

Santa Monica College

Academic Senate Adjunct Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 11:15am-12:15pm

Location: Humanities and Social Science Building, Room 261

Chair: Arno Papazyan

Members: Jillian Alexander, Keith Kurtz, Arno Papazyan

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 with Arno Papazyan and Keith Kurtz present. Other members attended remotely via zoom.

The minutes of the March 6, 2026 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Arno Papazyan reported on recent activities in the Academic Senate:

- A model syllabus has been presented to the Senate.
- Updates to BP 4030 Academic Freedom
- Updates to class waitlists
 - Waitlist size to be 50% of max enrollment for a course
 - Students will be automatically added to courses from waitlists as openings occur, up until a date TBD.
- Representatives from the ASCCC made a presentation to the Senate regarding the role of Academic Senates, the ASCCC, and the projected budget shortfall.

Jillian Alexander was not present, but presented an update to FA activities via email:

- Each department has Representatives on the SMC Faculty Association. **Voting will start Monday and run for two weeks. 5/18-5/29.** (Nomination period has closed.) Paid union members are eligible to run for these 2-year offices. Adjuncts are eligible to serve and most departments have both a FT and a PT representative. There is a small stipend for serving. (Attend 6 SMCFA RA meetings per Fall and Spring semester.)
- Your department Representatives should be sharing with the department the meeting highlights, either by forwarding the meeting minutes or providing a summary at department meetings or via email or posting elsewhere.
- The SMCFA RA invited candidates running for California state Assembly and California state Senate seats that represent Santa Monica to address us so that we

might get a sense of whom understood the issues pertaining public higher education institutions and SMC's current situation. Two out of three left most of us underwhelmed.

The updated Adjunct Committee Scope proposal was passed unanimously by acclamation and will be sent to the Senate.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of an open discussion among the attendees. Items of note were:

- There was a suggestion and subsequent discussion regarding establishing a regular meeting time for the sub-committee. There was no decision on the matter.
- There was a suggestion and subsequent discussion on recruiting for a new sub-committee chair and filling the open Senate seats. It was suggested that we emphasize the pay for members attending Senate meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58