



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

October 27, 2025

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlynne Allbee, Henry Browne, Katlin Choi, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Veronica Gerace, James Hinton, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, 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 Transfer Center Coordinator Anne Hedekin and ASG Senator Jay Tarvin

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra (Excused), Laura Maki, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah and Louis Valenzuela

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Immediate Past President Andrew Hoffman @ 2:24PM.

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

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Allbee/Sardo

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Senator Nicole Rodriguez & Senator Jay Tarvin

Reported by Jay Tarvin:

1. The Homecoming Prep Rally was very well attended. (We gave away \$500.00 in prizes and a lot of kids played in the playground we set up for the event.)
2. We are starting work on the upcoming 2025 SDMC ASG Student Thanksgiving Feast. (Please consider volunteering to serve our Students)

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: October 13, 2025

Move to Approve:

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Moore/Duckles

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3 Abstain

Evans

Gerace

Johnson

VI. GUEST(s):
A. Transfer Center Coordinator Anne Hedekin: [PRESENTATION](#)

SDSU SDCCD Guarantee

- 24 units at SDCCD school (not consecutive)
- attend one term in application year follow all application timelines
- must meet all
 - GPA (psychology, kinesiology, computer science and business 3.0)
 - MAJOR PREP
 - GE CERTIFICATION PATTERN
- ADT by spring if ADT pathway major required (WILL BE DENIED IF NOT EARNED)
- all cross enrollment for majors for majors that have prep with no articulation with SDSU
 - ONLY EXCEPTION for engineering majors
- cannot be enrolled in a four year during application year

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
 - Danica Moore provided a report.
 - c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles
 - Ian Duckles provided a report.
 - 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
 - f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (DEIA@Mesa) No Report
 - g. *SDMC AS Task Force on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):* Chair Ryan/Mongelluzzo (No Report)
 - h. *Other Committee Reports:*
 - Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez
As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:
 - * "The ESC held an interim working meeting on 10/17 on campus and via zoom.
 - * New projects:
 - Develop canvas site to support faculty teaching LEAF courses.
 - Modify the Campus Events and Reservations Portal to include questions about whether the event will utilize zero-waste and sustainable practices
 - * District Committee on Sustainability met on 10/24 at district.
 - Faculty on the committee requested that district ensure that BOND projects, especially for energy systems and other infrastructure, are analyzed from a standpoint of whether the projects will help our district achieve the Board of Governor Climate Action and Sustainability goals, which were updated in January 2025. One project we are worried about is a new methane-powered "linear generator" which is problematic both from the standpoint that it commits us to many years of increased reliance on methane and from the standpoint that it increases particulate pollution in an area of town that already hosts more than its fair share of polluting facilities.
 - Discussed an amendment to the proposed District GE requirements that would add LEAF courses to the multicultural area and also the development of a Certificate of Achievement in LEAF coursework.

- District facilities - they are implementing "trash centralization." There will no longer be support for trash cans in individual offices - saves bags and time. Unfolding over the next couple of months. Reminder that it is important to keep recycling separate from trash. If you have feedback or suggestions, please reach out to ESC.

* Continuing projects:

- Over the next 2 weeks, ESC reps will be attending the meeting about sustainability features of Performing Arts and Administration bond project and the PIE meeting to help incorporate environmental sustainability into planning goals
- Environmental Sustainability Survey - 3 year update- which will be delivered during the spring semester
- Hiring MIP interns so send students our way if you know any that might be interested
- LEAF - Presentation at the ASCCC fall plenary in November and our workshop at Catalyst in January. If you have a course that is close to LEAF, please let me know and we will help with the process."

- *SDMC Safety Committee:* Jessica Sardo

* Jessica Sardo provided a report.

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace ([Committee Service](#))

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"There is a need for faculty from the School of Health Sciences and Public Services to serve on the Tenure Promotion and Review Committee. There is also a need for faculty to serve on the District Technology Committee so the faculty voice is being represented in making decisions about technology issues, such as what software we can use or which plagiarism software the district adopts. If you know of anyone who is willing to serve, please let me know as soon as possible.

I have created a new form that I am asking our faculty serving on our shared governance committees to complete to keep the senate informed. I will compile the information to share with the senate as I receive it. I will be reaching out to faculty periodically for updates."

b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No Report)

c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- Thekima Mayasa provided a report.

d. Senator at Large #1: Ryan Mongelluzzo (No Report)

e. Senator at Large #2: Irena Stojimirovic (Irena introduced herself to the SDMC AS.)

f. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant

g. *Immediate Past President:* Andrew Hoffman (No Report)

h. *President:* Mary Gwin

As reported by Mary Gwin provided a report.

"Mary Gwin reported on the last Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee (PIEC), Budget Allocation and Recommendation Committee (BARC), President's Cabinet (PCAB) and the meeting with the President and the Vice Presidents. PIEC is looking at committee charges. The status of the BARC is unclear. Emergency plans were disclosed at PCAB, but not useful. The meeting with the President and Vice Presidents did not lead to answers to our questions about the budget."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (AP) & BOARD POLICIES (BP) UPDATES: Estep (1st Reading) [AP & BP Notes](#)

1. [AP 4025.2, 4100, 4102](#)
(Deactivations) [AP 6100.2, 5140.1, 5140.5, 5500.1, 5500.2, 5120.3, 5120.5, 5120.7, 5120.9, 5300.2:](#) [LINK](#)
2. [BP 4100, 4010, 4023, 4025, 4060, 4107, 4050:](#) [LINK](#)

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Moore/Choi

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IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

- XI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC:** San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) Administrative Services Issues
- A.** There is an absence of transparency in the current SDMC Administrative Services processes.
- B. Budget Cuts & Reimbursements:**
1. San Diego Mesa (SDMC) Budget Allocation and Recommendation Committee (BARC):
 - a. BARC is **not** performing the functions that are currently listed on their SDMC website page. ([LINK](#))
 - BARC's Goals are "(Currently Under Review)" according to the website after Mary Gwin's inquiries.
 2. Outstanding 2024–2025 invoices will be paid from the 2025-2026 budgets causing funds to **not** be available for conducting 2025-2026 classes. (There are also unannounced cuts to 2025-2026 departmental budgets.)
 3. There are Faculty Members who have **not** received reimbursements for 2024-2025 travel.
- B. Campus Climate Survey:**
1. President Mary Gwin reported she found the survey in her Outlook Junk Email folder.
- C. Campus Safety:**
1. President Mary Gwin reported San Diego City College and San Diego Miramar College both have emergency response plans in place, but Mesa College does **not** have an emergency response plan in place on October 13, 2025.
 - a. SDMC Administrative Services Safety web page: [LINK](#) (**NO** Emergency Response Plan)
 1. Both San Diego City College and San Diego Miramar College have an emergency response plan and the College of Continuing Education Safety and Facility Committee lists "Maintain a proactive approach to promote campus safety and emergency preparedness" as their second goal.
 - b. Danica Moore said today that Faculty needs to be able to lock classroom/lab doors from the inside when there is the threat of an active shooter or any other intruder on campus. (There are cost effective options available.)
 - c. Jessica Sardo reported today she serves on an SDMC committee formed in response to the tragic 2024 event. The committee has only met twice and an Emergency Response Plan is **not** under development.)
- D. Events/Facilities:**
1. Events & Room Reservations: There is an absence of flexibility in the current process.
 2. Facilities:
 - a. SDMC AS President Mary Gwin reported on October 13, 2025 that SDMC Administration decided that the offices for the Academic Senate, Associated Student Government and Classified Professionals Senate will **not** be included in the new Administration Building, which is a Voters Approved Prop HH Project, **without** consultation with the three (3) Shared/Participatory Governance bodies.
 - b. Business & Technology (BT) Building AC:
 - A Department Chair reported a months long AC issue in the BT 100 that had been reported multiple times.
 - * The repairs were finally made after it was reported by SDMC AS President Mary Gwin.
 - c. Learning Resources Center (LRC) Building 4th Floor Faculty/Staff Restrooms CLOSURES:
 - The LRC 4th floor Faculty/Staff restrooms remains closed even though an **emergency** was declared on July 11, 2025.
- E. Guest Speaker Liability Insurance Requirement:**
1. A new liability insurance requirement threatened the ability of Faculty to have Guest Speakers on Campus who are able to provide valuable information to their Students.
 - a. The district reverted to the previous liability waiver process after SDMC AS President Mary Gwin reported the issue during a fall 2025 SDCCD Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting.
- F.** Multiple Community Members have reported instances of the current SDMC Vice President of Administration (VPA) failing to respond to multiple communications regarding issues of concern that are under his purview.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A. UPCOMING Communications Studies Event: [LINK](#)
- B. American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Meeting: November 6, 2025 from 3:00PM – 5:00PM in Room MC 211.
- C. The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is November 10, 2025 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is November 17, 2025 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in Room A 117.
- E. Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting November 12, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in **Room BT 101**.
- F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is November 6, 2025 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- G. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is November 3, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room A 117.
- H. The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is November 19, 2025 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20PM.

Submitted by Katlin Choi & Sue Saetia:

Approved by the SDMC AS: November 10, 2025