



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

September 14, 2026

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Marisa Aliot, Carlynn Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Thomas "Tommy" Babin, Juan Bernal Henry Browne, Jennifer Cost, Pavel Consuegra, Jennifer Cost, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Veronica Gerace, Alex Holowicki, Dante Jones, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Jayla Lee, Sam Lee, Jonathan "Jon" Linton, David Lizarraga, Bryan Malinis, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Mychal Odom, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Miriam Pacheco, Hannah Padilla Barajas, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Julia Schafer, Irena Stojimirovic, Scott Suarez, Megan Villa, Karen Wait and Michael Williams

Absent:

Sandra Belew, Katlin Choi, Nellie Dougherty, Geoff Johnson, Jesse Keller, Laura Maki, Bruce Naschak

- I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by President Mary Gwin: Parliamentarian – **2:30 PM**
- A. SDMC Land Acknowledgement:**
1. **Read the Land Acknowledgment**
- B. SDMC Restorative Action Plan:**
1. **Reviewed and discussed where to find the plan.**

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S: Allbee/Gerace

Unanimous:
ALL

Objections:
None

Abstained:
None

- III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None
- A. Associated Student Government (ASG):**
- B. Classified Professionals:** President Ayana Woods & Vice President Alison Mona

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 3 Minutes Maximum for Each Speakers
- A. Erin Evans – April 7 2026: Mary Davis from a sovereign people group trespassed into the classroom uninvited and refused to leave. After hearing in Aug 2026 she has a restraining order and is not allowed on Meas campus for 3 years. Please be aware of who comes in the class and protect the classroom/students.**
- B. Jon Linton – Thanks Erin for information**
- C. Mychal Odom – Discussed topic of ICE and various areas being targeted. Recommended bringing in community partners. Some groups meet every Tuesday in Logan Heights**
- D. Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah – Important to be aware of surroundings, especially in public areas like the LRC**
- E. Jennifer Frost Moreno – Classroom was vandalized (students work taken down)**
- F. Thekima Mayasa – A uninvited person walked into the classroom. What is the process. (past add/drop date- can ask to leave. If they don't leave call campus police.**

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: April 27, 2026 & May 11, 2026

Move to Approve:

M/S: Gerace/Linton

Unanimous:

Abstained:
Padilla Barajas
Alliot
James
Malinis
Lee
U. Bernal
Schafer
Suarez
Mongelluzzo
Cano
Consuegra
Frost Moreno

Objections:
None

VI.

GUEST:

A. SDMC President Ashanti Hands:

- a. *Welcome and discussion regarding questions – Saturday classes/road map/goals*
- b. *Q1- Director of Admin Services position (Nicole) – still determining the steps to fill the position/transition*
- c. *Q2- Plan and directions strategy moving forward regarding grants for short term. Some curriculum and positions will stay. Making a plan for short term grants.*
- d. *Q3- HSI/AANNAPSI – funding priorities – transparent information moving forward. Trying to bring it all together. Budget forms etc.. Provide clarity*
- e. *Q4- Parking Enforcement – people parking in the faculty & handicap spots. Is there a report on how many tickets etc.*

VII.

REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Erin Evans (1 Minute)
 - *CCAP/FERPA*
 - *Standing the Gap presentation on website (do we know who added it?)*
 - *Element 451 – Customer management system*
 - *Next meeting 9/21*
- b. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (1 Minute)
 - *First meeting 9/16 MC 211 A/B*
- c. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bryan Malinis (1 Minute)
 - *Annual Certification Completed in Aug*
 - *CIC approved final Liberal Arts and Sciences (LBAS) degree for walk-in*
 - *CRC 9/17 (approve discontinuation of fermentation program – taken from catalog for fall 2027)*
- d. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak (1 Minute)
 - *Lead Writers and CLO Coordinators should have been receiving emails about PR and CLO workshops coming up this semester. If they have not, please let me know and I will alert the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to be certain that every Lead Writer and CLO Coordinator is on the email DL.*
 - *The emphasis this year is for Departments and Programs to develop their Goals, establish timelines, and align their Goals to the larger campus 2030 goals. One handout from the PR office illustrates a pyramidal structure, starting from Departments and going through the School Deans up to the VPI and the President.*
 - *Drafts of the Program Reviews will be due in late November/early December.*
 - *Dept and schools to establish and align goals*
 - *Drafts of Program Review Due late November*
- e. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:* Rachel Russell (1 Minute) (Rachel not present)
- f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (5 Minutes) (DEIA@Mesa)
 - *Latino heritage month*
 - *First meeting 9/4 – planning and restructure meeting – Open meeting November*
 - *Creating flags that are common between schools for celebrations*
- g. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez (1 Minute)
 - *First meeting 9/18*
 - *Goal to get information for environmental survey*
 - *ASCC hosting a conference in Irvine*

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *President Elect Kaitlin Choi* (1 Minute)
 - *No report*
- b. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace (1 Minute) ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))
 - *Committee needs (Monday will see a email with needs)*
 - *Spread the word about what your committees are doing and report back*
 - *If there are any major changes, please let Veronica know*
 - *Everything goes through our AS (senate gets to participate)*
- c. *Secretary:* Vacant
 - *If you are interested in being a secretary, please contact senate executive member*
- d. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa (1 Minute)
 - *End of fiscal year Spring 2026 – had a good year and ended in the green. Good amount of scholarships*
 - *Things are getting more expensive ~\$300 for today's meeting*
 - *Check for AS should be coming from Administration*
 - *Dues for AS please pay dues if you haven't already (\$5 a month/ Part-time faculty is \$1/month) for student scholarships or Classified Senate*
- e. *Senator at Large #1:* Ryan Mongelluzzo (1 Minute)
 - *No report*
- f. *Senator at Large #2:* Irena Stojimirovic (1 Minute)
 - *No report*
- g. *Senator for Adjunct Faculty - Exec Committee:* Carlynnne Allbee (1 Minute)
 - *Faculty should be defined as both contract and adjunct*
 - *Emergency procedure – where to adjuncts fit in*
 - *Specify what is intended for the Adjunct. Include adjuncts*
- h. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant
 - *No report*
- i. *President:* Mary Gwin (10 Minutes)

- *Sent Exec – faculty to VPAS hiring committee Mary and Erana*
 - *BARC – restructuring the committee (a long way to go) purposed structure but has some concerns.*
 - *PCAB – committee composition is going to expand/restructuring – BARC -need representation and need to expand faculty representation. More to come after meeting tomorrow.*
 - *Budget: no more information than last year, conversation was held without faculty.*
 - *Collegiality in action (to participate?) – They come in to work with students Waiting to hear back*
 - *Safety – VP chancellor to invite to hear for about district wide safety (HH) /evacuation routes*
- Questions – District Safety meeting – waiting on 3#’s to decide when meeting will be
- *Safety has been an issue, and leadership should’ve sent out message. – Training, What’s app was used by faculty to communicate, but shouldn’t be faculties responsibility*
 - *BARC – what are the criteria for how they justify the spending.*
 - *October 5 2:30-4:30 campus wide budget meeting*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. *None*

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. *None*

x. ROUND TABLE TOPIC:

A. *None*

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A.** Strive to support **all** SDMC Community Members. No one is better than anyone else. The world needs a lot more GRACE & HUMILITY.
- B.** The next SDMC Academic Senate Meeting is September 28, 2026. (Location TBA)
- C.** The next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting is September 21, 2026 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in room A117.
- D.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is September 16, 2026 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM. (Location TBA)
- E.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is September 17, 2026 in room LRC 435.
- F.** The next SDMC AS Exec Meeting is September 21, 2026 from 2:30 – 4:00PM in room A117
- G.** Senate Retreat Sept 18 11-1
- H.** Next meeting with have a speaker to discuss Brown act 9/28

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

4:17 PM

Motion to Adjourn

M/S Malinis/Jones

UNANIMOUS:
All

Objections:
None