

# Santa Monica College Global Citizenship Committee

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## Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** April 23, 2026, 12:45pm – 2:00pm

**Location:** Student Services Building S222

**Chair:** Nancy Grass, Chair

**Attendees:** Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Lauren Movius, Sri Susilowati, Taneka Washington, Denise Kinsella, Deirdre Weaver.

**I. Call to Order:** 12:49pm

**II. Public Comments and Announcements**

a. None

**III. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2026**

Motion to Approve minutes, Lauren Movius. Second: Deirdre Weaver. Approved: Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Sri Susilowati, Taneka Washington, Denise Kinsella.

**IV. Standing Business**

a. Study Abroad

Denise shared that she had spoken with Vice President, Tania Acosta about the suggested study abroad programs for winter and summer 2028. Tania has decided to pause those for a moment.

b. Teach-In Report

Deirdre gave an update about the current planning for Teach-In next fall.

**Date:** Thursday, Oct 29th / 1pm-3pm

**Venue:** HSS 263

**HyFlex:** In person presentations and Zoom presentations

**Apply by:** Oct. 19th, 2026 (GC Meeting Oct 22nd or move up the deadline)

Planning and Outreach

**Theme:** From Heartbreak to Healing to Hope

**Faculty Champion:** Engage faculty committee members in spreading the word through Chairs meeting and Senate meeting

**Student Champions:** AS, ICC, Social Media.

Website link to info and applications: Catherine w/Claudia)

## V. Current Business

### a. GC Symposium Judging

Prior to the meeting, all Committee members had reviewed the 19 projects received and had sent their votes for each project they were assigned to. Committee members discussed which 3 of the 8 projects would be awarded the \$1,000 cash prize. Nancy went over event details and encouraged everyone to attend and, if possible, bring 3 attendees.

Heather motioned to choose the top 3 projects with highest scores to be awarded the \$1,000 prize.

Second: Deirdre Weaver. Approved: Nancy Grass, Lauren Movius, Sri Susilowati, Taneka Washington, Denise Kinsella.

Heather motioned to choose the 5 projects that followed the highest scores to be invited to present.

Second: Deirdre Weaver. Approved: Nancy Grass, Lauren Movius, Sri Susilowati, Taneka Washington, Denise Kinsella.

### **GC Symposium 2026**

**Date:** May 7, 2026

**Time:** 2:15pm-4:30pm

**Location:** HSS 263

### b. Annual Theme

Heather shared an update from the annual theme subcommittee with various ideas and thought processes to suggest to the committee the three themes below:

1. Living Cultures, Living Planet
2. Energy
3. Communication & Community

Motion to choose Living Cultures, Living Planet for 1 year and to be reviewed after said time, Heather Bennett. Second: Denise Kinsella. Approved: Nancy Grass, Lauren Movius, Sri Susilowati and Taneka Washington, Deirdre Weaver.

## VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Denise Kinsella. Second: Lauren Movius. Approved: Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Sri Susilowati, Taneka Washington, Deirdre Weaver. 1:32pm

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**Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026**