

# Santa Monica College Distance Education Committee

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## Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023

**Location:** [Zoom](#), Password: 849944

**Chairs:** Joelle Adams (Chair), Tammara Whitaker (Vice-Chair)

**Voting Members:** Fariba Bolandhemat, Vanessa Bonilla, Dana Del George, Sandra Hutchinson, Maral Hyeler, Paul Trautwein, Odemaris Valdivia

**Interested Parties:** Diane Arieff, Lourdes Arevalo, Sheila Cordova, Ashley Eutsey, Corinne Haynes, Gary Huff, Sue Lee, Kas Metzler, Christine Miller, Angelina Misaghi, Steven Sedky, Scott Silverman, Kayli Weatherford

### I. **Call to Order:** 12:47 p.m.

Motion: D. Del George

Second: S. Hutchinson

Approved

### II. **Public Comments**

a. None

### III. **Approval of Minutes**

a. [Minutes from May 9, 2023](#)

Motion: D. Del George

Second: F. Bolandhemat

Approved

### IV. **Chairs' Business**

a. Scholarship Update (T. Whitaker)

T. Whitaker expressed gratitude to the volunteers who generously contributed their time to review the scholarship applications from students. From the possible deserving recipients, Jazilee Rodriguez Perez, an Administration of Justice major at SMC, was chosen as the recipient of the Pronto scholarship.

The foundation will host an invite-only luncheon for the donors and scholarship recipients on June 2, 2023.

## V. Discussion/Action Items

### a. Ideas for 2023/24

J. Adams reminded the committee that meetings may be in-person next fiscal year due to some interpretations of how the Brown Act might pertain to Academic Senate meetings. Additionally, it was agreed upon by the committee members to reconvene and deliberate on potential topics for the Fall 2023 meetings following some members attendance at the Online Teaching Conference.

### b. UDL (C. Miller)

C. Miller shared a presentation to provide the committee with an overview of her insights and knowledge gained from her participation in the professional development opportunity titled “UDL in Postsecondary Education” facilitated by CAST.org.

### c. Online Student Engagement (K. Elliot and J. Hernandez)

Dr. Kiersten Elliot, Dean of Community and Academic Relations, and Jose Hernandez, Associate Dean of Outreach, Onboarding, and Student Engagement visited the committee to share upcoming events and brainstorm with the committee on strategies to enhance virtual community events hosted.

## VI. Adjournment- 2:00 p.m.

**Next scheduled meeting:** Fall 2023.