

Santa Monica College Academic Senate- Environmental Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date 3/5/26

Time 1-2pm

Location MSB 351

Members present: Leila Kashani, Ferris Kavar, Lisa Collins, Victoria Charles, Hannah Nelson

Interested Parties: Gillian Grebler, Mahtaub Golab, Yomira Lopez

Zoom: Christyanne Melendez

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06pm.

a. Approval of Agenda

motion V. Charles

2nd F. Kavar

yea: 5

nay: 0

Abstention: 0

b. Approval of minutes 12/4/25 postponed

II. Public Comments

- a. Christyanne Melendez presented the documentary “Out of Plain Sight” with the intention to try to bring the film to campus. Committee expressed their support and willingness to brainstorm places to find funding and their support to advertise the event if the film can be brought to the community
- b. Ferris updated the committee on work done to add language around Climate Readiness and Sustainability for the job advertisements for M & O director, Director of Facilities Planning, and President/ Superintendent. Committee will spend time next meeting coming up with language for the advertisement for the new President/ Superintendent.

- c. Ferris updated committee- SMC was paying User Utility Taxes over the last 2.5 years that they should NOT have been paying, the college is getting \$360,000 back and will have ongoing savings of \$120,000/ yr. Climate Action plan- focus on how the college will save money with this work. Working w. Chris Bonvenuto to have sub meters installed on each building so the college can see better where energy efficiency can be targeted to increase savings.

III. Announcements

IV. Information Items

V. Action Items

- a. Community agreements- committee drafted a community agreement, it is on the teams folder, we will revisit this 3/19 and then as needed

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Food desert- discussed again, biggest sticking point is that vendors wont make enough profit. Committee will spend time 3/19 creating a survey for students to find out what they want, when, and how much they are willing to pay
- b. Professional development- tabled to 3/19

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

Next scheduled meeting: March 19, 2026; 1-2pm; MSB 351