

San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)
Academic Senate (AS)
Academic Affairs Committee
September 18, 2023
 Room A117
 4:15PM – 5:30PM
MINUTES

Present: Chair Mary Gwin, Dean Linda Hensley, Gail Bachman, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, Ngoc “Kim” Tran and Guest SDMC Counseling Intern Alondra Osuna

Absent: Lisa Burgert (Excused), David “Das” Odasso (Excused) and Leslie Seiger (Excused)

I. Call to Order & Welcome by Chair Mary Gwin @ 4:21PM.

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:

Motion to Approve:

M/S: Ricketts/Tran

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III. Guest: None

IV. Review of Draft Minutes: August 18, 2023

Motion to Approve:

M/S: Ricketts/Pacheco

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V. Guided Pathways Report: Alioto

As reported by Marisa Alioto:

“Academic and Career Pathways: Call for Participation

Your Academic and Career Pathway (ACP) needs YOU to help implement a greater sense of community for students in your ACP with equity impact. Our Academic and Career Pathways are designed to help students explore related programs in areas that interest them and connect students to relevant resources and support.

Check out our ACPs here: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/academics/v2/academic-career-pathways/>

Join us to learn more! The ACP Workgroup meets bimonthly during our Mesa Pathways working meetings. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 27th from 12:45 - 2:15pm.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please reach out to Marisa Alioto (malioto@sdccd.edu) or to Howard Eskew (hskew@sdccd.edu).

Mesa Success Coaches:

Over the summer, the Mesa Success Coaches workgroup implemented their planned expansion of the Mesa Success Coaches Program, which included the following milestones:

- Recruitment of 35 coaches.
- Development of a Canvas shell for the coaches with templates for communication and a directory of campus resources.
- An orientation to onboard coaches.

With the start of the academic year, the program has formally begun, and with the help of the Office of Student Success and Equity, 220 students (and counting), all of whom self-identify as Black/African American or Latinx, have requested a coach. Due to the overwhelming demand, an additional 11 coaches have been recruited and oriented to the program in one on one meetings.

As of the end of Week 2, every student has been matched with a coach. Most coaches have been matched with five students, though some have more or fewer. All coaches have made initial contact with their students and success stories are already being reported! Coaches will meet as a cohort on a monthly basis to touch base, share insights and offer support.

Kudos to core workgroup members: Ian Duckles, Gina Abbiate, Pahua Vang and Leslie Shimazaki for their hard work to make this program a reality!

College of Continuing Education (CCE):

The College of Continuing Education Workgroup is working on details for a second CCE Day at Mesa, which will be held in Spring 2024.

Program videos for English and Math have been edited and the ESL video is in the process of being edited. Upon completion of all, these videos will be added to the newly revamped web page, the expected launch date is TBD.

The CCE Workgroup meetings are the first Friday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 am. If you are interested in the work of the CCE Workgroup, please contact Cat Prindle (cprindle@sdccd.edu) or Jen Park (jpark002@sdccd.edu) for additional information.

Next Mesa Pathways Working Meeting: Our next Mesa Pathways Working Meeting will take place on September 27th from 12:45 - 2:15pm (meetings are held online via Zoom).

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

VI. Upcoming Fall 2023 Mesa College and SDCCD Meetings: Gwin

A. Academic Senate: Next Meeting (September 25, 2023)

1. President Hands will be our guest:
 - a. Please send your questions to Mary Gwin.
2. Janue Johnson added "CBA Updates – FLEX Obligations Related to Enhancing Cultural Competence" to the September 25th SDMC AS agenda.

B. Committee of Chairs (CoC): Next Meeting (September 27, 2023)

C. President's Cabinet: Next Meeting (September 19, 2023).

1. Program Review cycle is back to the old cycle schedule.
2. Dean Hensley reported she has only heard positive feedback regarding "Nuventive".

D. Senate Executive Committee: Met Today

1. Please ask anyone who would like to fill one of the current Senate Executive Committee Vacancies to contact SDMC AS President Andrew Hoffman.
 - a. Secretary/Two (2) Senator at Large Positions/CTE Liaison.
 - Meetings every Monday.

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

F. SDCCD Board of Trustees (BOT): Met on September 14, 2023 (You can attend BOT meetings via Zoom.)

VII. Old Business:

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

1. Mary Gwin reported she began research on developing a campus wide statement regarding the use of Artificial Intelligences (AI).

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

1. Mary Gwin will send the Academic Affairs Committee's questions to DSPS Chair Erika Higginbotham.
2. Ambiguity is at the heart of Faculty's concerns and questions.
3. Making special accommodations for DSPS Students may prevent them from succeeding.
 - a. Special accommodations may not be available to them in the real world.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership: None

X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting: October 2, 2023

XI. Adjournment @ 5:32PM.

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: Pacheco/Ricketts

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Submitted by Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee: October 2, 2023