

# Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

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## Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
**Location:** Zoom Session  
**Chairs:** Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)  
**Attendees:** Donna Davis-King, Matt Musselman, Press Nicolov, Mike Tuitasi, Alicia Villalpando, Redelia Shaw, Kamiko Greenwood (student rep), Dom Prendergast (student rep)  
**Guests:**  
**Excused/Absent:** James Thing

### I. Call to Order: 12:03 PM

### II. Public Comments:

- i. None

### III. Approval of Minutes: September 29, 2021

*Motion to approve Minutes from September 29, 2021 Donna moved, Matt seconded, (9) Yes, at 12:08 PM*

### IV. AR Updates: not yet passed or being held up

- a. AR 4300 Field Trips and Extracurricular Activities
  - i. Bea informed SAC that this AR was not presented to the Academic Senate. This will be a discussion item in the November Chair of Chairs meeting. Issues such as which departments impacted, funding, and faculty to student ratio on field trips are to be discussed at this meeting.
  - ii. Alicia asked whether student benefits fees could be used to fund these types of activities, since these fees were changed. Esau responded that these fees are not generating more revenue due to the restructuring of the fees, rather the opposite. Additionally, these funds are not under the control of any administrator, nor VP, they are designated under AS funding.
  - iii. Redelia wanted to clarify what the \$10 fee is for. Esau clarified there are two fees, one is the AS resources fee (formerly known as AS membership) \$10 – it used to be \$19.50, and the second one is the student benefits fee (formerly known as the ID card fee) – \$22.50, and it used to be \$13.00. The total amount is exactly the same amount as the formerly known AS fees, and these fees pay for the same items. However, the \$10 is now under the direct control of AS. The benefits fee pays for the “livesafe” app, the BigBlueBus etc.,

- b. AR 5422 Campus Events by St Org's and Clubs
  - i. Bea updated SAC that this AR had passed the Academic Senate, but this AR was held up as Sr. Administrators wanted reference to AR 3900 and that AR has not been revised –which relates to this AR. Bea still doesn't understand why it can't be revised later to include reference.
- c. AR 5140 DSPTS
  - i. Bea informed SAC that the Academic Senate passed this AR three years ago. However, it was never posted. Bea looked into this AR and it turned out it was held up at senior level by Bob due to legal language.
  - ii. Bea stated that these AR's that are being held up at senior level is an issue that needs to be addressed. Esau stated that the process does need to be improved. The Academic senate has three opportunities to review the regulation. However, senior staff has recently begun to discuss how some of these AR's have fiscal and legal ramifications that do not belong to the purview of the SAC nor the Academic Senate. Therefore, senior leaders may need another process. Perhaps a feedback mechanism from senior staff to the SAC and the Academic Senate could be implemented. Esau has had this discussion with Teresita and Mike. Since, several AR's have been held up for several years without any feedback as to why nor did the routing forms get signed by Dr. Jeffery.

## **V. Goals and Objectives: 2021-2022**

### **a. SAC Goals 21-22**

- i. Bea went over the document that delineates prioritization of AR's for 21-22.

## **VI. New Business:**

- a. SAC Members Getting a Copy of Recorded Meeting
  - i. Mike was under the impression that since SAC meetings are Brown Act, recordings and meetings can be requested and subsequently provided. Mike reached out to Bob asking for clarification.
  - ii. Donna stated she is comfortable with this, Dom, Press, Redelia and the rest of the Committee agreed.
  - iii. Kamiko commented that she thought it would be beneficial if recordings were released for the public.
  - iv. Esau stated it is a good idea as Mike suggested hearing back from Bob, because this could lead to posting of recordings. Esau referred to Board meetings and they do not post their recordings. Mike responded, per Bob, the Minutes are sufficient to be posted but the recordings do not need to be posted. However, if someone requests the recording, then it must be provided.

***Motion to approve release of SAC meeting recording if requested Donna moved, Dom seconded, (10) Yes, at 12:46 PM***

- b. AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees & Cert's
- i. Bea went over the AR from the beginning. Alicia asked if certificates should be specified. Esau responded there are three certificates and we could then specify those: achievement, completion, and competency. Bea updated the language of the AR to clarify the information regarding the certificates.
  - ii. Esau pointed out that the Governor has just signed legislation that gets rid of CSU and IGETC, to be replaced with one general education pattern. Therefore, Esau proposed since this AR will not be revised for another five to six years perhaps we should include language about this. Alicia responded that we should leave it out for now. Because, it will take time even if these changes are implemented. Bea, and Esau agreed to leave this out for now.
  - iii. Bea continued to go through the AR and edits were made with input.
  - iv. Kamiko asked if ACE credit could be included, Esau responded we do not currently have a policy to adopt these credits as they do not fulfill college or university credit level. Kamiko also asked since ACE cannot be included, could a student who has attended another university and had ACE credit approved there – use this as credit at SMC. Esau answered that this would not work, as it would not be an automatic approval just because a student had the credit granted and approved at another college. It is up to SMC to determine and evaluate all coursework, regardless if another institution approved such coursework as ACE. These kind of credits simply cannot just be transferred and automatically counted at SMC.
  - v. Further edits were made with input. Brief discussion on English SMC GE requirements, which was tabled as this would be in the Curriculum Committee's purview.
  - vi. Kamiko asked about including specific courses such as Acctg 45. Esau pointed out that this type of information is too detailed to include in this AR. Instead, the course specific information could be referenced in the College Catalogue, or on the General education requirement sheets for AA degrees. Alicia and Matt agreed with Esau. Donna expressed her support for understanding both Esau and Kamiko's points.
  - vii. Further edits were made with input.

## VII. Adjournment: 1:55 PM

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**Next scheduled meeting:** October 27, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by Malin Bohman