



Career Education (CE) Committee

Friday, March 13, 2026

Loft - Drescher Hall and Zoom

1:00 – 3:00pm

In person: Rebecca Agonafir, Ruth Casillas, Sheila Cordova, Jazmin Guzman, Gary Huff, Maria Leon-Vazquez, Dana Nasser, Debbie Perret, Steven Sedky.

Zoom:

A.J. Adelman, Leigh Allen, Javier Cambron, Nicole Chan, Victoria Charles, Amanda Garcia, Gillian Grebler, Laurel Joe, Jenny Landa, Lisa Lewenberg, Samantha Manuel, Hannah Nelson, Domi Piturro, Juan Ramos, Perviz Sawoski, Josh Withers.

Call to Order: 1:04pm

Public Comments and Announcements:

Maria Leon-Vazquez thanked Howard Stahl for representing Santa Monica at Beverly Hills High School's Career Fair.

Reports:

Chair: Debbie Perret

Debbie welcomes everyone to part two of the Perkins presentations. Debbie also thanked Jenny Landa and Ruth Casillas for all their hard work in making the presentations happen.

Vice Chair: Steven Sedky

Welcomed everyone in person and online. Acknowledged that Ashanti Blaize will be starting her new assignment at LA Valley College.

Approval of Minutes: December 2, 2025

December 2nd Gary Huff motioned to approve, Maria Leon-Vazquez second. All were in favor, no abstentions, no oppositions.

Information Items:

a. Perkins & SWP Presentations: [Perkins FY 26-27 Applications](#)

1:10 - 1:20 p.m. [ECE](#) & [EDU](#), Gary Huff

Industry Advisory Committee discussions identified ongoing staffing shortages and high turnover in early childhood settings, along with increasing difficulty finding qualified



candidates. Employers anticipate these challenges will worsen as updated California Child Development Permit requirements potentially reduce the short-term pool of eligible applicants. The program faces pathway complexity, advising gaps, and gender segregation in the field. To respond to the permit changes and protect student progress, the ECE Department will fund a dedicated ECE Permit Advisor to provide specialized permit training, individualized education planning, and alignment of ECE coursework with GE/AA degree requirements. The advisor will conduct at least 100 individual advisement sessions per term, update education plans, guide students through permit application processes, and develop standardized resources to ensure consistent guidance across faculty and counseling. Professional development for discipline faculty and counseling staff will build long-term capacity and reduce advising errors. The program is requesting funds for a total \$50,981

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1:20 - 1:30 p.m. [IxD](#), Nicole Chan

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1:30 - 1:40 p.m. [Applied Photography](#), Josh Withers

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1:40 - 1:50 p.m. [Sustainable Tech/SMM](#), Victoria Charles

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1:50 - 2:00 p.m. [Cosmetology](#), Samantha Manuel

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2:00 - 2:10 p.m. [DSPS](#), Juan Ramos

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2:30 - 2:40 p.m. [EE/PV](#), Laurel Joe

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2:40 - 2:50 p.m. [Promo Pathway](#), AJ Adelman

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2:50 - 3:00 p.m. [Technical Theatre](#), Perviz Sawoski

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Adjournment: 2:56pm

Next scheduled meeting: April 7, 2026, 1:00 – 2:15pm Location Loft - Drescher Hall and Zoom.