

San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)
Academic Senate (AS)
Academic Affairs Committee
October 16, 2023
Room A117
4:15PM – 5:30PM
MINUTES

Present: Chair Mary Gwin, Dean Linda Hensley, Gail Bachman, Lisa Bergert, David "Das" Odasso, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, and Ngoc "Kim" Tran

Absent: Leslie Seiger

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

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:

Move to Approve:

M/S: Burgert/Odasso

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III. Guest: None

IV. Review of Draft Minutes: October 2, 2023

Move to Approve:

M/S: Burgert/Bachman

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V. Guided Pathways Report: No Report

VI. Mesa College and SDCCD Meetings: Gwin

A. Academic Senate: October 9, 2023 Meeting

1. There was a robust discussion about the Mesa Pathways Academic & Career Pathways (ACPs).

B. Committee of Chairs (CoC): October 11, 2023 Meeting

1. There was a robust discussion about the Mesa Pathways Academic & Career Pathways (ACPs).
2. Chemistry Assistant Department Chair Paula Gustin reported that AB 1705 (Removal of Intermediate Algebra Requirement) will have a big impact on Chemistry and other SDMC programs.

C. President's Cabinet: October 3, 2023 Meeting

D. Senate Executive Committee: Met Today

1. SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee (Mary Gwin/Lisa Burgert/Das Odasso) will develop and conduct a Faculty survey during the spring 2024 convocation to find out the reason Contract Faculty Members are not volunteering to fill the following SDMC AS Executive Committee positions. (Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into an opportunity drawing.) The Positions Do Not Receive Reassigned Time.
 - a. Secretary
 - b. Senator at Large (Two (2) Positions)
 - c. Career Technical Education (CTE) Liaison
2. Academic & Career Pathways (ACPs):
 - a. Discussion about the increase from two (2) to three (3) ACP limit for each program.

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

F. SDCCD Board of Trustees (BOT): Next Meeting - October 19, 2023 (San Diego City College)

VII. Old Business:

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

1. Develop a Faculty Survey for the Spring 2024 Convocation: Reasons We Cannot Fill Four (4) SDMC AS Exec Positions.
 - a. Discussion during October 16, 2023 SDMC AS Executive Committee.
 - b. Chair Mary Gwin, Lisa Burgert and Das Odasso will develop the Faculty Survey.

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

1. DSPS Chair Erik Higginbotham will answer questions regarding the district's DSPS Student Accommodation Protocols during the October 23, 2023 SDMC AS meeting.
2. Chair Mary Gwin has forwarded the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee's questions to Erika Higginbotham.
3. Chair Mary Gwin will send an additional question regarding DSPS Student Accommodations for online and lab classes to Erika Higginbotham.
4. Kim Tran wants to know the process the DSPS Counselors goes through to determine if a Student qualifies for a special accommodation.

VIII. New Business:

- A. The SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee's research paper on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be a New Business item on the October 23rd SDMC AS Meeting Agenda for a first reading.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership: None

X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting: November 6, 2023

XI. Adjournment @ 5:19PM:

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: Odasso/Pacheco

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee: November 6, 2023