

Santa Monica College Global Citizenship Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: March 12, 2026, 12:45pm – 2:00pm

Location: Student Services Building S222

Chair: Nancy Grass, Chair

Attendees: Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Pete Morris, Lauren Movius, Brandon Reilly, Taneka Washington and Deirdre Weaver.

I. **Call to Order:** 12:47pm

II. **Public Comments and Announcements**

- a. Due to the Symposium submissions being due on March 26, the committee decided to cancel the scheduled meeting for that day and will instead meet on April 2nd to discuss the submissions received.

III. **Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2026**

Motion to Approve: Heather Bennett. Second: Pete Morris. Approved: Nancy Grass, Lauren Movius, Brandon Reilly, Taneka Washington and Deirdre Weaver.

IV. **Standing Business**

1. Committee Reports

- a. Annual Theme
Brandon Reilly joined the subcommittee for Annual Theme.
- b. Teach-In
Taneka joined the subcommittee for Teach-In.
- c. GC Symposium
Lauren Movius joined the subcommittee. The symposium is currently scheduled for May 7th in room HSS 263 at 2pm. The application is open and the deadline for students to apply is March 26, 2026. The committee was reminded to continue advertising the event and encourage students to participate.

V. **Current Business**

1. Events to Promote

- a. Co-Hosting a screening of Far From Home Documentary Screening and Filmmaker Q & A (Sharyn Absatz & Communication Studies at CMD 180, scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 6:45pm)

b. Global Citizenship Symposium: Application Deadline March 26, 2026.

2. Study Abroad Proposals

The committee divided the proposals between the ones for winter 2028 and those for summer 2028 and shared which they liked best to recommend it to the international offices for planning and next steps.

Motion to select/recommend Mexico and Oaxaca for summer 2028 and to suggest the faculty that proposed Belize to apply for a global grant: Brandon Reilly. Second: Lauren Movius. Approved: Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Pete Morris, Taneka Washington, Deirdre Weaver.

Motion to recommend Germany for winter 2028 study abroad: Peter Morris. Second: Lauren Movius. Approved: Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Brandon Reilly, Taneka Washington, Deirdre Weaver.

Motion to remove Japan from the list of proposals: Heather Bennett. Second: Brandon Reilly. Approved: Nancy Grass, Pete Morris, Lauren Movius, Taneka Washington, Deirdre Weaver.

Motion to recommend a longer proposal for South Africa about 3-4 weeks if faculty can and for it to be 2 to 3 units: Heather Bennett. Second: Peter Morris. Approved: Nancy Grass, Lauren Movius, Brandon Reilly, Taneka Washington, Deirdre Weaver.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Lauren Movius. Second: Deirdre Weaver. Approved: Nancy Grass, Heather Bennett, Pete Morris, Brandon Reilly, Taneka Washington. 2:10pm

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Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2026