



Santa Monica College Academic Senate Decolonizing the Academy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: SSC396

Members Present: Clay Barham, Shannon Herbert, Christyanne Melendez (via Zoom), Jean Paik

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:12p.m.

II. Public Comments:

None.

III. Announcements:

Continuing the Circle conference info on April 24, 9-12pm – POSTPONED (did not meet quorum)

IV. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2025 meeting. – POSTPONED (did not meet quorum)

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Possible collaboration with UCLA Mellon grant with Early Global Studies and American Indian Studies Center
 - a. Fall 2026 workshop on co-creating knowledge with AI tools
 - b. Internships for Indigenous students at Fowler Museum or Catalina
- b. Shannon presented slideshow for Flex Day on 3/17

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm

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