



**San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)
Academic Senate (AS)
Academic Affairs Committee
May 1, 2023
Room A117
4:15PM – 5:30PM
Minutes**

Present:

Acting Chair David "Das" Odasso, Dean Linda Hensley, Gail Bachman, Miriam Pacheco, Sean Ricketts, Leslie Seiger and Ngoc "Kim" Tran

Absent:

Lisa Burgert (Excused) and Oscar V. Torres

I. Call to Order & Welcome by Chair Dave "Das" Odasso @ 4:18PM.

II. Review and Approval of Draft Agenda:

Motion to Approve:

M/S

Bachman/Seiger

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III. Guest:

A. Dr. Alison Gurganus (Department Chair – Learning Resources/Academic Support) – ChatGPT:

As reported by Alison Gurganus:

"Alison Gurganus, faculty librarian, visited the Academic Affairs committee to discuss ChatGPT and its implications in our teaching practice. She demonstrated the use of Chat GPT and introduced the [Library Resource Guide](#) that has been created to support faculty as they navigate this new landscape. The guide can be found at https://sdmesa.libguides.com/AI_In_The_Classroom."

1. Alison Gurganus recommends Faculty check out ChatGPT for themselves.
 - a. Your Students are already checking out ChatGPT.
2. Alison Gurganus reported she found a response on a job application that was clearly written by ChatGPT.
3. Have and honest conversation with your Students about AI software programs and get a sample of your Students' writing that they complete manually in class at the beginning of the semester.
 - a. The samples will help you recognize their actual writing styles.
4. ChatGPT is not good with references yet.
 - a. Require your Students to cite references from the SDMC Reference Database for their assignments.
5. The district, City College and Miramar College also have information about Artificial Intelligence (AI).
6. Our Students will end up using ChatGPT in their work.
7. Alison Gurganus is continuously conducting research in order to provide current information on AI to SDMC Faculty since AI is constantly changing.
8. It is complicated.
9. Faculty can guide Students to use AI software like ChatGPT appropriately for class assignments.
10. Acting Chair Das Odasso reported the following:
 - a. There will be a FLEX workshop on ChatGPT in the LRC on May 9, 2023 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM.
 - b. There are paraphrasing websites where you can upload your documents and ask the software to rewrite your document.
 - c. AI programs are currently not able to verify facts and information.
11. Please send your feedback about the SDMC Learning Resources/Academic Support Guide to Alison Gurganus @ agurganus@sdccd.edu.

- IV. Review of Draft Minutes:** April 17, 2023
Motion to Approve:
M/S Bachman/Seiger **UNANIMOUS**
- V. Guided Pathways Report:** Marisa Alioto (No Report)
- VI. Spring 2023 Mesa College and SDCCD Meetings:** Reports
- A. Academic Senate:** April 24, 2023
1. "Nuventive" Security Concerns:
 - a. Guests: Acting Chancellor Greg Smith/Vice Chancellor Susan Topham/Director Peter Maharaj/Acting Dean Hai Hoang of the SDMC Office of Institutional Effectiveness.
 - b. SDMC AS President John Crocitti expressed concerns about "Nuventive" Data Mining and Data Security.
 - c. Dean Linda Hensley reported SDMC Allied Health Faculty were able to include HPP protections in their contracts.
 - d. Dean Linda Hensley also reported the Faculty user group worked over the summer and the SDMC AS can partner with SDMC Institutional Research.
- B. Committee of Chairs (CoC):** April 26, 2023
1. Professor Gina Abbiate reported on CCAP Dual Enrollment for High School Students.
 2. Professor Ian Duckles reported on Mesa Success Coaches.
 3. The Department Chairs continued their discussion regarding Fraudulent Enrollment in spring 2023 second 8-week classes.
- C. President's Cabinet:**
1. April 18, 2023:
 - a. Retreat Scheduled for Tuesday (May 2, 2023) from 2:15PM - 5:00PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- D. Senate Executive Committee:** May 1, 2023
1. May 1, 2023:
 - a. Discussed data security concerns regarding "Nuventive" Software.
 - b. Discussed the need to raise monthly SDMC AS Faculty dues in order to fund Student scholarships.
 - c. Fall 2023 Senate Executive Vacancies: Secretary and Both Senator at Large positions are vacant.
- E. Senate Executive Officers Meeting with President Hands and the Mesa College Vice Presidents:**
1. No Report.
- VII. Old Business:**
- A. Resolution 2023.4.1 – Proposed Constitutional Updates (Duties of the SDMC AS Committee on Elections):**
1. Second Reading – April 26, 2023 SDMC AS Meeting. (Vote Postponed until May 8, 2023)

VIII. New Business:

A. SDMC Department FTEF:

1. Departments are examining their needs for FTEF.
 - a. The state recently released money for full-time Faculty hiring and an audit showed that very little has been done since the funds were released.
 - There are a couple of issues embedded in this.
 - * The Faculty obligation number.
 - * How we conduct Faculty hiring.

B. Academic Freedom:

1. Department: Examining our current policy on academic freedom to determine if it might be problematic.
 - a. We need to look at our current collective bargaining agreement contract and its language on Academic Freedom so that we can make sure we are protected to an extent.

IX. Round Table Discussion/Announcements by Membership:

A. Leslie Seiger reported Administration determines what Faculty can do on "Canvas".

1. Permission has been removed for things Faculty were previously permitted to do in "Canvas".
2. Leslie Seiger also reported Faculty Members are not mandated to use "Canvas".

X. Next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting: August 28, 2023 @ 4:15PM in room A117.

XI. Adjournment @ 5:32PM.

Motion to Adjourn:

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Hensley/Ricketts

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Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS Academic Affairs Committee: August 28, 2023