

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

President's Cabinet

May 20, 2025 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

1) CALL TO ORDER: Ashanti Hands, President

2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: President Hands shared the following updates:
1) The 2025-2026 California Budget May Revision was released and asked all to read the email from Chancellor Smith sent on May 14, 2025. It provides some brief bullet points and then detail on the impacts on the San Diego Community College District. Revenues are higher than projected, however there is still deficit that we are anticipating and a lot of uncertainty ahead. The COLA was reduced from 2.43% to 2.3% and it still excludes Strong Workforce and Student Equity and Achievement program funds. There was an increase in the enrollment growth funding to 2.35%; there were reductions with Rising Scholars, Credit for Prior Learning support and also a cut the one-time investment for a common ERP system and reduces the proposed investment funds for a common cloud data platform. There was a huge budget shift over the next three years to K-12 to support TK, taking funds from community colleges funding.

There is a lot of advocacy occurring statewide; individual colleges, different leagues, national organizations – the State Legislature must approve their budget by June 15, 2025 and then SDCCD will approve the tentative budget in June and adopt a budget in September.

2) Two things that SDCCD has recently done:
Assembly Bill 335 will provide grant funding for black-serving institutions. The District has created a video that advocates / supports this bill. A copy of the letter that was sent from CEOs working closely with the League and others across the State to determine key points in terms of how it is we want to interact with California Congressional delegations to see if we can get some movement. This bill will be tough to get passed and we need to work with all of our agencies to identify the severe financial aid cuts and the impact that it would have on our students. It speaks to the challenge of moving Pell Grant eligibility from 12 units per semester to 15 units, and also the elimination of TRIO programs and the impact.

3) CalMatters interview: A letter sent from the Office of Management and Budget to the Appropriations Committee chair and discussed the cuts being made to the non-defense Federal. In the document they highlight some earmarked funds that were given to San Diego Community College District, in particular San Diego Mesa College, in the amount of \$1.2 M. Information was provided on the funding supports students because in the letter it states we are inappropriately using funds by

Ashanti T. Hands, President

Chancellor's Message: California 2025-2026 Budget - May Revision – Email May 14, 2025:
https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Chancellor_Smith_email_California_2025-2026_Budget_%20May_Revision.pdf

Link to Video: SDCCD Supports Assembly Bill 335:
[SDCCD Supports Assembly Bill 335](#)

CCCCO and CCLC letter regarding *Reductions to Higher Education Programs in Reconciliation Bill and President's Budget*:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/CCCCO_CCLC_Ltr_support_of_SB%20335.pdf

not supporting students or things that would impact institutional change. Lucio Lira, Pride Center Coordinator, was part of the effort to provide information that student support is occurring. They are on campus and will attend the Lavender Celebration tonight to tell the story of what is happening on the Mesa College campus.

4) A reminder that we will be moving to the 4/10, Monday – Thursday schedule. It begins the week of June 2, 2025 and ends the week of August 8, 2025. Within this time period is the Juneteenth Holiday (June 19) which is a Thursday. Therefore, that week will only be a 3-day, 10 hours/day, workweek. July 4 is on a Friday, therefore, all can select an “in lieu of” date (must occur in the month of July and approved by your supervisor).

5) President Hands’ shared that this year the goals that she had set for herself:

1) Goals centered on the affirmation of the Mesa College accreditation – we have been working hard to position ourselves for that to occur.

2) Launching a second baccalaureate degree; we are still waiting as reviews are occurring. The instructional team is ready to go.

3) Strengthening emergency preparedness and campus safety. Jacqueline Collins, Matt Fay, and Lorenze Legaspi have done an exception job of making sure we have trainings, information posted, and ways for people to be involved and engaged. As things have occurred on campus the team got together and we are constantly refining our processes.

4) Successful Bond Campaign and 60th Anniversary Celebration: thank you to Leticia Diaz and team for leading those efforts with an incredible year of celebration. The District was able to successfully pass the Bond campaign. Lorenze will provide an update today on what to expect in that area.

5) Fundraising and relationship cultivation: There has been a lot of work through San Diego Foundation, working with differently architecture firms, held Taste of Mesa event where we were able to highlight/showcase what we do here to the community. There is an exciting new project that we will be sharing in the *Weekly Updates* but we will give you a little teaser here but there is an entire process of revitalizing the downtown area. We are excited about that because our Chancellor, Denise Rogers, Mesa Foundation, and Dr. Hands have been working together to figure out how we can bring World Arts into that revitalization. A press release was held on the partnership for this civic area.

6) Sustaining / enrollment management and budget transparency: VPA Legaspi has been providing budget updates, VPI O’Connor and team have done an excellent job with enrollment management in spite of what is occurring with BOTs. Mesa College is part of the

<p>CCCApply Pilot which includes how it is we address BOTs.</p> <p>b) Faculty Hiring Prioritization Final List:</p>	<p>FHP List (final ranking on page 3): https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/FHP_List_2025%20-2026%20_ATH_Final_Pcab_5-20-25.pdf</p>
3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE	
<p>a) Associated Students: AS Vice President, Mahro Hashimi, gave the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) AS is holding their summer picnic today in the Quad. The event include spinning wheels, prizes, and sweets. 2) Elections have ended and they have a full Senate for the upcoming academic year. 3) AS passed a Divestment Resolution which calls for establishing an ethical procurement committee that adheres to PES [policy on ethical spending] movements. It calls for institutional divestment for entities profiting from genocide and occupation. 4) A scavenger hunt was held in the Student Services building to assist students to learn the different departments. 5) The last AS meeting with the passing of the gavel will be held this Wednesday (May 21) 	<p>Mahro Hashimi, Vice President</p>
<p>b) Classified Senate: CS President, Ayana Woods, gave the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CS held a successful Classified Awards Ceremony on May 14, 2025. 2) CS held elections; President Ayana Woods Vice President: Alison Mona Treasurer: Eileen Hayward Senate Manager: Jennifer Phelps Member-at-Large: Thieny Trinh <p>They have one Senator from Administrative Services: Julian Arteaga; two Senators from Instruction: Ruth Sanfilippo, Alex Penrod</p> <p>c) CS is planning for a retreat and future events.</p>	<p>Ayana Woods, President</p>
<p>c) Academic Senate: AS President, Andrew Hoffman, gave the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) AS held its last meeting on May 12, 2025. IE Dean Hai Hoang and Liza Rabinovich, Faculty Outcomes coordinator attended to speak on the progress on the course learning outcomes and the ACCJC report. 2) The Senate approved the Black Student Success Instructional Recommendations. This was brought forward by Candace Katungi and Veronica Gerace. It will next be presented to Board of Trustees. 3) The Senate approved Resolution 2025.5.2. entitled: Calling on San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) to Affirm its 	<p>Andrew Hoffman, President</p>

Commitment to the Programs, Projects, Services, Committees, Learning Communities, Clubs and Personnel Supporting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA), brought forward by Judy Sundayo.

4) AS New Business: Resolution 2025.5.1 – Professional Development Funding. AS Old Business: they pulled two items: AB7211 Faculty Equivalency which is still being worked on (Miramar College has a last minute change.) The District GE Proposal is pushed back because Justin Estep was unable to be in attendance for the vote.

5) AS voted to support new language for questions for the student faculty evaluation questionnaire. This is a bargainable issue.

4) Institutional Reports

a) Rubric Discussion - Resource Request Rubric Weight Adjustment. VPI O'Connor, AS President Hoffman, and VPA Legaspi shared that each year they bring back to President's Cabinet feedback of the Rubric and how the sustainability component of the Rubric is hard to fit into the Faculty Hiring Priority reviews. The FHP Committee had that discussion and Andrew stated that a slight change was made in sustainability to lower the weight. The weights were previously equal – 20% across five categories. 25% equity, 25% excellence, 25% need, 20% innovations, and sustainability will be 5% in the future. The Rubric itself was not changed; only the weight that is given to different components. They thanks Michelle Rodriquez and the sustainability workgroup which helped them through the decision-making.

VPA Legaspi shared that for the Budget Allocation Recommendation Committee and Classified Hiring Priority Committee, similar logic and conversations were held, understanding that for BARC specifically environmental sustainability will now be weighted at .5% and everything else is weighted at 1% for the BARC and CHP moving forward.

b) Measure HH: Mesa College Phase 1. VPA Legaspi stated that in past meetings he shared that our first two projects of Bond Measure HH will be our Performing Arts and Administration Complex as well as our Athletics area and Complex. The presentation today is to speak on the projects and the timeliness / next steps.

Vice Chancellor Joel Peterson gave a presentation on the Measure HH for Mesa College which included the areas listed in Phase 1 with individual screens highlighting each area, the RFP Bid and Award timeline, points of stakeholder involvement, communication and coordination, and facility contacts and architect Lance Lareau.

Isabel O'Connor, Vice President, Instruction
Andrew Hoffman, President, Academic Senate
Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Admin. Services

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Joel Peterson, Vice Chancellor, Operations, Enterprise Services, and Facilities

Measure HH Mesa College – Phase 1 Presentation*:
https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Measure-HH_Mesa_College_Phase%201_Campus_Involvement_Pcab_5-20-25.pdf

c) Committee for Diversity, Action, Inclusion, and Equity (CDAIE): Dr. Judy Sundayo shared CDAIE information including celebrating the diversity of our students and employees, and diversity celebration day events and activities. Also shared were the members of the committee, their values/vision/mission, and services/ goals/ events, sub-committees, DEIA discussion guide and initial responses, and a video featuring CDAIE co-Chair Jorge Villalobos.

d) Fundraising and Grant-Seeking: Director Krista Stellmacher and Dr. Michael Lettieri, Project Analyst and Grants Lead, presented on fundraising (Mesa Giving Day, Spirit of Mesa campaign/events), and Grant-Seeking (current activities, landscape overview, goals/vision, and current supports).

Judy Sundayo, Chair, CDAIE

CDAIE Presentation:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/CDAIE_Pcab_Presentation_5-20-25.pdf

Video: Future Goals of CDAIE

Co-Chair, Professor Jorge Villalobos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOsXYjpPII0>

Krista Stellmacher, Director, Development and Entrepreneurship

Michael Lettieri, Project Analyst

Fundraising Together Presentation:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Fundraising_Together_2025-2026_Pcab_5-20-25.pdf

5) OPERATIONS

a) Instructional Updates: Vice President of Instruction, Isabel O'Connor, gave the following updates:

1) Our semester was strong and wrapping things up, summer has strong enrollment.

2) The District continues to scan and has modified the BOT report that we soon will get – it now comes on Thursday and they are working with colleagues in admissions and records whose Deans get those reports and then pass on the Chairs and Faculty. They appreciate the support from Student Services.

3) VPI O'Connor was asked to speak to the Board of Governors (BOG) today for a Statewide proposal to make some changes to fraud prevention – a three-step change. There is CCCApply which is the entryway into the system, then students enrolling in classes, and then fraud at the financial aid level. The Statewide Chancellor's Office is interested in tackling particularly the CCCApply so fraud does not come into our system. They have a three-step process to try to do this, the first one is to enhance AI capabilities with CCCApply, the second is greater ID authentication with CCCApply, The BOG has the authority to authorize those two changes. The third part of the plan from their office that Dr. O'Connor was asked to speak on is to implement a nominal fee for anyone who registers with CCCApply which will then be credited to the students. The first step in that is the BOG does not have the authority to implement any hike in fees; that has to go through the Legislature. Today's BOG meeting discussed moving that forward to get that authority. The CIO Board was fully onboard with that because we are getting flooded system-wide with BOTs so more needs to be done.

Isabel O'Connor, Vice President, Instruction

4) Dr. O'Connor recognized Dean Linda Hensley who is retiring as of June 30 and has been an amazing colleagues and partner.

b) Student Services Updates: Vice President of Student Services, Larry Maxey, gave the following updates:

1) There is no drop for non-payment for summer classes.

2) They are looking to transition into the Oracle platform to support our financial aid. Oracle is being supported primarily by District IT. In the interim they are looking at another product called HighPoint which will help in the transition into that Oracle implementation which is designed to really support the financial aid process. Our campus is concerned that this process is done correctly and not rushed, implemented but are not fully functional/capable. More information as we move forward.

3) The District is moving forward with the single sign-on in October implementation for all students. The concern are students who have not authenticated or have not logged into Canva – they are the ones that will have the major concern about the sign-on. For all students who have already done that, this will not be an issue as well as new incoming students. The District is developing a strict communication timeline and plan to communicate to students that these changes will occur.

4) Classified Hiring Prioritization Committee; VPSS Maxey will be the new administrator support and serving as co-chair along with Catherine Cannock who is the CHP Chair. The classified representative for this committee serves as the Chair, and VPSS Maxey serves as support to the work.

5) Nancy Cortés will give an update on the BSI process; we are moving on a quick timeline.

c) Administrative Services Updates: Vice President of Administrative Services, Lorenze Legaspi, stated a new Director of Administrative Services, Nicole Roesler, will start next week. She will be overseeing the budget and planning areas as well as Business Office support, our HR function, and student accounting. A welcome will be sent next week.

d) Institutional Effectiveness, Associate Dean Nancy Cortés and Faculty Outcomes Coordinator Liza Rabinovich presented updates on the Program Review timeline, the ACCJC Learning Outcomes compliance status and due dates for finalizing the report, adding evidence, writing process with the submission proposed to be sent on September 15, 2025 and ACCJC site visit tentatively held on October 27, 2025. Also included was information on the application for Black-Serving Institution Designation (SB 1348). There is a workgroup completing that application and due date is June 6, 2025.

Larry Maxey, Vice President, Student Services

Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Admin. Services

Nancy Cortés, Associate Dean, Institutional Effectiveness

IE Update Presentation:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/IE_Update_Pcab_5-20-25.pdf

Governance Election Results:

Academic Senate Executive:

President - Mary Gwin
Vice President – Veronica Gerace
Chair of Academic Affairs – Dave “Das” Odasso
Chair of Chairs -Ian Duckles
Immediate Past President – Andrew Hoffman

Classified Senate:

Executive Council:

President - Ayana Woods
Vice President - Alison Mona
Treasurer - Eileen Hayward
Senate Manager - Jennifer Phelps
Member at Large - Thieny Trinh

Senators:

Two (2) Administrative Services: Julian Arteaga; Vacant
Two (2) Instruction: Ruth Sanfilippo, Alex Penrod
Two (2) Student Services: Dustin Zeuske, Sadie Wager
One (1) Executive Offices: Vacant

Associated Students:

President - Jeremiah Palomino

Senate Positions:

Kaylee Stearns
Anneliese Russell
Antonina (Tonya) Trusova
Jonathan Fuller
Alexis Han
Jeremiah Tarvin
Alina Vasilenko
Cornor Alexander Jr.
Ramiah Wilson
Clara Cady-Deher
Casey Calkins
Elizabeth Fee
Tahjanae Summer

All-Campus Events:

Lavender Celebration: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., D-101
UMOJA Recognition Ceremony, Thursday, May 22, 2025, 4:00 p.m., I4-201
PTA Pinning Ceremony: Friday, May 23, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B
Commencement: Friday, May 30, 2025, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Merrill Douglas Stadium
Classicon: June 3-5, 2025

Spring 2025 Semester Pcab Meetings: 2/4, 2/18, 3.4, 4/18, 4/15, 5/6 (Pcab Retreat), 5/20

*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

2/4/25: Grants (W. Ray); HSI E-3 Curriculum Work Group: Success of AB 1705 Advocacy Effort (P. Gustin, D. Budzynski, J. Bernal)

2/18/25: 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan (L. Maxey; C. Rico)

3/4/25: BARC: First Reading (L. Legaspi); HSI Grant Report (T. Parsons)

3/18/25: BARC: Second Reading (L. Legaspi); FHP First Reading (I. O'Connor); AANHPI Student Achievement Program and Kapwa Learning Community (P. Guevarra)

4/15/25: FHP Second Reading (I. O'Connor); CEL/LOFT (J. Johnson, T. Williamson, K. Palacios, L. Howell); ACCJC Workgroup Draft First Reading (H. Hoang)

5/6/25: Pcab Retreat

5/20/25: Rubric Discussion (I. O'Connor; A. Hoffman); CDAIE (J. Sundayo); Grants Update (K. Stellmacher; M. Lettieri);

End-of-Semester Operations Updates

Note: The President's Cabinet full agendas with notes will be processed following each meeting and posted on the President's at: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/cabinet-documents.shtml>