may not be aware of this unless they speak to a counselor or a program directly and this could cause confusion and delay in the completion process for students."
  - c. Chair Mary Gwin reported Rob Fremland's resolution is trying to mitigate the issues Amanda Johnston brought up. (The majority of Chemistry Department Faculty do not want to accept prerequisite courses completed online at another college.)
  - d. Leslie Seiger agrees with Chemistry Faculty.
    - Students need to be prepared. (We can go on the record.)
  - e. Kim Tran asked who is responsible if a Student sues our district because the acceptance of distance education course credit by San Diego Mesa College prevents the Student from being prepared.
    - What if a Student is not accepted at a four-year institution because they completed courses online?

**VIII. New Business:** None

**IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:**

- A.** Congratulations to Dave "Das" Nugent Odasso for receiving the 2022 Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) Wyman-Howe coaching award!

**X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting:** February 6, 2023

**XI. Adjournment @ 5:17PM.**

Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the Academic Affairs Committee: February 6, 2023