

**San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)
Academic Senate (AS)
Academic Affairs Committee
November 6, 2023
Room A117
4:15PM – 5:30PM
MINUTES**

Present:

Chair Mary Gwin, Dean Linda Hensley, Gail Bachman, Lisa Burgert, David "Das" Odasso, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, Leslie Seiger, Ngoc "Kim" Tran and Guests Marisa Alioto and Counseling Department Intern Alondra Osuna

I. Call to Order & Welcome by Chair Mary Gwin @ 4:20PM

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Seiger/Burgert

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III. Guest: None

IV. Review of Draft Minutes: October 16, 2023

Move to Approve with a Change from Leslie Seiger:

M/S

Seiger/Hensley

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V. Guided Pathways Report: Alioto

As reported by Marisa Alioto:

"Academic and Career Pathways (ACPs):

Many thanks to the departments who submitted updates to their placement, as academic programs may now be placed in up to three Academic and Career Pathways. Mesa Pathways Leadership Team is now in the process of updating these programs listings, which will be reflected on the Academic and Career Pathways website by late-November:

<https://www.sdmesa.edu/academics/v2/academic-career-pathways/index.shtml> .

These ACP updates will also be submitted to the district so that these changes can be reflected in the updates to CCCApply. In future terms, incoming students will be able to select their major via ACP in CCCApply.

Mesa Success Coaches:

The Mesa Success Coaches Halloween Mixer took place on Tuesday, October 31st from 1-3pm in the Mesa Quad, which included games and a costume contest. This event provided an opportunity for Mesa Success Coaches and their students to get to know one another in person. There were also tables for the Academic and Career Pathways so students could learn more about the degrees and certificates Mesa has to offer. While this event was built around the Mesa Success Coaches program, all members of the campus community were encouraged to attend.

Many thanks to Ian Duckles for coordinating this event with the support of the Mesa Success Coach workgroup members: Gina Abbate and Leslie Shimazaki.

Next Mesa Pathways Committee Meeting: Our next MPC Meeting will take place on November 8th from 12:45 - 2:15pm (meetings are held 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: Met on October 23, 2023.

1. First reading of the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee's report on Generative Artificial Intelligences (AI).
 - a. The paper was well-received, but unfortunately the research is already outdated.
 - b. The second reading is on November 13th.

B. Committee of Chairs (CoC): Met on October 25, 2023 Meeting

C. President's Cabinet: Met on October 17, 2023 Meeting

D. Senate Executive Committee: Met Today

1. Current Committee on Elections Chair Scott Suarez requested revisions to the SDMC AS Constitution regarding the process for filling vacancies on the SDMC AS Committee on Elections.
 - a. The constitution needs to be updated to indicate that a current member of the Committee on Elections must vacate their position before they can run for a position on the SDMC Senate Exec Committee.
 - Leslie Seiger volunteered to co-author the resolution to update the constitution.
 - The person who vacated their position on the Committee on Elections to run for office will only be able to return to their previous position on the committee if their vacancy has not been filled.
2. It is very difficult to recruit Faculty to fill SDMC AS Exec Committee positions.
 - a. Current SDMC AS Exec Committee vacancies: Reassigned Time is not available for any of these positions.
 - Secretary
 - Senator at Large (Two Positions)
 - Career Technical Education (CTE) Liaison
 - b. There was a suggestion during today's SDMC AS Exec Committee meeting to combine the Secretary and Treasurer positions. ("Securer"?)

E. Senate Executive Officers Meeting with President Hands and the Mesa College Vice Presidents: TBD

F. SDCCD Board of Trustees (BOT): The BOT will meet at SDMC on November 9th.

VII. Old Business:

A. Possible Fall 2023 SDMC Academic Affairs (AA) Committee Project/Research Topic: Gwin

1. Develop a Faculty Survey to find out the reasons SDMC Faculty Members are not running for SDMC AS Exec positions.
 - a. Conduct the survey during the Spring 2024 Convocation.
 - Provide an opportunity drawing entry for Faculty Members who complete the survey.

B. Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS) Student Accommodations Protocols: Gwin

1. DSPS Chair Erik Higginbotham and DSPS Counselor Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra responded to some of the Academic Affairs Committee's questions that were submitted in advance during the October 23, 2023 SDMC AS meeting.
 - a. Mary Gwin reported there have been new legislative actions that have increased the forms of accommodation that Students can request.

C. SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee report on Generative AI: 2nd Reading – November 13, 2023 AS Meeting

1. The SDMC AS will vote whether to accept our report on November 13th.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership: None

X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting: November 27, 2023

XI. Adjournment @ 5:32PM.

Move to Adjourn:

M/S

Odasso/Bachman

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS AA Committee: November 27, 2023