

## Santa Monica College Academic Senate- Environmental Affairs Committee

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### Meeting Minutes

Date 9/18/25

Time 1-2pm

Location MSB 351

Members present: Leila Kashani, Ferris Kavar, Lisa Collins, Victoria Charles  
(on zoom) Joy Fritschle, Dennis Biddle, Alex Schwartz, Gillian Grebler

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1pm.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

motion F. Kavar

2<sup>nd</sup> L. Collins

yea: 4                  nay: 0                  Abstention: 0

#### III. Public Comments

none.

#### IV. Announcements

Coastal Cleanup is this weekend

Student sustainability workshops are starting the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October

Committee members introduced themselves

#### V. Approval of Minutes

#### VI. Information Items

a. Brown Act

b. 10 + 1

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c. IDEAAS in COR-

discussed previous work “greening the curriculum” and how that information was conveyed to students. Ferris will reach out to Rachel Demske & Redelia Shaw to see if we can revive this We need to do a course to see what courses use a sustainability lens. Laurel, Lisa, & Ferris will work on creating a survey and reaching out to dept chairs to get feedback from campus community.

A “Greening the Curriculum” canvas course shell exists with sample assignments, Ferris will send an invite to this canvas shell to all the committee members

Wondering if in the past we had the leaf icon or not- here’s the web archive of previous schedules of classes <https://www.smc.edu/academics/classes/archive.php>

d. Climate and Sustainability Action Plan- The Board of Trustees approved funds to hire a consultant to help put together climate action plan.

SMC has expressed and adopted specific climate action goals (as has the Chancellor’s office and the state) but we are not meeting them in any organized way and we missing opportunities. Ex: facilities master plan was perfect opportunity to spend bond money in a way that could both save the district money while advances our climate goals, but need expertise to help guide us.

CAP plans to look at every area from water, waste, energy, bldgs, curriculum and asks what are we already doing and what else could we be doing. Gives depts the tools needed to achieve these goals. Having a toolbox as ways to help us achieve these goals is necessary. Ferris has hired a consultant, they will attend a future EAC meeting

Major focus on the committee this year will be to present the plan & get buy in from stakeholders.

Identified stakeholders: DPAC, students, administrations- the management associations, CSEA, Senior Staff, academic senate/ FA, epicenter, Adelante, black collegians, Santa Monica community, and finally the Board of Trustees. Timeline is critical (May 2026), it’s important to see that we cannot separate climate issues from equity, they are intertwined.

## VII. Action Items

## VIII. Discussion Items

- a. Community Agreements (did not discuss)
- b. Committee Goals 2025-2026 (did not discuss)
  - i. Refine the Climate Action Plan
  - ii. Build support across campus for the CAP
  - iii. Address the food desert on campus
  - iv. Work with curriculum committee to infuse IDEAAS into CORs
- c. Assignments to DPAC- discussion around having folks involved with EAC attend DPAC and subcommittee meetings. They make big decisions, especially budget & facilities. We are missing opportunities while we are in the planning stage, to increase and reach our sustainability goals.
- d. Greening the Curriculum- discussed earlier
- e. Develop language for HR/ hiring committees that will be recruiting to replace key administrator positions at the college- how do we go about that? PPC/ Vicenta? Ferris will check  
We also want to know, will there be a student on the search/ hiring committee for the new president?

## IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm

Next scheduled meeting: October 2, 2025; 1-2pm; MSB 351