

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Decolonizing the Academy

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 3 – 4:30pm

Location: SSC396

I. Call to Order 3:08pm

In attendance: Sara Nievas-Lucas, Christyanne Melendez, Kristin Lui-Martinez, Clay Barham, Juarez Alondra, Jean Paik, Llanet Martin, Shannon Herbert (Zoom)

II. Public Comments

Brief introductions

III. Announcements

- A.S. proposal submitted

IV. Approval of Minutes

N/A

V. Information Items

VI. Action Items

VII. Discussion Items

- Work on revising land and labor acknowledgement

Two different versions:

Short (for model syllabus)

Long (for website)

Plus a/v version

Include resources for a more comprehensive acknowledgement that promote active engagement with the values and mission stated in the acknowledgement

Please go to shared document to work on this. We jotted down points and ideas. We will edit this together at our June meeting.

Kristin Lui-Martinez will attend AS meeting to follow-up on proposal.

- Future planning: Fall 2026
 - o Check the box – *looking for people on campus to be on a panel for this: Some suggestions: Sang Chi (History), Reuben Deleon (Ethnic Studies), Hannah Lawler (IR)...who else would be good? This will be a panel to discuss the value of self-identifying ethnicity and/or race and the myths surrounding doing so.*
 - o What else?

VIII. Adjournment 4:28pm

Kristin Lui-Martinez, 1st

Sara Nievas-Lucas, 2nd

Next scheduled meeting: June 2