

Santa Monica College Academic Senate- Environmental Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date 5/7/26

Time 1-2pm

Location MSB 351

Members present: Ferris Kavar, Lisa Collins, Hannah Nelson, Gillian Grebler

Interested Parties: Yomira Lopez, Christyanne Melendez

Zoom: Laurel Joe

I. Call to Order

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

a. Approval of Agenda

motion F. Kavar

2nd H. Nelson

b. Approval of minutes 12/4/25, 3/5/26

motion F. Kavar

2nd G. Grebler

II. Public Comments

a. Ferris- Student Climate conference May 30th at UCI

b. Laurel working with CTE committee & report on possible new bachelor's programs being written at SMC; new CTE faculty training in canvas for faculty coming from outside of academia (can be accessed by anyone)

III. Announcements

IV. Information Items

V. Discussion Items

- a. Christyanne Melendez presented her work to bring reporter Roxanna Xia and the documentary “Out of Plain Sight” to SMC on May 21st 11:15-130pm, screening followed by pizza reception, please advertise to students.
- b. Food desert- as the committee works to bring vendors on campus want to move to a model that is vegetarian based & prices animal protein higher. Need to invite Dave Devar to a fall meeting- what does the college charge for vendor space? Would a co-op model work? Can we help with expansion of Bodega & food recovery programs to bring more food options to students?
- c. President/ Superintendent search update- none of the sustainability or climate resiliency language made it into the job advertisement next steps?

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06pm

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