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San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) Academic Senate (AS) Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes	
September 21st, 2026 Room A117 4:15-5:30pm Committee Members: Chair Erin Evans, Dean Dina Miyoshi, Raul Rodriguez, Sean Ricketts, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Fred Seldin	

Absent: Sean Rickets

1. Call to Order and Welcome (Evans)
2. Approval/changes to meeting agenda
3. Guest(s)
4. Approval of Draft Minutes: August 31st, 2026
5. Report Spring 2026 SDMC and SDCCD Meetings (Evans)
 - A. Academic Senate:
 - a. Budget overview with Chancellor's office, October 5th 2:30p MC211A/B
 - b. Classroom and interpersonal safety roundtable topic at next AS meeting.
 - I. Counseling is discussing need for active shooter training specifically. Instructional faculty need safety training that is building specific.
 - II. VPAS hiring call will close mid-October. Committee established with two faculty reps-- Mary G. and Irina S.
 - B. President's Cabinet:
 - a. DL approver list is still being discussed and finalized.
 - b. Tech needs: For issues with existing tech, per VPs at Leadership meeting, start with work order to enter request into system and escalate order as needed. For issues with desire software/licensing/subscriptions, start with request to Dean for software needs.
 - c. Element451: Will be launched at Mesa this semester. Was launch at Miramar in spring semester. Contract in board meeting May 21st. Erin to F/U
 - C. Senate Executive Committee:
 - a. Brown Act adherence for all AS committees
 - b. Next AS will feature Brown Act training with district counsel.
 - D. Leadership:
 - a. Budget transparency being addressed with next step being Budget overview meeting on October 5th.
 - b. Safety- Safety fair with trainings on using equipment. ACTION: Erin meeting with event coordinator to organize ICE training with community organization, A.R.E.
 - c. VPI on approved leave on a weekly basis. Monica Romero is now Acting VPI.
 - E. SDCCD Board of Trustees: No report.
6. Old Business
 - A. Filling AS AAC faculty vacancies from Arts & Languages, Business & Technology, Humanities, Health Sciences & Public Service (Evans)

- a. Calls are out and pro-active recruitment of colleagues is welcome.
 - B. Concern about how [Standing in the Gap: Bridging the AI Digital Divide via Strong Leadership](#) from ACCCA was posted on AAC webpage (Evans)
 - a. ACTION: Erin will follow-up with Sarah and Joel Arias
 - C. CCAP classroom conditions. (Kim/Evans)
 - a. Erin met with CCAP Coordinator who clarified classroom requirements in our agreement with SDUSD.
 - I. ACTION: Look into using Senator-at-large as the CCAP liaison.
Canvas shell CCAP announcement to CoC and Senate.
7. New Business
- A. Concerns about Elements 451 adopted at Mesa (Evans)
 - a. May 21st board meeting has the full contract. Erin will attend October 21st Counseling Dept meeting to discuss with counselors. ACTION: Erin will reach out to Miramar AS to discuss.
 - b. October 5th Chancellor/Collins Budget Retreat 2:30-4:30pm to clarify process through which tech is purchased
8. Roundtable Discussion
9. Next AAC Meeting: October 5th 4:15pm
10. Adjournment