

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Professional Ethics & Responsibilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

10/1/25

2-3pm

HSS 261

In attendance: Luz Badillo, Ian Colmer (chair), Tiffany Inabu, Lula Livanis, Valerie Narey

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. 5/28/25

Motion to approve: Valerie Narey

Seconded by: Lula Livanis

Approved: 2:25pm

V. Discussion Items

a. Committee Members Introduction

Committee members bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the committee.

b. Community Agreements

c. Potential Committee Projects for 2025-2026 Academic Year

- c. Academic Freedom BP, AR, Presentation, Workshop, Statement, etc.
- c. Model Syllabus Update
- c. Newsletter

Committee discussed the numerous potential projects the committee can work on in support of overall SMC Academic Senate goals this year. The two main goals we can support are 1) Discuss and educate the campus community regarding academic freedom and 2) Update the Model Syllabus to center equity-minded policies, practices, and language maintaining a particular focus on racial equity. Committee members expressed particular interest in updating BP 4030, partnering with the SMC Faculty Association on an academic freedom workshop/presentation series, and updating the model syllabus.

- d. Student Representatives

Pushed for time.

- e. Schedule Future Meetings

It was difficult to decide on a regular schedule that would enable us to meet at least one time per month. The committee decided to schedule our next meeting for October 15 and to nail down the schedule for the rest of our meetings at that time.

- f. Committee Scope and Functions

The committee noted that academic freedom is mentioned in our scope and functions.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tiffany Inabu

Seconded by: Valerie Narey

Adjourned: 3:01pm

Next scheduled meeting:

10/15/25, 2-3pm, HSS 261