

Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 12:09 pm
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, Matti Castiglioni (Student Rep), Zitlaly Vega (Student Rep)
Guests:	Ana Montes De Vegas, Stanley – Student Commissioner A.S.
Excused/Absent:	Thomas Bui, Press Nicolov

I. Call to Order: 12:06 PM

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. N/A

IV. Updates and Old Business:

a. Updates on AR 5010 Admissions Eligibility

- i. Bea informed the Committee that only a couple of substantive changes were made to the AR, which include “catalog and class schedule” and changing the language to read, “at least one year and one day”. The Committee then deliberated over the wording of the AR, altering the language to maintain consistency across the breadth of other academic regulations.

Motion to approve on AR 5010 Admissions Eligibility: James Thing moved, Donna Davis-King seconded, (7) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain at 12:25pm. Unanimous.

V. New Business:

a. AR 5015 - California Residency Determination for Tuition Purposes

- i. Esau explained to the Committee how he set up and structured AR 4110, which he had worked extensively on. Esau further explained how he helped re-write the AR to make the document flow, using the same language and terminology to make it consistent throughout SMC other Administrative Regulations. Esau also helped add section titles to the administrative regulation. The Committee then discussed the

matter of residency at length, grappling with the legal implications of the law. The Committee then worked on the opening statement of the document before going through the entirety of the AR. The Committee deliberated on the bullet point, “every person who is married or 18 years of age, or older, and under no legal disability to do so, may establish residence. (Education Code 68061).” After considerable deliberation on the meaning of the statement, especially the phrase “under no legal disability to do so”, the Committee decided to leave the legal phrase as is. The Committee continued to make changes to the verbiage to clarify and improve the readability of academic regulation.

VI. Announcements:

Bea announced that the Student Affairs Committee will only meet another three times. AR 5520 still requires more work and should be actioned in the month of May.

VII. Adjournment: 2:00 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: April 30, 2025

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards