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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
Academic Senate

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
October 26, 2026
Room MC 211 A/B
2:20PM – 4:20PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Present Members:
AS President Mary Gwin, Marisa Alioto, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles, Thomas "Tommy" Babin, Sandra Belew, Henry Browne, Constantina "Nancy" Cano, Katlin Choi, Pavel Consuegra, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Erin Evans, Justin Estep, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Jayla Lee, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Bryan Malinis, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Bruce Naschak, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Hannah Padilla Barajas, Julia Schafer, Irena Stojimirovic, Scott Suarez, Megan Villa, Karen Wait and Michael Williams

Absent:
Juan Bernal, Veronica Gerace, Jesse Keller, Jonathan "Jon" Linton, Laura Maki, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo

I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by President Mary Gwin: Parliamentarian 2:24 PM

A. **SDMC Land Acknowledgement**:
   1. Read and reviewed the Land Acknowledgement

B. **SDMC Restorative Action Plan**:

II. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA**:

Motion to approve: *Malinis | Johnson*

Approve:			Oppose:	Abstention:
Alioto,	*Allbee,*	*Arguelles,*	*None*	*None*
Babin,	*Belew,*	*Browne,*		
Cano,	*Choi,*	*Consuegra,*		
Cost,	*Dougherty,*	*Duckles,*		
Evans,	*Estep,*	*Frost Moreno,*		
Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),		*James,*		
Jones,	*Kling,*	*Kushkaki,*		
J. Lee,	*S. Lee,*	*Lizarraga,*		
Mayasa,	*Mongelluzzo,*	*Naschak,*		
Odom,	*Pacheco,*	*Padilla Barajas,*		
Schafer (Proxy for Sardo),		*Stojimirovic,*		
Suarez,	*Villa,*	*Wait,*	*Williams*	

III. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**:

A. **Associated Student Government (ASG)**:

None

B. **Classified Professionals**:

None

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: 3 Minutes Maximum for Each Speakers

A. ***César López*** *– Comments regarding of the resolution – discussed the movements and shared his personal story - Stand together. Discussed the evidence supporting the resolution (need to see the growth- share the growth numbers) Further shared that growth reflects the demand of the Chicano courses. Also discussed the tenure tracked faculty for each of the programs. Ask to have Academic Senate support.*

B. ***Elizbeth Fee-*** *Student for justice- Discussed recent event and the success of the event. Discussed that support flyers are being taken down. Also shared that holding an event she felt uneasy about those around who didn't support their cause. She asked for more to be educated on current events. Discussed the recent situation involving ICE at City and asked for more support including financial support from district.*

C. ***Candance Katungi*** *(black studies) – Discussed resolution for native American studies. Shared why they need to support and push for the native American studies courses and education. Asking for help/support from the admin against the denial of these courses. She further shared that they don't need to wait for approval before moving forward with these courses.*

1. ***Mayasa*** *– what area are the courses offered outside area f?*
    a. ***César López*** *– they are area 4. The classes are ready to go and just need be approved.*
        - ***Mayasa*** *– course should be also area 6 and discussed where the class is and what it looks like moving forward (classes can be transferrable)*

V. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES**: October 12, 2026

A. **Motion to accept:** *Allbee* | *Mayasa*

Approve:			Oppose:	Abstention:
Arguelles,	*Babin,*	*Belew,*	*None*	*Alioto,*
Browne,	*Cano,*	*Choi,*		*Frost Moreno,*
Consuegra,	*Cano,*	*Choi,*		*Suarez*
Duckles,	*Evans,*	*Estep,*		
Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),				
James,	*Johnson,*	*Jones,*		
Kling,	*Kushkaki,*	*J. Lee,*		
S. Lee,	*Lizarraga,*	*Malinis,*		
Mongelluzzo,	*Naschak,*	*Odom,*		
Pacheco,	*Padilla Barajas,*	*Schafer (Proxy for Sardo),*		
Stojimirovic,	*Villa,*	*Wait,*	*Williams*	

VI. **GUEST**: 2:30PM

A. **Adrienne Milner-MIT Overview (technology plan for the campus)**

VII. **REPORTS**:

A. **Committee Reports**: 3:15PM

1. Senate Executive Committees:

a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee*: Chair Erin Evans (1 Minute)

- *Evans- Review what they discussed what AA discussed regarding Element 451. Larry met with the faculty and had a great conversation. Also discussed what it is Chat bot will not be implemented here are mesa and city*
- *CCAP classes*
- *Ethnic studies – discussed obstacle it causes to students on in the university leven*

b. *Committee of Chairs (COC)*: Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (1 Minute)

- *Discussed the working meeting on handbook*
- *Next meeting is 11/4 (regular meeting) in MC 211 Veterans, CCAP and Mesa Foundation*

c. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC)*: Faculty Co-Chair Bryan Malinis (1 Minute)

- *Discussed bringing back technical review support for curriculum (Title 5)- establish process for IDEAA and UDL review.*
- *Discussed policies and procedures (residence for CPL units/Title 5)*
- *Proposed revision to resolution – ASCCC not taking walk ins and need to bring it in the spring.*
- *Will be resubmitting for area 6 for approval*

d. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC)*: Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak (1 Minute)

- *None*

e. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison*: Tonya Whitfield (1 Minute)

- *None*

f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE)*: Chair Edeama Jonah (5 Minutes) (DEIA@Mesa)

- *None*

g. *Other Committee Reports*: Environmental Sustainability Committee, Michelle Rodriguez (1 Minute), Safety Committee Jessica Sardo (1 Minute),

- *Sam* – Thank you to Victor for adding the leaf icons.
- *Please share the flyer with students*
- *Nov 13th is next meeting*

h. *Pavel – Latina ALMA Committee)*

- *Thank you for all the support*
- *Second Tuesday every month Nov 12th*
- *Talked about the committee.*

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. *President Elect* Katlin Choi (1 Minute)

- *None*

b. *Vice President*: Veronica Gerace (1 Minute) (Faculty Committee Service) (Committee Service)

- *None*

c. *Secretary*: Vacant
    - *Still need a secretary – Let Mary know if you are interested (great starting out spot senate exec.)*

d. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa (1 Minute)
    - *Reminder about the upcoming scholarship for spring. Please consider donating so we can continue offering the scholarship.*

e. Senator at Large #1: Ryan Mongelluzzo (1 Minute)
    - *None*

f. Senator at Large #2: Irena Stojimirovic (1 Minute)
    - *None*

g. *Senator for Adjunct Faculty - Exec Committee*: Carlynne Allbee (1 Minute)
    - *None*

h. *CTE Liaison*: Vacant

i. *President*: Mary Gwin (10 Minutes)

- *Making progress on the budget process. Discussed composition of BARC Noted that it doesn't do what it says it does and never really has. Only allocating 4 for technologies and does not always come to fruition. Some changes: 3 faculty positions added, so making some progress, no clear budget process yet. First time it has been acknowledged and will begin the discussion in the Spring. Encourage faculty input regarding title 5 (EDCODE) Mary to begin research (slow moving)*
- *Johnson- at plenary do they talk about what budgeting happens at other schools. We can't be the only one?*
- *Gwin – no we are not the only one, and discussions have been started to discuss about what other schools do; including Miramar.*
- *Mongelluzzo – Ask question regarding how the faculty are selected on committee and rotation*
- *Gwin discussed the process 4 faculty and 4 dean positions. More classified than faculty and no fauclty from student services.*
- *Allbee- Thank you for putting emails about project HH. Appreciate the update. Excited about parking structure.*
- *Gwin- Discussed at board meeting Element 451 – public comment*

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**: 3:45PM

A. Resolution: Mesa Academic Senate Resolution Reaffirming Faculty Purview Over Student Evaluations and Assigning Grade

1. ***Duckles - Reviewed what the resolution is. When a faculty grade can be changed (Mistake, fraud, bad faith, incompetence)***
    - *Q: Evans- asked for clarification of events?*
        - *Duckles provided clarification and noted that the President supported the panels decisions*
    - *Q Mayasa - expressed her understanding of the process- Can they legally change it if it is not one of the four reasons to change grade and does president have absolute veto power?*
        - *Duckles - Law says that it can be changed if one of the above are violated and it also says president word is final*

- *Johnson- Comma between bad and faith*
    - *Q: Stojimirovic – Panel is made of who?*
        - *Duckles- at least one faculty on the panel.*
        - *Stojimirovic – do you think they didn't undetsnad the situation*
        - *Duckles - Hard to tell*

Kushkaki – Discussed how the sanction and documentations of not being sent in in time have no bearing on students' grades. They are independent of one another. Would like clarification

- *Duckles - Not sure. But all should file a sanction.*
- *Q: Cost – Is the sanction a requirement and at what point? Should clarify the process.*
    - *Duckles – not sure, but it must be in with 10 days of the offense.*
- *Malinis – The burden of the proof in on the student and why is this on the faculty.*
    - *Duckles – good point.*
    - *Scott – Conflict between 10 policy and the syllabus*
    - *Duckles – policy is ambiguous seems what the president is implying the 10-day process was not followed*
    - *Wait – If student is cheating, discuss process then fill the form out so it is documented and you can choose to follow through or not.*

Johnson- Discussed concerns with the 10-day timeline
Mongelluzzo - Clarification point – grade panel is that professor and student are able to say their peace then panel makes decision – can we get insight from the panel the reational.

Gwin – President will create a write up and that's what we have.
Oden- would like more clarification

Motion to debate and vote at next meeting (old business): *Evans* / *Kushkaki*

Approve:			Oppose:	Abstention:
Alioto	*Allbee*,	*Arguelles,*	*None*	*None*
Babin,	*Belew,*	*Browne,*		
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Cost,	*Dougherty,*	*Duckles,*		
Estep,	*Frost Moreno,*	*Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),*		
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Kling,	*J. Lee,*	*S. Lee,*		
Lizarraga,	*Malinis,*	*Mayasa,*		
Mongelluzzo,	*Naschak,*	*Odom,*		
Pacheco,	*Padilla Barajas,*	*Schafer (Proxy for Sardo),*		
Stojimirovic,	*Suarez,*	*Villa,*		
Wait,	*Williams*			

IX. **OLD BUSINESS**:

A. Resolution: **Resolution on the Impact on Faculty Hiring from the Systemic Denial of Native American Indigenous Studies courses and call for an Administrative Review of the CalGETC Approval Process by the CSU Chancellor's Office**

1. *Choi – Friendly amendment – Asked to move to included Highlighted to an amended resolution (accept)*

Motion to change the language – *Choi/Jones*

Approve:			Oppose:	Abstention:
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Estep,	*Frost Moreno,*	*Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),*		
James,	*Johnson,*	*Kushkaki,*		
Kling,	*J. Lee,*	*S. Lee,*		
Lizarraga,	*Malinis,*	*Mayasa,*		
Mongelluzzo,	*Naschak,*	*Odom,*		
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2. *Discuss the merits of the resolution*

- *Frost Moreno – Discussed why this is being brought as a resolution and why it has been stalled/denial of the courses.*
- *Mayasa – Discussed that the challenges are not on the local level but on the level of the CSU. Flawed process as many are not qualified or changes.*
    - *Meeting to further discussions this week.*
        - *Q Gwin: was the position approved a couple years ago because the courses have not been approved is that why they didn't get approved?*
            - *Frost Moreno – discussed why the faculty hire was paused and paused is still on which is why we need the resolution*
    - *Mayasa –Shared the importance moving forward with Native Americans and referred to the land agreement and would do them a disservice*
    - *Stojimirovic - added her support to what Mayasa shared.*

Call for the vote to support resolution:

Approve:				Oppose:	Abstention:
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Belew,	*Browne,*	*Cano,*	*Choi*		
Evans,	*Consuegra,*	*Cost,*	*Dougherty,*		
Duckles,	*Estep,*	*Frost Moreno,*			
Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),	*James,*				
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Mayasa,	*Mongelluzzo,*	*Naschak,*	*Odom,*		
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B. Resolution: Resolution Regarding Airline Seat Selection for College Sponsored Travel

1. ***Malinis*** – *Discussed the resolution and support that this resolution has received from other committees to include all or call for friendly amendment*
    a. *Discussed the places to be amended*

All agreed change wording: ***Mayasa/Evans***

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Cost,	*Dougherty,*			
Duckles,	*Estep,*	*Frost Moreno,*		
Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),		*James,*		
Jones,	*Johnson,*	*Kushkaki,*		
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Lizarraga,	*Malinis,*			
Mongelluzzo,	*Naschak,*	*Odom,*		
Pacheco,	*Padilla Barajas,*	*Schafer (Proxy for Sardo),*		
Stojimirovic,	*Suarez,*	*Villa,*		
Wait,	*Williams*			

2. ***Discussion***

None

Call to adopt resolution

Approve:			Oppose:	Abstention:
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Cano,	*Choi*	*Evans,*		
Consuegra,	*Cost,*	*Dougherty,*		
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Holowicki (proxy for Rodriguez),		*James,*		
Jones,	*Johnson,*	*Kushkaki,*		
Kling,	*J. Lee,*	*S. Lee,*		
Lizarraga,	*Malinis,*	*Mayasa,*		
Mongelluzzo,	*Naschak,*	*Odom,*		
Pacheco,	*Padilla Barajas,*	*Schafer (Proxy for Sardo),*		
Stojimirovic,	*Suarez,*	*Villa,*		
Wait,	*Williams*			

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 November 9, 2026 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in room MC 211 A/B.
C. The next Academic Affairs Committee Meeting is November 2, 2026 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in room A117.
D. The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is November 4, 2026 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in room MC 211 A/B.
E. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is November 5, 2026 at 2:15PM in room LRC 435.
F. The next SDMC AS Exec Meeting is November 2, 2026 from 2:30 – 4:00PM in room A117.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**: 4:02PM

Move to adjourn early: *Duckles /Choi*