

# Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 – 12pm
<b>Location:</b>	SSC 222
<b>Chairs:</b>	Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Bea Magallon, Esau Tovar, Thomas Bui, Nancy Cardenas, Donna Davis-King, Press Nicolov, Sharyn Obsatz, Alicia Villalpando, Matti Castiglioni (Student Rep), Zitlaly Vega (Student Rep)
<b>Guests:</b>	Ana Montes De Vegas
<b>Excused/Absent:</b>	James Thing

**I. Call to Order: 12:10 PM**

**II. Public Comments:**

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

a. ***Motion to approve 10/09/24 Minutes: Thomas Bui moved, Donna Davis-King seconded, (11) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:13 PM***

**IV. Updates and Old Business:**

**a. Updates on AR 5500 Standards of Student Conduct**

- i. Bea brought up AR 5500 Standards of Student Conduct for further review after receiving feedback from Legal Counsel, Bob Myers that original language would be preferred. Donna requested looking into the matter of hazing one additional time. Donna was concerned that the definition currently restricts hazing to the initiator knowing it is likely to cause harm and hopes to include the mental health aspect in the AR. Donna stated that she yields to the leadership and guidance of Legal Counsel but feels like it is a mistake to exclude the matter of mental health. Esau stated that given the legal implication, despite the Committee's desire to include mental health in the AR, it will still be stopped by senior staff if only due to potential legal ramifications. Donna suggested asking Bob where SMC can include the matter of mental health as it relates to bullying/hazing and if it can be added to AR in the future. With additional conversation on the topic, the Committee was ready to vote.

***Motion to approve AR 5500 Standards of Student Conduct: Esau Tovar moved, Donna Davis-King seconded, (11) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:30 PM.***

## V. New Business:

### a. AR 4310 and AR 5017

#### ii. AR 4310 – Final Examination and Grades

Bea read the entirety of the AR to the Committee to refamiliarize the Committee with the content. Thomas suggested the addition of the phrase “or designee” and “Without the approval of Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee,” stating that the VP is likely far too busy to individually respond to all of these potential requests. The Committee deliberated on the section of “Nonappearance at time of final examination” and spent considerable time going back and forth on the subject. The Committee also decided to update some of the language to make it more inclusive and gender neutral. Press then brought up the issue of hybrid courses and the difficulty F.1 students are having if the course is not on-ground at least 51%. Some students are having to pay back their government for not meeting this requirement. The Committee then decided they needed additional information on whether this specific issue could be addressed through class schedule or if it needed other resolution. The committee decided it would not impact the regulation and voted.

***Motion to approve AR 4310 Final Examination and Grades: Donna Davis-King moved, Alicia Villalpando, seconded, (11) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 1:33 PM.***

#### iii. AR 5017 – Making and Responding to Inquires of Immigration Status, Citizenship Status, and National Origin Information

Bea read the entirety of the academic regulation to the Committee. The Committee made very minor changes to the AR. Upon Sharyn’s suggestion, the Committee decided to add an introductory paragraph (to be added after the Committee adjourned) to the AR. Sharyn was to provide to Esau following the meeting a proposed addition of the introductory paragraph.

***Motion to approve AR 5017: Esau Tovar moved, Donna Davis-King seconded, (11) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain Unanimous at 1:56 PM.***

## VI. Announcements:

### VII. Adjournment: 2:01 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards