

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Decolonizing the Academy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: HSS261

Members Present: Clay Barham, Shannon Herbert, Kristin Lui-Martinez, Christyanne Melendez, Jean Paik, Yamisette Westerband

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Public Comments:

None.

III. Announcements:

IV. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2025 meeting.

Motion to approve: Kristin Lui-Martinez

Seconded by: Shannon Herbert

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstention: 0

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Re-visited idea of PDC training for Indigenous awareness.
- b. Re-watched some of Julia Bogany's talk to hear her land acknowledgement.
- c. Discussed and applied to PDC for Spring Flex Day about land acknowledgments.
- d. Surfaced need to find more Indigenous people and White allies for this committee.
- e. Discussed future collaboration with Racial Justice One Read.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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