SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
Senate Executive Committee
November 2, 2026
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members:
Mary Gwin, Katlin Choi, Veronica Gerace, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Irena Stojimirovic, Erin Evans, Ian Duckles, Bryan Malinis, Bruce Naschak and Carlynne Allbee

I. Call to order by SDMC AS President Mary Gwin.

II. Review Today's Agenda:

		Approve	Objections	Abstention
A.	*Choi / Malinis*	*Mayasa, Mongelluzzo, Evans, Duckles, Naschak, Allbee Stojimirovic*	*NONE*	*NONE*

III. Public Comments:
A. None

IV. Guest(s):
A. None

V. Review Draft SDMC AS Minutes: October 19, 2026 (Please send changes to Sarah.)
A. Reviewed and will send feedback to Sarah

VI. Review Draft SDMC Executive Committee Minutes: October 26, 2026

		Approve	Objections	Abstention
A.	*Stojimirovic /Duckles*	*Choi, Allbee Mayasa, Mongelluzzo, Evans Malinis, Naschak,*	*NONE*	*NONE*

VII. Items for Discussion:

A. Vice President Appointment for Senate
1. *Written statements were submitted for VP role.*
2. *Senate reviewed and appointed Rosie Escamilla as interim VP until end of Gerace's term.*
3. *Discussed elections in the spring.*

B. Vice President of Instruction Search (suggestions)
1. *Gwin- Susan Topham is leading the search.*
    1. *Representation from Instructional department (dean or faculty) thoughts? (suggestions 8 total 4 deans 4 faculty)*
    2. *Mongelluzzo – Equal admin to faculty (concern of faculty and dean from same dept. may bring about other concerns/conflicts)*
    3. *Stojimirovic – Important to be proactive*

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C. Collegiality in Action

1. *Gwin – Updated senate regarding where Collegiality in Action is with leadership (no progress).*
    1. *Gwin- Discussed the leadership meeting. All are supposed to agree on what services to request. Could not agree. Agreed to revisit at next meeting.*
    2. *Senate – To agree on what the program can provide. Go to next meeting with a Focus Study request. All agree*
    3. *Malinis – Was there a suggestion from admin/leadership?*
    4. *Duckles – Stated that the admin team is ready to move forward with a study. Will need to have a focused approach.*
    5. *Mongelluzzo – Is in favor of Fucus Study – Future meeting: Concerned that admin will disagree.*
    6. *Gwin- no plan b needed. We need to just go for it. No other options will be a benefit at this point. No budget/budget process in places so what else would we request?*
    7. *Malinis - supports Focus Study request.*
    8. *Evans- shared her take away from the meeting.*

2. ***Gwin – Proposed to move forward with the request of Focus Study***
    1. *All agree to proceed with the request for a Focus Study. (Goal: to find where the possible areas of improvement)*

Q: Mongelluzzo – Shared concerns with focus and having a pathway after Focus Study is complete.

    1. *Duckles – shared what the Collegiality in Action says regarding the Focus Study and plan of action.*

3. ***Gwin- Reviewed / updated the senate regarding the BARC meeting.***
    1. *Naschak- Shared his perspective for meeting and BARC process*
    2. *Evans - Discussed the lack of process and the missing part being a flow chart*
    3. *Mayasa – How to manage the changes and the distributions of funds? How do we articulate our purposes/goals to have a process and flow chart? Also understand how to effectively go through the process and have clarity of the process with appropriate access.*
4. ***Gwin-Expressed concern over the meeting in general***

A. November Board of Trustees Meeting

1. *Nov 12th at Mesa College*

B. Element 451 Resolution

1. *Evans – Counseling/ Chairs – wrote a resolution and counseling is review and then will take it to AS before end of semester. 3 resolves and 6 whereas. Also discussed Violation of 10 plus 1*
2. *Gwin – Can we narrow down to 3-4 resolves and 3 whereas?*

C. Other items to be considered for the Academic Senate Agenda

1. *Allbee – Rosa Parks Way resolution – Discussed the resolution and the goal of the resolution.*
    1. *Gwin – gave some feedback and edits.*

    Senate – agree to add to agenda AS (Nov)

2. *Adrienne Milner a guest at next meeting*

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3. *Evans – Update on the Community Defense presentation. (30 min presentation regarding community defense to how to stay safe if ICE comes on campus).*
    1. ***Senate approved for them to be invited to meeting.***

D. Draft Academic Senate Agenda: November 9, 2026

E. Round Table/For the Good of the Order:

1. *Malinis– Discussed that how the plagiarizing software used does not have enough licenses for the class.*
2. *Allbee– Praised the Honors team and the great job they are doing.*

II. Next Meeting: November 30, 2026 (Fall 2026 SDMC AS Executive Meeting Schedule)

III. Announcements:

IV. Adjournment: 4:00PM

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