

Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, November 6 th , 2024 – 12pm
Location:	SSC 222
Chairs:	Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)
Attendees:	Bea Magallon, Esau Tovar, Thomas Bui, Donna Davis-King, Press Nicolov, Sharyn Obsatz, James Thing, Alicia Villalpando, Zitlaly Vega (Student Rep)
Guests:	Ana Montes De Vegas
Excused/Absent:	Nancy Cardenas, Matti Castiglioni (Student Rep)

I. Call to Order: 12:30 PM

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. *Motion to approve Minutes of 10/23/2024: Alicia Villalpando moved, Esau Tovar seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 12:35 PM.*

IV. Updates and Old Business:

- a. Five AR's had no proposed changes from Exec. Now being moved to Academic Senate

V. New Business:

a. Updates on AR 5520 Disciplinary Procedures for Violations of Standards of Student Conduct (New AR#)

- i. Bea stated that the Committee needed to find a way to index the regulation given its length and density; Bea suggested thinking about it in terms of process. Upon Bea's request, Esau then gave a detailed explanation on the process of an instructor removing a student from the classroom via the SMC disciplinary procedure. Donna responded to the explanation by suggesting that the procedure could be further broken down into clearer steps. Bea stated that as it currently stands, the AR requires a lot of cleaning up which is why Bea added the league template in to help provide some structure and a starting point. With regards to an intro, Esau and Bea agreed that using the League's template would be helpful in getting the process started.

The Committee then set about making the necessary changes to the League's template intro. The Committee deliberated over some of the phrasing pertaining to individuals who participate as a complainant or witness in an investigation of sexual

assault as it appeared as if it could be confusing to a reader of the AR. Thomas suggested simply referring to the AR pertaining to sexual misconduct and cut out the potentially confusing verbiage; the Committee continued to deliberate and made refinements and adjustments to the subsection.

The Committee settled on the following verbiage which states, "Violations to the Standards of Student Conduct may result in the following disciplinary consequences: no discipline, verbal and/or written warning, written reprimand, suspension or expulsion. These consequences are not intended to substitute for criminal or civil proceedings that may be initiated by other agencies". The Committee then excised additional sections that were deemed redundant. The Committee continued to work through the AR making further edits and expanding on various subsections as needed. The Committee continued working until the end of the scheduled meeting time.

- ii. Bea informed the committee that the last two meetings would be focused on getting as much of this lengthy regulation finalized.

VI. Announcements: Next Student Affairs Committee meeting is on November 20th

VII. Adjournment: 2:03 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: November 20th

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards