

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

President's Cabinet

April 7, 2026 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

1) CALL TO ORDER: Ashanti Hands, President

2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: President Ashanti T. Hands shared the following updates:

- 1) There was a special brief DGC meeting and a special board meeting held yesterday regarding renaming the Cesar Chavez complex/building. Many people are moving quickly and streets, buildings, programs are being renamed. The board wanted to make sure the campuses and community had the opportunity to share their thoughts. There was about 30 minutes of public comments. Most people expressed support for a name change; some expressed concern that we were moving too fast without hearings/proof, and there were also concerns to continue honoring the movement. The board decided to no longer use Cesar Chavez and revert to what the facility was called before – San Diego College Continuing Education Harbor View campus. A process will be initiated for the naming with a timeframe by the end of fall 2026 semester.
- 2) Next Board of Trustees' meeting is April 16, 2026. There are several items related to Mesa College, one item being pulled is the College Futures grant to be highlighted during the meeting. Mesa College was one of eight selected for this \$400,000, two-year grant. Focus will be on embedding work-based learning and paid internships for our adult learners with a focus on Latina students. Additional at the board meeting are two items under Measure HH. Both teams under VPI O'Connor, Dean Shumaker, and Dean Lopez worked to make sure we could present to the HH committee on why we needed to expand the scope of the Professional Arts and Athletics complex projects.
- 3) AI Usage Recommendation: Dr. Hands stated this is going to be posted on the SDCCD IE website and included with their SharePoint. They are providing information, usage, recommendations for staff, faculty, and then specifically for faculty who are using AE, and for students.
- 4) "Bring your child to work day" – This will be held on April 23, 2026; an email notification from the District.

Ashanti Hands, President

3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE

a) Associated Students: AS Representative, Tonya Trusova, shared the following updates:

- 1) Student Leadership Advocacy Week was held the week before spring break. There was a great student turnout. There were three events and they connected with students introducing ASG and shared how they can get involved.
- 2) Applications are open for AS positions; deadline is this Friday.

Tonya Trusova, AS Representative

<p>b) Classified Senate: CS President, Ayana Woods, shared the following updates: 1) T-shirt design contest – deadline was extended a week. Deadline is this Friday. 2) CS is working with other college campuses on 9+1 to align with what the state is doing and to make it more tailored to our campuses for the work they want to be a part of and what they are currently doing.</p>	<p>Ayana Woods, President</p>
<p>c) Academic Senate: AS President, Mary Gwin, shared the following updates: 1) AS Executive meeting was held yesterday and Senate meeting is next Monday. At that meeting they are going to officially announce of the results of the elections for Executive Committee positions and also the part-time faculty positions. There is also at least one new resolution to consider. 2) Mary shared that Dr. Edeama Jonah, is the recipient of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) 2025-2026 Regina Stanback Stroud IDEAA Award (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Antiracism, and Accessibility).</p>	<p>Mary Gwin, President</p>
<p>4) INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS</p>	
<p>a) Faculty Hiring Priority (FHP) Rankings: AS President Mary Gwin held a second reading; no changes were made to the original document presented on 3-17-26.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Action Item: A motion was made to accept the FHP List by Ian Duckles; Second: Ayana Woods. Ian Duckles. The motion was approved. The list is now sent to President Hands for her review.</p> </div> <p>b) Classified Hiring Priority (CHP) List – First Reading. VPSS Larry Maxey held a first reading for the Classified Hiring Priority list. The second reading will be held at the next President’s Cabinet meeting on April 21, 2026.</p> <p>c) Sustainable Food Futures and SEEDS Scholars grants: Dr. Ray’s presentation included the Mesa2030 connections, current status of the Sustainable Food Futures and SEEDs Scholars grants, garden stats, and community building.</p> <p>d) Institutional Effectiveness: ACCJC 7-year Framework first reading. The second reading will be held at the 5/19/26 President’s Cabinet meeting. President Hands asked all to bring this back to your constituencies.</p>	<p>Mary Gwin, President, Academic Senate</p> <p>FHP Ranking List: https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/FHP_Requests_Ranking_Pcab_3-17-26.pdf</p> <p>Larry Maxey, Vice President, Student Services</p> <p>CHP List: https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Classified_Hiring_Prioritization_Committee_Pcab_4-7-26.pdf</p> <p>Waverly Ray, Professor Geography</p> <p>Grant Updates Presentation: https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Sustainable_Food_Futures_SEEDS_Grants_Pcab_4-7-26.pdf</p> <p>Hai Hoang, Dean, Institution Effectiveness</p> <p>ACCJC 7-year Framework:</p>

<https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/7-year ACCJC Framework Pcab 4-7-26.pdf>

5) OPERATIONS

a) Instructional Updates: Dean Ryan Shumaker shared the following updates:

- 1) Ryan welcomed back Dean Jennifer Carmichael and thanked Dean Lorie Howell for covering that position.
- 2) We are currently at 6,032 FTES; which is substantially larger than where we were this time last year (5,772 FTES). Headcount: 21,380 – this is the highest we have had in the last 5-6 years. (Spring 2025 we had 19,818).
- 3) The second 8-week courses started yesterday; 4,575 students have enrolled in at least one late 8-week course.
- 4) Working on the summer and fall registrations going live soon.

Ryan Shumaker, Dean, Exercise Science, Health Education, Dance & Athletics

b) Student Services Updates: Vice President of Student Services, Larry Maxey, shared the following updates:

- 1) Deans Rico and Miller and VP Maxey attending the CSSO conference in Long Beach.
- 2) We are in partnership with Junior Achievement which provides the opportunity for us to take on HS student interns to give them the opportunity for experience during the summer. Dean Miller is taking the lead on this process. Asking departments/schools who may be able to support 1-2 students from various high schools and have them in area to learn and be a part of the community. This is June 8 – July 2, 2026, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
- 3) Friday, March 17, 2026 kicks off Black Student Success Summit; the following is Black Student Success Week. Please get involved and participate.
- 4) VPSS Maxey thanked Nicole Roesler and Jacqueline Collins who met with them to discuss budgeting.

Larry Maxey, VPSS

c) Administrative Services Updates: Acting VPA Jacqueline Collins shared the following updates:

- 1) They have begun to engage with various divisions on budget preparation. This is an open and collaborative process. Each division gets to have fun with their own allocation – they have engaged with instruction and student services in building their own budget based on this year's allocation to serve as the tentative budget. Once we have our true allocation they will go back and make adjustments before the final adopted budget.
- 2) Purchasing deadlines: Jacqueline thanked all for their effort and submitting requisitions on time.
- 3) NANCE: We are coming down off of the funding that we had during the pandemic: the last year of our fully Block funding that we have just about spent. A lot of employees and resources were on that funding and now as this fund ends we are having to hold difficult

Jacqueline Collins, Acting Vice President, Administrative Services

Shipping and Receiving Inventory:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Shipping_Receiving_Reconciliation_Stockroom_Supplies_Sent 4-8-26.pdf

conversations to make difficult decisions. A NANCE request was sent to the campus for all the share their need in their areas and ranking their requests for top 1 and top 2 priorities. Last year we got requests for about 50 positions; this year requests were received for over 100 positions, totally \$5-6 million. We have access to about \$600,000 this year. All things ranking are due on Monday.

4) Shipping and Receiving Inventory - opportunity to purchase supplies that are currently availability in shipping and how to make them available going forward. The most requested item is paper. They are looking at keeping the supplies on the shelf that are in the highest demand.

A Stockroom Inventory list was shared following this meeting.

d) Mesa Comprehensive Campaign: Director Stellmacher stated they are hosting focus groups to get information on what to raise funds for; the comprehensive campaign fundraising activity is about to elevate. They are currently forming the basis of what will be asked for; they will keep lines of dialogue open so that it can be adaptable.

Krista Stellmacher, Director of Dev. / Entrepreneurship

All-Campus Events:

Mesa College Scholarship Awards: Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 4:30 p.m. Check-In, Mesa Gym

Honors Celebration, Thursday, April 30, 2026: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., D-101

Raza Graduation, Friday, May 1, 2026, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Mesa Quad

DSPS Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, May 5, 2026: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., LRAS 110

Speech & Debate Showcase, Tuesday, May 5, 2026: 5:00 -7:00 p.m., G-101

Veterans' Recognition Ceremony, Wednesday, May 6, 2026: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

Mesa Research Conference: Friday, May 8, 2026: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., M+S building

Rite of Passage: Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., City College, A Patio

EOPS & Special Programs, Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Quad

Transfer Recognition Luncheon: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

AAPI Recognition Ceremony: Friday, May 15, 2026, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Mesa Quad

Lavender Celebration: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m., D-101

Classified Service Awards: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Mesa Quad

Golden Scissors Fashion Show, Friday, May 22, 2026, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mesa Quad

PTA Pinning Ceremony: Friday, May 22, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

SD Mesa College Commencement, Friday, May 29, 2026, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Merrill Douglas Stadium

Classicon, June 2 – 4, 2026, UnSung Hero and Luncheon on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., MC 211 A/B

Spring 2026 Semester Pcab Meetings: 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5 Pcab Retreat, 5/19

*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

2/3/26: Veterans' & Records Department & Veterans Success Center (J. Agricola)

2/17/26:

3/3/26: Mesa DE Committee (K. Palacios; K. Lacher); AI Update (A. Gurganus); BARC First Reading (L. Legaspi)

3/17/26: FHP First Reading (I. O'Connor); BARC Second Reading (L. Legaspi); Real College (L. Maxey; J. Aleman, P. Vang)

4/7/26: FHP Second Reading (M. Gwin); Sustainability (W. Ray); ACCJC 7-year Framework First Reading (H. Hoang); CHP First Reading (L. Maxey)

4/21/26: ESC Update (M. Rodriguez); CDAIE (J. Villalobos); Roadmap First Reading (H. Hoang); CHP Second Reading (L. Maxey)

5/5/26: President's Cabinet Retreat: 2:15 – 5:00 p.m.

5/19/26: CEL Presentation (J. Johnson); Roadmap Second Reading (H. Hoang); ACCJC 7-year Framework Second Reading (H. Hoang); Survey Results (K. Stellmacher)