



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

September 28, 2026

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Marisa Aliot, Carlyne Allbee, Thomas "Tommy" Babin, Henry Browne, Constantina "Nancy" Cano, Katlin Choi, Pavel Consuegra, Jennifer Cost, Ian Duckles, Erin Evans, Veronica Gerace, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Mariam Kushkaki, Jayla Lee, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Bryan Malinis, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Bruce Naschak, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Hannah Padilla Barajas, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Julia Schafer, Irena Stojimirovic, Scott Suarez, Megan Villa, Karen Wait and Michael Williams

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Sandra Belew, Juan Bernal, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Justin Estep, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Jonathan "Jon" Linton, Laura Maki, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by President Mary Gwin: Parliamentarian – 2:25 PM

A. SDMC Land Acknowledgement:

1. Read the Land Acknowledgment

B. SDMC Restorative Action Plan:

1. Reviewed RAP- Ideas of how to add items specific to AS

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA: (today)

M/S: Malinis / Gerace

Unanimous:

Aliot, Allbee,
Babin, Browne,
Cano, Choi,
Consuegra, Cost,
Duckles, Evans,
Holowicki, James,
Johnson, Jones,
Kushkaki, S. Lee,
Lizarraga, Wait,
Mayasa, J. Lee
Mongelluzzo, Naschak,
Oden, Williams
Pacheco, Padilla Barajas,
Rodriguez, Sardo,
Schafer, Stojimirovic,
Suarez, Villa,

Objections:

None

Abstain:

None

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

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. Donte Jone:

McCleary – Sharing Marks: Roles MT2C coordinator – Please come to ask questions or concerns do not hesitate. (working on tutoring and making it better) – (fill gaps (Gwin))

B. Johnson – CFT and few other organizations are bringing the March in March (March 4th, 2027)- The Students advocacy kickoff is 10/23. There is an educational component and there is a focus on low income students.

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: September 14, 2026

A. M/S Gerace / Stojimirovic

Unanimous :

Aliot, Allbee,
Babin, Browne,
Cano, Cost
Consuegra, Evans,
Duckles, Holowicki,
James, Jones,
Kushkaki, J. Lee
S. Lee, Oden,
Lizarraga, Mayasa,
Mongelluzzo Mailinis
Pacheco, Padilla Barajas,
Rodriguez, Sardo,
Schafer, Malinis,
Suarez, Villa,

Objections:

None

Abstain:

**Johnson,
Naschak,
Choi**

VI.

GUEST: 2:30PM

A. Ljubisa Kostic Presentation (see document/presentation) Brown Act

1. **Ralph and Brown Act (sunshine law) (open meetings)**
 - a. *Why: The people should be able to know the business so the government cannot make decisions without public knowledge*
 - b. *Applies to legislative bodies and almost all board, councils that conduct business of public agencies- anyone can attend – AS*
 - c. *Applies to standing committees that are permanent subcommittees created by legislative body*
 - *Applies to meeting – A quorum that take place in the same place at the same time*
 - *Not limited to gatherings where the body takes official action. (can be in-person or online)*
 - *Dones apply at conferences, birthdays, holidays parties etc., attending other bodies/committees or individual contact (not seria communication) (not to discuss the business of the meeting)*
 - d. **Permissible Types of Brown Act: Regularly scheduled meetings (time and place) (must notify 72 hrs. prior)**
 - *Special meetings – Called by agreement of majority (must notify 1 day or 24 hrs. prior)*
 - *Emergency meeting (no advanced time required unless someone specially asked to be contacted, then 1 hr notice)*
 - *Duckles – does that apply to person or media (act doesn't specifically sate but primarily to news media)*
 - e. **Agenda notice: Regular meeting 72 hrs. prior – accessible to public (online (not required))**
 - *Time and location and agenda items- includes closed session*
 - *Special – 24 hrs. prior and items to be discussed*
 - *Emergency meetings – no time requirement*
 - f. **Protect the public: Right to attend and right to participate, right to record and right to inspect records (documents)**
 - g. **Closed session – permission to excluded public, can change location**
 - *When: personnel matters, litigation (pending or threat), real property negotiations, labor negotiations, threats to security, license/permit applications, student discipline or accessor records (when designated)*
 - *Albee- is there an event when the faculty member name be disclosed. – Typically, no*
 - *Duckles – personnel- we don't hire or fire anyone. (Apply input or small part) Southwestern did when it came removal of AS pres. (Johnson)*
 - *Gwin – appoint committee members – that can be in close session*
 - **Procedural – Agenda description. (Properly identify/describe each closed session – Oral announcement - By president. Reporting out must rerun to open session and report action – by president (record of action).**
 - *Malinis – Internal Minute meetings- Can maintain internal meeting minutes, but keep confidential (keep record)*
 - *Gwin –Clarify Quorum – half plus one, Clarify not required to sign in, not public we have attendance for record. Sending a document, post with minutes, but be ready to share. Sharing of doc President shares and ask for feedback and goes into record.*
 - *Mayasa – Virtual posting of the agenda – If not physical place is that enough? Brown Act – says has to be physical) All pages must be accessible*
 - *Lee – Right to record and do they the right post recording – (Yes)*
 - *Duckles – Could a body decide that no body of the committee to record? Yes, believe so*
 - *Browne – Can the group decide what form the recording take place? In the past yes, but now with phone; no -unless they are disrupting.*
 - *J. Lee – how would you balance between posting and defaming? If they add their own comments. Have a right, but not if they post what was said. Opinions are not defamation*
 - *Duckles – deceptively edited? – would have to be extreme for it to be actionable.*
 - *Mayas – where the line between right of the public and order of the meeting, If the concern arises specially comes from them then its ok, but if they do something objectively to disrupt the meeting and cause someone to not participate. No line*
 - *Gwin – chair is charge and takes responsibility. They have the right to ask or step in.*
 - *Oden – How does this pertain to international media? They can be international.*

VII.

REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports: 3:15PM

1. Senate Executive Committees:
 - a. **Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:** Chair Erin Evans (1 Minute)
 - *Met last week- Working on coordinating meeting with leadership/technology, CCAP (canvas and classroom)*
 - *Next meeting is week Monday 10/5*
 - b. **Committee of Chairs (COC):** Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (1 Minute)
 - *Met on 9/16*
 - *Discussed how to formally graduate*
 - *Discussed technology and programs*
 - *Disused old library reserve – email*
 - *Purposed changes – continue 1 meeting and second one working*
 - *10/7 next meeting*
 - c. **Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):** Faculty Co-Chair Bryan Malinis (1 Minute)
 - *Fermentation continuance (presented) on agenda in October (discontinue)*
 - *Ethnic studies requirement - many are being denied. Making arbitrary discussions and not allowing expansion of ethnic studies*
 - *CSU is denying courses (absences of training or reviewers). Outside of Mesa. Working come up with resolution*
 - *Title 5 changes allow for Credit by exam may be allowed to use for residency*
 - d. **Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):** Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak (1 Minute)
 - *What are the goals of the DEPT. and how do they match the goals of the college.*
Will need to the goals and timeline and campus matching of 2030.
 - e. **ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:** Rachel Russell (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 (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez (1 Minute)
 - *Met on 09/18*
 - *Discussing a new meeting time and date*
 - *Discussed ne processes and look for update- Leaf program*

- District meeting was canceled on 9/25 committee still met to discuss cancellations
- Emergencies with all that are going on in our current climate hard to focus.
- Build on leaf program and the

B. Safety Jessica Sardo

- No earthquake drill. Small safety training week (10/12-10/14)
- Next CERT training – faculty cannot commit to 3 full days so moving to 3 Fridays and second semester will be 3 days back-to-back
- Nothing to report on district safety
- Veronica – not getting committee responses from faculty/chair cannot meet, (emails were not in response to the faculty, but to promote safety week. Will bring up that meetings need to be scheduled for faculty

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- President Elect* Katlin Choi (1 Minute)
 - None
- Vice President:* Veronica Gerace (1 Minute) ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))
 - Thank you for volunteers, but still some space to fill. Please look at email
 - Thank you for sabbatical report help.
 - Sabbatical committee will be restructuring as overseeing committee is no longer meeting
- Secretary:* Vacant
- Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa (1 Minute)
 - No change in report from last meeting
 - Waiting for check for reimbursement
 - Scholarships coming up in the spring. (Please consider increasing donation
- Senator at Large #1: Ryan Mongelluzzo (1 Minute)
 - No report
- Senator at Large #2: Irena Stojimirovic (1 Minute)
 - None
- Senator for Adjunct Faculty - Exec Committee:* Carlynne Allbee (1 Minute)
 - No report
- CTE Liaison:* Vacant
 - No report
- President:* Mary Gwin (10 Minutes)
 - *BARC committee* – From the retreat there are some concerns. Wrote a letter to President and sent it. Structure is very hierarchical, not direct access and appears to be bureaucratic. Seems to be a more difficult approach and not easier. President has redirected (Gwin) to BARC meeting. Will bring it up at the meeting
 - Emergency process is not effective – lets create a separate process

Oct 5, 2026 - district allocation to the campus and state to district – Will meet briefly before heading to meeting. Re Apply for ACCC if you are planning to go to the planetary Climate conference canceled.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 3:45PM

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IX. OLD BUSINESS:

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X. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: Campus safety concerns regarding ICE and related safety issues.

A. Safety: (Ice and related safety issue)

- Evans** – ICE trainings – Talked to Jaqualine and Michal, looks like it has been started. It is the work to bring to campus. Should we train the trainers? Possible to be get some push back from Admin regarding community groups – Says it get pollical and already policies in place. What is the processes for students to run on campus.
 - Mayas** – Can you clarify the push back (train techniques/physical defense). Just conversation? (no, what should we do if ICE comes on campus, Evans (maybe have them come on campus to a specific classroom?) Evans Continuing Ed has them come campus – no charge.
 - Gerace**- we will need to get approval for speakers.
 - Gwin** – Will investigate as Academic Senate might have different procedures
- Evans** – continue conversation at Senate Exc.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Strive to support **all** SDMC Community Members. No one is better than anyone else. The world needs a lot more GRACE & HUMILITY.
- The next [SDMC Academic Senate Meeting](#) is October 12, 2026 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in room MC 211 A/B. (121 first)
- The next [Academic Affairs Committee Meeting](#) is October 5, 2026 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in room A117.
- The next [Committee of Chairs \(CoC\) Meeting](#) is October 7, 2026 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in room MC 211 A/B.
- The next [Curriculum Review Committee](#) (CRC) meeting is October 1, 2026 at 2:15PM in room LRC 435.
- The next [SDMC AS Exec Meeting](#) is October 5, 2026 from 2:30 – 4:00PM in room MC151.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:
No Motian to extend meeting

4:20 PM