



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

October 13, 2025

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Henry Browne, Katlin Choi, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Jennifer Frost Moreno, James Hinton, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Danica Moore, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, Dave "Das" Odasso, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Scott Suarez, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Karen Wait, Michael Williams and Guests SDMC Vice President of Instruction (VPI) O'Connor, Professor Bryan Malinis, Professor Rachel Russell, ASG Senator Nicole Rodriguez and ASG Senator Jay Tarvin

Absent:

Erin Evans (Proxy to Crosby), Veronica Gerace (Excused), Geoff Johnson, Laura Maki, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah and Louis Valenzuela

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Mary Gwin @ 2:26PM.

Parliamentarian – TBD /Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Allbee/Sardo

UNANIMOUS

Evans

(Proxy to Crosby)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): P-Cab Member Nicole Rodriguez & Senator Jay Tarvin

1. N. Rodriguez and J. Tarvin provided reports. (Wed. (10/22/25) @ 12:00PM (Quad) - Homecoming Pep Rally) [LINK](#)

B. Classified Professionals: President Ayana Woods & Vice President Alison Mona (No Reports)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. SDMC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) President David Merino provided a report.

As reported by David Merino:

"PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY UPDATES:

- Accolades: San Diego City Council & San Diego Board of Supervisors declare third week in May as "Phi Theta Kappa Honor Scholar week"
- Mesa is a Leading Chapter out of 1,300 PTK Chapters

ACTIVITIES:

- Held Scholarship Training Session
- Direct Fundraiser to fund PTK Scholarships
- "Honorween" event planned in association with Academic Honors on Oct. 22 12:30-3pm
- Added 50 new potential members from Fall Club Rush
- Upcoming San Diego Flood Victims distribution activity

PTK MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Please recommend any interested students that are:

- At least 18 years old
- Have completed as least 12 college-level units
- Have at least a 3.5 GPA

Email interest in joining to mesaptk@gmail.com"

B. SDMC Community Members provided comments in support of Resolution 2025.9.1 - Supporting Career Services.

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: September 29, 2025

Move to Approve:

M/S

Moore/Allbee

27 Approved

Evans

(Proxy to Crosby)

8 Abstained

Arguelles Ibarra

Dougherty

Holowicki

Jones

Kling

Mayasa

Rodriguez

Sardo

VI. GUEST:

A. SDMC Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor:

1. Funding Challenges:
 - a. Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institution (ANAAPIISI) and Hispanic Service Institution (HSI):
 - Federal Funding ended on September 30, 2025
 - b. How do we fund our programs?
 - c. How do we prioritize our programs?
 - d. How do we sustain our programs?
 - e. Block Grants allow flexibility in spending.
 - f. The VPI needs Faculty to work with her to find creative ways to support our programs.
2. Enrollment Management:
 - a. Our enrollment is going well.
3. New Attendance Accounting System: Training (November 14th) at Miramar College
 - a. There will only be one (1) calculation method as opposed to the current multiple methods.
 - The impact will be different for different programs. (The new formula will simplify the accounting methods and create flexibility.)
4. Andrew Hoffman asked about Fraudulent Enrollment.
 - a. VPI O'Connor reported our fraud numbers are decreasing.
 - AI software is catching fraudulent enrollees earlier in the process. (Each California Community College has to pay a fee to use the software.)
 - b. Please report all suspected fraudulent Students to your Department Chair and School Dean.
 - c. Mychal Odom reported he uses the "Follow-Up" buttons to check on suspected fraudulent Students.

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave "DAS" Odasso (No Report)
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Danica Moore
 - The next submission deadline is 5:00PM (October 29th) for the November 5th meeting.
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles
 - The SDMC Department Chairs will start work on developing a Department Chairs Handbook on October 22nd.
- d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
 - Justin Estep provided a report.
- e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair – TBA
 - Mary Gwin reported Eliza "Liza" Rabinovich resigned and we are working on filling the position.
- f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (No Report)
- g. *SDMC AS Task Force on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):* Chair Ryan/Mongelluzzo
 - We are meeting this week.
- h. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez
As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:
 - "The ESC met 10/3 at 2pm via zoom. We had 7 people in attendance, including a student representative from the Associated Students.
 - We are working on:
 - The 3 year update of the Environmental Sustainability Survey which will be delivered during the spring semester
 - Presentations about the LEAF program at a statewide conference about environmental sustainability (on 9/29) and at the ASCCC fall plenary in November, and our workshop at Catalyst (hopefully) in January.
 - Developing projects to advance some of the goals in the Climate Action Plan
 - We are also
 - Participating in Mesa 2030 discussions to simplify and clarify how to incorporate environmental goals in our program reporting
 - Meeting with facilities next week on a plan for "trash centralization"
 - Put in a request for 2 interns for the spring semester and we thank the AS for help with compensating a part-time faculty serving on our committee
 - District Committee on Sustainability met on 9/26
 - Faculty are hoping to shift meetings to focus on district goal setting and implementation, especially when it comes to bond investments in energy systems and other infrastructure"

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace (No Report)
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi
 - Please include Katlin Choi (kchoi@sdccd.edu) in your email messages regarding SDMC AS agenda items, reporting attendance/absences/proxies, and comments/reports for inclusion in the meeting minutes.
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa (No Report)
- d. *Senator at Large #1:* Ryan Mongelluzzo (No Report)
- e. *Senator at Large #2:* Vacant
- f. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant
- g. *Immediate Past President:* Andrew Hoffman (No Report)

h. *President:* Mary Gwin:

As reported by Mary Gwin:

"Mary Gwin reported on the Administration's decision not to include the AS Senate, Classified Senate, or Associated Student Government in the Administration offices in the new building. This seems like a missed opportunity for participatory governance. Mary also reported that our Vice President of Administrative Services attempted to schedule a meeting with her, Sim Barhoun, and Andrew Hoffman to talk Measure HH and the construction of the English Building, but has not responded to emails to schedule the meeting or answer questions. Mary also reported on the failure to repair the damage from the LRC's fourth-floor sewer system clog. The clog caused an overflow of water that affected the 4th floor and leaked through the 3rd floor ceiling. An emergency was declared on July 11, 2025. The total cost estimate was \$252,945; the completion estimate was originally the end of August, then it was updated to the last week of September. It is now the middle of October. Finally, after the tragic event that occurred on our campus in April 2024, there is no apparent emergency plan in place."

- Common Course Numbering (CCN): COMM C1000 (Formerly COMS 103 – Oral Communication): Malinis

As reported by Bryan Malinis:

"Bryan Malinis (Communication Studies) spoke about concerns regarding administrative interference with the curriculum review and approval process. District is asking for a full review of COMM C1000 despite no proposal from faculty at any of the colleges to change the Course Outline of Record (COR). District did not express concerns until enforcement of the 25-student cap per CBA was invoked."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2025.9.1 - Supporting Career Services: Russell/Wait (Second Reading)

1. Senators spoke in support of the resolution and the importance of having the Faculty's request for funding to support Career Services on the record.
2. The Senators also shared their concerns surrounding the need for a transparent and inclusive budgetary process that identifies funding priorities and aligns with strategic plan objectives.

Move to Approve:

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Moore/Choi

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Evans

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XI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: Addition of an Adjunct Faculty Representative to the Senate Exec Committee

- A. The current SDMC AS Exec Members are Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty Members.
- B. The Senators discussed the value of having adjunct faculty's perceptive, especially from working at multiple institutions. (Miramar and City already has an adjunct faculty representative on Senate Exec Committee.) Potential issues were identified such as pay and load.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A. AFT Informational Event: New Contract (Faculty & Staff)(October 14th) in SDMC LRC 435 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM.
- B. UPCOMING Communications Studies Events: [LINK](#)
- C. The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is October 27, 2025 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is October 20, 2025 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in Room A 117.
- E. Committee of Chairs (CoC) Department Chairs Handbook Development - October 22, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is October 16, 2025 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- G. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is October 20, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room A 117.
- H. The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is October 15, 2025 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20PM

Submitted by Katlin Choi & Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS: October 27, 2025