

Santa Monica College - Equity and Diversity Committee

Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom (online)

Date: April 1, 2021

Time: 1:00-2:00 P.M. PST (Pacific Standard Time)

Members Present: Steph Anderson, Sara Brewer, Kevin Chicas and Amber Urrutia

Interested Parties: None

- I. **Call to order: 1:07pm**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve: Sara Brewer
2nd: Amber Urrutia
Motion passed unanimously
- III. **Public Comments:** Steph provided information about a potential partnership that SMC might enter in to with the consultancy, Radicle Root Collective. A center objective of the partnership would be to engage in dialogue across various equity stakeholders at SMC with the goal of redressing previous harms caused.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2021 Meeting**
Motion to approve: Steph Anderson
2nd: Sara Brewer
Motion passed unanimously
- V. **Chairs Report:** Update from Executive Senate Mtg.
On-going discussions about plans for Fall 2020. There will be a series of town halls held by EOT. Lots of concern regarding health and safety of employees. Desire to cap number of students on-ground. No classrooms taking place right next to each other. Confusion and concerns exist regarding enrollment caps for courses. SMC will not be a vaccination site.
- VI. **Other reports:** None
- VII. **Old Business:** Results from Spring Flex Day presentation and data collected from Zoom polling. General takeaways discussed:
 - Faculty want more equity “tools” for online and on-ground instruction
 - EDC wanting to communicate that these tools are not “one size fits all”
 - Flex day attendees expressed a desire to have discipline-specific equity training

- Discussion of the creation of an equity-practices share out. The idea being that as a committee we could help “tap” into knowledge that already exists from our colleagues and create a resource pool of equity practices

VIII. Adjournment: 2:01pm

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Next scheduled meeting: May 13, 1-2 P.M. (online)