

Santa Monica College Online Teaching & Learning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 24, 12:45-2:00 p.m.

Location: HSS 261 & [Zoom](#)

Chairs: Vanessa Malzone (Chair), Tammara Whitaker (Vice-Chair)

Voting Members: Fariba Bolandhemat, Dana Del George, Collin Ellis, Sandra Hutchinson, Maral Hyeler, Paul Trautwein, and Juan Ramos.

Interested Parties: Willis Barton, Dana Del George, Lynn Dickinson, Ashley Eutsey, Matt Larcin, Laura Manson, Kas Metzler, Christine Miller, Steven Sedky, and Odemaris Valdivia.

I. Call to Order

12:47 p.m.

II. Public Comments

- a. M. Larcin shared that the Chancellor's Office now offers AI training and noted that additional information is available through Canvas Central announcements.

III. Announcements

- a. V. Malzone announced Soar Academy now offers one-on-one coaching for faculty interested in learning more about how to leverage AI in their courses.
- b. F. Bolandhemat announced that bachelor's degree for Cloud Computing has now been approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 10, 2026
Motion: D. Del George
Second: F. Bolandhemat
Approved

V. Chair's Report

a. Turnitin Clarity Feedback Session

T. Whitaker invited A. Eutsey to share updates regarding the Turnitin Clarity feedback session. The session was held on Friday, March 13, 2026, via Zoom. Representatives shared planned updates to the tool, including integration with SpeedGrader, improvements to usability, and support for rubric sharing. They also noted future plans to expand features such as mobile compatibility and assignment scaffolding. Committee members participating in the pilot also shared feedback on their experiences using the tool.

VI. Discussion & Action Items

a. Online Proctoring Expansion Resolution

V. Malzone shared that she met with G. Huff, Chair of the Instructional Technology & AI Committee, who discussed his own perspective and that of the committee regarding AI-resistant assessment design and the circumstances under which proctoring or alternative assessments may be appropriate. He indicated that the committee may not support the resolution in its current form.

The committee reviewed and revised the draft language and discussed the importance of including a training component, given that online proctoring is a technology tool used in instruction. V. Malzone also plans to meet with the Equity and Steering Committee to gather its perspective.

b. Goals for Spring 2026

The committee discussed current issues affecting online instruction and explored possible goals for the semester. These included creating space during meetings for committee members and members of the public to raise timely concerns and discuss educational technology tools currently being used by faculty.

VII. Adjournment 2:00 p.m.

Motion: D. Del George

Second: J. Ramos

Approved

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 12:45pm-2:00pm, HSS

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