

Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – 12pm
Location:	SSC 222
Chairs:	Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)
Attendees:	Bea Magallon, Esau Tovar, Nancy Cardenas, Donna Davis-King, Sharyn Obsatz, James Thing, Alicia Villalpando
Guests:	Ana Montes de Vegas
Excused/Absent:	Thomas Bui, Press Nicolov, Matti Castiglioni (Student Rep), Zitlaly Vega (Student Rep)

I. Call to Order: 12:05 PM

II. Public Comments:

James Thing explained to the Committee that he currently has a student whose Visa was revoked and that they will likely be returning to their home country. James asked if these types of classes can be completed remotely. Esau explained that some of the affected students are self-deporting, and others are waiting to see. Alicia asked if it would be possible for a class to switch to an online course. Esau explained that there are specific on-ground only classes. The Committee debated over the merits of putting the class online for all students and what could be done to substitute the on-ground tests and assignments. Sharyn offered her partnership on helping James work on the specifics of the online class change.

James then explained that an international student asked James to put the entire class online (participation, course work, attendance) due to a family emergency, despite the international student needing to be in 9 units on ground. Esau explained this could be a serious issue for the student in the future given the student's F1 status. James offered to have her switch to another section, but the student did not want to do this. The Committee stated that this would not be possible. James concurred and stated that he would tell the student "no".

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. Motion to approve Student Affairs Committee 11/20/2024 Minutes: Alicia Villalpando moved, Sharyn Obsatz seconded, (6) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 12:12 PM. Unanimous.

B. Motion to approve Student Affairs Committee 12/4/2024 Minutes: Alicia Villalpando moved, James Thing seconded, (6) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 12:13 PM. Unanimous.

C. Motion to approve Student Affairs Committee 3/12/2025: Alicia Villalpando moved, Esau Tovar seconded, (6) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 12:14 PM. Unanimous.

IV. Updates and Old Business:

a. Updates on 4250 Standards of Student Success (Academic Notice) and 4255 Academic Dismissal & Reinstatement

- i. The administrative regulations passed Academic Senate first reading and will go for a second read.

V. New Business:

a. AR 5013 Residence Determinations for Military Personnel and Dependents (New AR)

- i. The Committee briefly reviewed AR 5013. Esau then informed the Committee that a minor change was needed; Bea made the requisite edit. The Committee made a few additional changes to the verbiage of the AR for clarity.

Motion to approve AR 4013 Students in Military: Nancy moved, Esau seconded, (7) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 1:01 PM. Unanimous.

Motion to reopen and remove the approval for AR 4013 Students in Military: Donna moved, Nancy seconded, (5) Yes, (2) No, (0) Abstain at 1:14 PM.

The Committee decided to Eliminate the Withdrawal Process for Members of the Military verbiage and only reference "See AR 5075 Course Adds and Withdrawals and AR 5230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols"

Esau suggested leaving it open to further edits due to the nature of working on further ARs. The Committee agreed and decided to move on from the AR.

b. AR 5020 Nonresident Tuition (and Exemptions) (New AR)

- i. Bea suggested having the Admission & Records staff review AR 5020; however, Esau explained that due to the workload of A&R, this was not likely. After brief discussion, the Committee decided to pause on this AR. Esau informed the Committee that he would get back to the Committee with further information.

c. AR 5010 - Admission Eligibility

The Committee briefly reviewed the AR and made various changes to improve clarity and information. Esau stated that students who do not have a high school diploma must be over the age of 18 or be a part of concurrent enrollment.

Motion to approve AR 5020 Nonresident Tuition: Esau moved, Donna seconded, (7) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 1:57 PM. Unanimous.

VI. Announcements:

VII. Adjournment: 2:00 PM

For all documents, visit: <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/AcademicSenate/Committees/Pages/Student-Affairs.aspx>

Next scheduled meeting: April 23, 2025

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards