



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

September 29, 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, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Veronica Gerace, James Hinton, Andrew Hoffman, Geoff Johnson, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Danica Moore, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, Dave "Das" Odasso, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Scott Suarez, Mychal Odom, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Karen Wait, Michael Williams and Guests SDMC Dean of Student Success & Equity Leticia Diaz, Professor Jayla Lee and Professor Rachel Russell

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Nellie Dougherty, Alex Holowicki (Proxy to Evans), Dante Jones, Wendell Kling, Laura Maki, Michelle Rodriguez (Excused), Jessica Sardo (Proxy to Moore) 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

Moore/Duckles

UNANIMOUS

Holowicki

(Proxy to Evans)

Sardo

(Proxy to Moore)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

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

B. Classified Professionals: President Ayana Woods & Vice President Alison Mona

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. The SDMC "Students for Justice in Palestine" President and Vice President made public comments regarding divestment from the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). They encouraged faculty to visit the website to learn more and sign the pledge at <https://www.calstrsdivest.org/>.

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: September 15, 2025

A. Geoff Johnson reported he will submit a brief summary of his September 15th Public Comments for the meeting minutes.

Move to Approve with the Addition of Geoff Johnson's Public Comments :

M/S

Moore/Johnson

30 APPROVE

Holowicki

(Proxy to Evans)

Sardo

(Proxy to Moore)

3 Abstain

Mayasa

Onwuchekwa Jonah

Odasso

VI. GUEST(s): None

A. SDMC Dean of Student Success & Equity Leticia Diaz – (2025-2028) SDMC Student Equity Plan:
2025-2028 SDMC Equity Plan and Executive Summary 2025 - 2028 .pdf

1. Executive Summary:

- ☐ **Student groups for whom goals have been set**
- ☐ **Goals set for these student groups**
- ☐ **Initiatives that the community college or district will undertake to achieve these goals**
- ☐ **Resources that have been budgeted for that purpose** (referring to goals/key strategies in this 2025-28 Student Equity Plan)
- ☐ **Community college district official to contact for further information**
- ☐ **Detailed accounting of how funding was expended** (expenditures from 2022-25 Student Equity Plan)
- ☐ **Assessment of the progress made in achieving identified goals** (goals and outcomes from 2022-25 Student Equity Plan)

2. SEP committee meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month. Reach out to Dean Cynthia Rico or Dean Leticia Diaz to join.

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 on October 8th for the October 15th meeting.
- 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 Eliza "Liza" Rabinovich
 - Liza Rabinovich provided a report.
- f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah
 - Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah provided a report.
- g. *SDMC AS Task Force on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):* Chair Ryan Mongelluzzo
 - Please contact Ryan Mongelluzzo if you would like to attend our next meeting.
- h. *Other Committee Reports:* None

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace
 - Veronica Gerace provided a report and presented a plaque of appreciation for service to the SDMC Academic Senate to Immediate Past President Andrew Hoffman.
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No report)
 - SDMC AS President Mary Gwin thanked Katlin for filling the long vacant position.
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa
 - Please consider signing up for \$5.00 or more SDMC AS Faculty Monthly Dues to fund our Student Scholarships.
- d. *Senator at Large #1:* Ryan Mongelluzzo
 - Ryan Mongelluzzo provided a 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 the following items.
She represented the faculty at the Board of Trustees meeting on 9/11/25 and brought up issues regarding guest speaker's liability insurance requirement and contract faculty pay. The requirement for liability insurance was withdrawn. AS can't do anything about pay. It is AFT that negotiates that so please fill out their RAF survey. Adjunct pay for senators and adjuncts on standing committees is available.
The Brown Act presentation at the last senate meeting was informative, but she needs to follow up with a couple of questions.
At the meeting with the President and Vice Presidents, the issues of campus safety, campus response to ICE, and the faculty travel reimbursement were discussed. They are working on the campus response to ICE. They want us to get our travel paperwork entered and approved on PeopleSoft by March.
The fall 2025 Plenary Resolution packet will be made available. If anyone has feedback on the resolutions, Mary Gwin can bring it back to the Area D meeting and at the plenary. We have enough travel money to send pay for one senator's registration at the fall Plenary in La Jolla. Send your name and statement of interest to Mary Gwin by 10/3 if you want to attend."

Resolutions Packet - Fall 2025 Plenary Session/October 10th Area "D" Meeting Resolution Packet: [LINK](#)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2025.9.1 - Supporting Strong Workforce – First Reading: Russell/Wait

Move to Advance the Item as "Old Business" to next SDMC AS Meeting on October 13, 2025:

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Mongelluzzo/Johnson

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Holowicki

(Proxy to Evans)

Sardo

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IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** SDMC Chancellor Greg Smith 2025-2026 Forum – Tuesday (September 30, 2025) from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room MC 211 A/B ([LINK](#)).
- B.** Communication Studies Professors Veronica Gerace and Jayla Lee announced upcoming department events: [LINK](#)
- C.** Jennifer Cost announced an upcoming SDMC AFT Event for Classified and Faculty on October 14th from 11:00AM – 1:30PM in LRC Room 435.
- D.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is October 13, 2025 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- E.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is October 20, 2025 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in Room A 117.
- F.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is October 8, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- G.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is October 2, 2025 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- H.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is October 6, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room A 117.
- I.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is October 15, 2025 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:50PM.

Move to Adjourn:

M/S

Gerace/Allbee

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Submitted by Katlin Choi & Sue Saetia
Approved by the SDMC AS: October 13, 2025