

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

President's Cabinet

October 7, 2025 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

1) CALL TO ORDER:

2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: VPA Legaspi shared the following updates:

- 1) The Chancellor mentioned at the Forum last week that he is committed to backfill the MSI (Minority-Serving Institution) funding that was lost. For the Federal MSI funding we received a notice that we will get more money for HSI - \$300,000 more for this program. (\$302,000 is the amount left on our AANAPISI grant which was discontinued.) Any Federal funding that is potentially going to get cut, our Chancellor is committed to fund the grants through the end of the grant term. City College has two, Mesa has one, Miramar has a couple that will potentially be cut. There is a State block grant where money has been allocated to respond to the Federal funding cuts; we were notified that the allocation from the State will occur in early November and will help backfill our MSI programs (SDCCD could receive \$2 million of the \$60 million statewide allocation; this would cover the programs at Mesa and City that were notified that the Federal government would stop funding).
- 2) A Town Hall will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., which will focus on our MSI programs. Questions can be submitted before the Town Hall; an email will be sent by the Chancellor's Office. This will be held at CE North City Campus and will be live-streamed.
- 3) The District is engaging in district-wide marketing campaign focusing on CCAP and adult learners.

Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Administrative Services

3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE

a) Associated Students: AS President, Jeremiah Palomino, shared the following updates:

- 1) All of the Committees have been filled with AS Senators.
- 2) A pep rally will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Mesa Quad. A flyer will be sent to the campus.

Jeremiah Palomino, President

b) Classified Senate: CD President, Ayana Woods, shared the following updates:

- 1) An Office Decorating Contest will be held Homecoming Week with judging on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Winners will be announced at the Pep Rally.
- 2) A food drive is being held for the Children's Center. Please consider donating canned goods / household items. There are drop locations on campus at BT, MS, AH buildings, and also the Veteran's Center, LOFT and the IE office.

Ayana Woods, President

c) Academic Senate: AS President, Mary Gwin, shared the following:

Mary read a section from the participatory governance website (located at <https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/governance/participatory-governance.shtml>). At the next Senate meeting there will be a resolution in support of strong workforce which urges the administration to prioritize support for Strong Workforce and engage in transparent and inclusive budgetary planning. Writers of this resolution argue that given

Mary Gwin, President

the immense increase and equity to students that Strong Workforce programs offer, these programs need financial and transparent support in light of the cuts to these programs. This is one way the Academic Senate engages in the governance process. Another way AS participates in the participatory governance process is by making suggestions or recommendations. The AS Executive Committee did not get to make any recommendations or suggestions regarding the decision to move the construction of the new Senate offices to Phase II in the English building. If asked, they would have recommended that all governance, classified senate, associated students senate, academic senate and administration, be in the same area in order to more easily engage in collegial consultation. Consequently, they do not agree with the decision to go with the offices in the later phase away from the rest of governance. Mary stated she was asked to inquire about the timeline for repairs to the LRC 4th floor bathroom and break room and 3rd floor study area. A leak occurred in July and these repairs are this week. On the 4th floor LRC faculty and staff do not have a break room because this area is closed and this impacts access to the refrigerator and microwave. The restrooms were gutted and completely closed off and faculty and staff are walking to other buildings because of conditions. Restrooms they are going to are receiving more traffic but are not being maintained. On the third floor the carpet is piled on the table; the ceiling tiles are still missing. The furniture has been placed back into place and the students are using this space. This is the area that students need on the third floor to access the emergency exit. It is essential that these issues be addressed as soon as possible.

4) Institutional Reports

Administrative Services / Safety / Budget Allocation and Resource Committee Updates: The presentation included 2025-2026 year-end budget/travel proposed deadlines, technology requests deadline for Intersession and the Spring 2026 Semester, contact information for events/operations/facilities, workplace/public safety, emergency devices on campus, C-CERT, phases of developing safety teams/plans/drills, and BARC updates/rubric/timelines.

Office of Communications Update / SDCCD Safe App: The presentation included names of Comms Department staff, information and resources, project requests, event templates, and SDCCDsaf App.

Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Administrative Services

Administrative Services, Safety, and Budget Allocation and Resource Committee Updates:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Admin_Services_and_Safety_Presentation_Pcab_10-7-25.pdf

Anabell Pulido, Information Officer

Communications Presentation:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/A_Comms_Presentation_PCAB_10_7_25_digital.pdf

SDCCDsaf App:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/SDCCDsaf_App_QR_Code.pdf

5) OPERATIONS

a) Instructional Updates: Dean Monica Romero shared the following updates:

- 1) The second 8 week courses have a 98% fill rate for the 175 sections.
- 2) Instruction are finalizing the intersession and spring schedules that will go live to students on October 20, 2025.
- 3) Acknowledging the work of faculty beyond the classroom of late; Student mental health has seen an increase in issues; there is a lot of heavy curriculum work occurring – such as the Common Course Numbering – and the inclusion of learning outcomes. The growth and development of their knowledge around AI and the implications not only in the classroom but also for usage in their work and the workforce. For Prop HH, the faculty have been involved in that work and some of the aging facility issues, like HVAC, floods – all are extra pieces that affect the learning environment. In addition, the changes in processes that they have been experiencing such as guest speaker processes. Contract process has changed and the requisitions process that many are learning.
- 4) A congratulations to Alex Berry and the MIP (Mesa Impactship) team who initiated the efforts that successfully resulted in the signing by the Governor of AB 323. This now allows the use of Strong Workforce funds to go directly to student work experiences including directly to student paid internships.

Monica Romero, Dean, Business and Technology

b) Student Services Updates: VPSS Maxey shared the following updates:

Larry Maxey, Vice President, Student Services

- 1) The last announcement concerning SSO (single sign-on) – it will be initiated over the weekend beginning on Monday, October 13 for students and employees. Communication has been going out to students; all who are new to the community will be fine; the only issues are toward those students who have previously not used their “edu” emails.
- 2) VPSS Maxey thank Ayana Woods for inviting the Executive Staff to the New Classified Institute last Friday. The Exec staff shared, talked about their “why”, and offered encouragement.
- 3) This Thursday is Transfer Day.

c) Administrative Services Updates: VPA Legaspi shared the following updates:

Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Administrative Services
Nicole Roesler, Director, Administrative Services

- 1) Director Nicole Roesler shared fiscal year-end information and deadline dates which are similar to those in past years. District will send their fiscal-year deadlines in November which is earlier than they have in the past. Mesa has been advocating to extend some of these deadlines to have more time to give us additional time to plan that occur at the end of the fiscal year. As the Administrative office sends out this information they will also connect the “why” and potential impact if deadlines are missed. There were a number of issues with Cal Cards including some that ran out of budget; reminders will be sent to Cal Card holders to avoid this occurring this fiscal year.
- 2) Director Nicole Roesler – Budget lock: Especially for GFU (general funds unrestricted), towards the end of the year they Administrative office has to move very swiftly to try and reallocate GFU to spend down everything. There are staff traveling, surprises expenses have been occurring; once the deadline has passed to submit requisitions or payment requests, then the Administrative office works very quickly to strategically spend down the general fund allocation as effectively as possible.

3) Director Nicole Roesler – Guest Lecturers/Speakers: Confirmation that a waiver option is available for insurance to avoid any barriers to the education opportunities we are trying to bring to our campus – include the waiver with the request for contract. 4) VPA Legaspi: The deadline to submit Intersession/Spring 2026 Semester classroom/laboratory computer, software and other tech. 5) VPA Legaspi also presentation on the following: • When to call events/operations vs. Facilities: A list was provided on their presentation with phones numbers. • Workplace Campus Safety vs. Public Safety: A list of items on Workplace Safety vs. Public Safety. • Safety Communications & Response: Includes the Safety Committee, Emergency Communication, and Emergency Response. • Emergency Devices on Campus: Fire extinguishers, AEDs, and Evacuation chairs. • Chart on Phase I – Phase V Emergency Preparation d) Institutional Effectiveness: Dean Hai Hoang shared the following updates: 1) The Rubric “weight” change, the Program Review (2025-26 is an update year, not a comprehensive PR). 2) Accreditation – the report was submitted. The ACCJC Site visit will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025. e) Mesa Comprehensive Campaign, Director Stellmacher shared the following updates: 1) Fundraising bootcamps are ongoing led by the District Office and the CCS fundraising firm. 2) Spirit of Mesa will be held on Friday, October 10, 2025. 3) Applications for Innovation grants opened today and are due November 7, 2025.	Hai Hoang, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness Krista Stellmacher, Director of Dev. / Entrepreneurship
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All-Campus Events:

Spirit Of Mesa: Friday, October 10, 2025, 4:30 p.m. reception; 5:30 p.m. program/dinner, Mesa Quad

Homecoming Week: October 20-25, 2025, Game 10/25/25 6:00 p.m., Merrill Douglas Stadium

BOT Meeting at Mesa College: Thursday, November 13, 2025: Campus presentation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Regular meeting 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Reception: Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

Fall 2025 Semester Pcab Meetings: 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18 (Pcab Retreat), 12/2, 12/16

*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

9/2/25: Student Equity Plan first reading (C. Rico, L. Diaz); Enrollment Management Committee first reading (I. O'Connor, M. Harrison, T. Hardee Teodoro, D. Budzynski)

9/16/24: Study Equity Plan second reading (C. Rico, L. Diaz); Enrollment Management Committee second reading (I. O'Connor, M. Harrison, T. Hardee Teodoro, D. Budzynski); AANAPISI update (L. Simpliciano), Budget Update (L. Legaspi)

10/7/25: BARC (L. Legaspi)

10/21/25: Pathway to Law Wrap-Up (M. Rodriguez)

11/4/25: Basic Needs (J. Aleman); HSI Updates (T. Parsons)

11/18/25: Presidents Cabinet Retreat at North City Campus (Aero Drive – 2:15 – 5:00 p.m.)

12/2/25: Mesa Technology Plan – first reading (D. Fierro)

12/16/25: End-of-Semester Operations Updates

Note: The President's Cabinet full agendas with notes will be processed following each meeting and posted on the President's webpage at: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/cabinet-documents.shtml>