

Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – 12pm
Location:	SSC 222
Chairs:	Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)
Attendees:	Bea Magallon, Esau Tovar, Thomas Bui, Nancy Cardenas, Donna Davis-King, Ana Montes de Vegas, Sharyn Obsatz, Alicia Villalpando, Liz Li (Student Rep.)
Guests:	Nick Chambers
Excused/Absent:	Press Nicolov, Ike Munguntsatsralt (Student Rep)

I. Call to Order: 12:10 PM

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes:

a. *Motion to approve 3.18.2026 Student Affairs Committee Minutes: Alicia Villalpando moved, Esau Tovar seconded, (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:15 PM.*

IV. Updates and Old Business:

a. **Updates on AR 5055 Enrollment Priorities Revised**

- i. Bea brought back AR 5055 Enrollment Priorities with a handful of further edits that the Committee needed to review. Only minor wording and paragraph structure changes were made to the AR, including reverting to some of the original language and the removal of superfluous sections.

Motion to approve AR 5055 Enrollment Priorities: Esau Tovar moved, Thomas Bui seconded, (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:32 PM.

V. New Business:

a. **AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees**

- ii. Bea thanked Esau for working on AR 4100 and gave a brief overview of the work that had been performed so far, such as using the old template and AI to help craft the document. Bea then began to read through the AR in its entirety, pausing for comments and recommendations for revision.

Per Nick Chamber's reference, the Committee agreed to remove subsection XII "Administrative Responsibility" as the language is embedded throughout the AR. Likewise, Nick cautioned against strictly defining the roles laid out in the section as there is a lot of overlap between the roles in Counseling department and Admissions and Records.

The Committee then continued to proceed throughout the AR. Per Sharyn's suggestion, the Committee decided to lowercase "academic records evaluators" to add flexibility as to who may be able to facilitate the duties of an official academic records evaluator.

The Committee then made a series of substantive revisions and edits to language in the AR to clarify the specificity and paramount importance of coursework credit and subject requirements (education requirements). The Committee members then discussed the nuances of subject and coursework requirements, as well as noncredit course requirements for associate degrees, at length. The Committee decided to get further direction from the Department Chairs on the matter.

Bea continued to read through the remainder of the AR making minor revisions throughout. The Committee revised CSU graduation requirements for American History, and American & CA Govt equivalents in the "Course Limitations" section. Shortly thereafter, the Committee adjourned for the day.

VI. Announcements:

VII. Adjournment: 2:00 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: April 8, 2026

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards