

# Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 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, Sharyn Obsatz, James Thing, Alicia Villalpando, Matti Castiglioni (Student Rep), Zitlaly Vega (Student Rep)
<b>Guests:</b>	Ana Montes De Vegas
<b>Excused/Absent:</b>	Press Nicolov

### **I. Call to Order: 12:05 PM**

### **II. Public Comments:**

Bea reminded the Committee that an ad hoc subcommittee had been formed for the purposes of rehauling AR 5520, stating that the AR will be brought before the Committee proper when the first draft has been completed.

### **III. Approval of Minutes:**

N/A

### **IV. Updates and Old Business:**

#### **a. Updates on AR 4250 Academic Notice**

- I. Bea re-explained the matter of Academic Notice and Progress Notice notations on student transcripts. Bea informed the Committee that many other institutions do not have these notations on their transcripts. Esau continued by stating that technically it will be possible to remove the notations from the transcript, but unfortunately it may take some time for MIS to make the changes go live and that although the timeline may be long, there is a good chance that the changes will be made. A further discussion with Financial Aid also needs to take place to determine if there are any issues with the proposed changes.

Sharyn then brought up the matter of drops vs withdrawals and the careful nuance needed when handling the matter; especially given F1 students and transfers. The Committee settled on the following updated language,

“Student will be notified in writing and on their portal of their academic standing”.

***Motion to approve AR 4250 Academic Notice: Alicia Villalpando moved, James Thing seconded, (10) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 12:49 PM. Unanimous.***

**b. AR 4255 Temporary Dismissal and Reinstatement**

- I. Alicia brought up the matter of Santa Barbara College and Shasta College adopting the language of “Academic Pause” in lieu of “Dismissal” to avoid stigma and negative language. Donna Davis-King suggested that students should feel a bit discomforted regarding being dismissed. Bea stated that leaving it as “Dismissal” but adding “Temporary” as being the half-way point compromise. Thomas thinks that leaving the word “dismissal” is going to be beneficial to students moving to a 4-year institution given that this is the language they will be facing in other higher learning institutions and that the consequences will be more dire then. Thomas also agreed with de-stigmatizing the language but doing so within SMC’s practices. The Committee then made a handful of additional changes to the academic regulation.

***Motion to approve AR 4255 Temporary Dismissal and Reinstatement: Alicia Villalpando moved, Sharyn Obsatz seconded, (10) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 1:19 PM. Unanimous.***

**V. New Business:**

**a. AR 5013 Students in Military (NEW AR)**

- i. Esau stated that part of this AR’s content is found in the Residency regulation. The Committee agreed to go through the AR in its entirety. The Committee then made various minor edits and changes to the AR to provide clarity and reduce repetitive language. Esau then recommended the Committee put the AR back on the agenda for the next session to make further revisions.

**VI. Announcements:**

**VII. Adjournment: 2:00 PM**

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**Next scheduled meeting: April 9, 2025**

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards