

Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, April 8 th , 2026 – 12pm
Location:	SSC 222
Chairs:	Beatriz Magallon (Chair), Esau Tovar (Vice Chair)
Attendees:	Bea Magallon, Esau Tovar, Thomas Bui, Donna Davis-King, Ana Montes de Vegas, Press Nicolov, Sharyn Obsatz, Alicia Villalpando, Liz Li (Student Rep.)
Guests:	Nick Chambers
Excused/Absent:	Nancy Cardenas, Ike Munguntsatsralt (Student Rep.)

I. Call to Order: 12:10 PM

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes:

IV. Updates and Old Business:

a. Updates on AR 5055 Enrollment Priorities

- i. Bea stated that she wanted Esau to review AR 5055 Enrollment Priorities before submitting it to Executive Committee just to make sure all IT matters being addressed. Bea stated that she would hold off on submitting this AR until more could be submitted together.

V. New Business:

a. AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees

- ii. The Committee resumed work AR 4100 section “V. Associate Degree Requirements (AA/AS)”. Bea began to read through the document, pausing for comments and editing suggestions. The Committee began deliberating on “Residency Requirement” language regarding unit requirements; no changes were made.

Bea continued reading through the AR and briefly touching on subsections, such as general education requirements for associate degrees and the Global Citizenship unit minimum. Esau recommended adding the language “One of the following G.E. patterns based on catalog rights” notation for CSU GE and IGETC (UC/CSU) which are now defunct legacy transfer patterns for the purposes of clarity.

Continuing, the Committee discussed various exceptions regarding general education course requirements, such as having been awarded a California community college associate degree or a bachelor's degree from an institutionally accredited institution which would satisfy the GE course requirements for an AA degree. Bea continued to read through the AR. The Committee spoke at length regarding AA degrees for transfer.

The Committee discussed not wanting to have too much repetition as the previous iterations suffered from this issue. The Committee made minor structural edits for the sake of clarity and succinctness. Per Sharyn's recommendation, the Committee moved cautionary language regarding an educational path to the end of a given subsection so that students wouldn't feel discouraged or alarmed when reading the initial paragraphs of a subsection.

Bea resumed reading through the AR, continuing to subsection "VII. Baccalaureate Degree Requirements", discussing grade equivalency and GE patterns designed for a baccalaureate degree. Nearing the end of the session, the Committee pushed through reading the final parts of the AR. The "Appeals" subsection was excised from the AR.

Motion to approve AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees: Alicia Villalpando moved, Sharyn Obsatz seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 1:58 PM.

VI. Announcements:

VII. Adjournment: 2:00 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: April 22, 2026

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards