

End of the Year Report (2022-2023)  
Elections and Rules Committee (ERC)  
Academic Senate  
Santa Monica College

Committee Members: Kas Metzler (Chair) and Jinan Darwiche

The objective for the Elections and Rules committee for the 2022-2023 academic year was to conduct elections in accordance with the Senate by-laws and academic regulations. This was the second term of service for the Chair of the ERC so the priority was to maintain clear and accurate assessment of the Fall and Spring elections process and verify current Chairs, Senate Executive, Academic Senators, At-large Senators as well as Curriculum committee members as well as the service term.

Fall 2022: The ERC Chair worked alongside the Dean of Academic Affairs (Jason Beardsley) in the Fall 2022 for the Department Chair elections. In total there were four (4) Chair elections: Business, Music, Mathematics, and Physical Science. Term duration: June 2027.

Spring 2023: Regular elections were held for Senate Executive, Academic Senators, At-large Senators as well as Curriculum committee.  
Andrew Nestler (Mathematics) stepped down as of 5/2023 and still needs an appointed to fill remaining term (Spring 2024).

Spring 2023: The ERC chair worked alongside Interim Dean of Academic Affairs (?) Dee Dee Carter to coordinate two (2) special elections for Chairs in Life Sciences and ESL. Terms will complete remaining duration of prior Chair.

Spring 2023: Curriculum committee elections were held for four (4) seats (CSIS, English, ECE/Psychology, and Art/Dance/Music/Theatre). Term duration: Spring 2026.

The vision for the 2023-2023 term is to finish and present an ERC handbook which can be passed from Chair to Chair and ERC committee. This will be a living document that outlines tips and "lessons learned" so that new members will have a reference as they serve in the committee role. Once this handbook is initiated it will be shared with prior ERC Chairs as well as the Academic Senate members for review as well as contribution. This document will be housed on the ERC website.

ERC committee goals for the 2023-2024 cycle will be to work with the Senate Parliamentarian to review and initiate the process of updating the Senate by-laws and/or constitution. One item in particular is the addition of the open educational resources (OER) committee which was approved by majority vote in Spring 2023. The committee prior to that was the New Faculty committee and at the inception there was no update to the bylaws or constitution, possibly none needed, but it requires review none the less.