

# Santa Monica College Student Affairs Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 – 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, Ana Montes de Vegas, Sharyn Obsatz, Alicia Villalpando, Liz Li (Student Rep.)
<b>Guests:</b>	Nick Chambers
<b>Excused/Absent:</b>	Press Nicolov, Ike Munguntsatsralt (Student Rep.)

**I. Call to Order: 12:08 PM**

**II. Public Comments:**

After welcoming the Committee, Sharyn Obsatz stated that she attended the BOT meeting and shared her feelings on the matter and the impact to direct services to students. Others also shared sentiments. Sharyn suggested giving space to Thomas Bui with regards to the impending layoffs.

Thomas thanked the Committee for their kind words and best wishes as he prepares to leave SMC and stated that he hopes that the District continues to ensure that students receive the same level of care they need to be successful.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

*a. Motion to approve 4.1.2026 Student Affairs Committee Minutes: Nancy Cardenas moved, Sharyn Obsatz seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:20 PM*

*b. Motion to approve 4.8.2026 Student Affairs Committee Minutes: Esau Tovar moved, Sharyn Obsatz seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:22 PM.*

*c. Motion to approve 4.22.2026 Student Affairs Committee Minutes: Sharyn Obsatz moved, Esau Tovar seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 12:24 PM.*

**IV. Updates and Old Business: AR's 4100 and 5055 being presented to Academic Senate next week.**

**a. New Business:**

**AR 4226 - Enrollment Overlap and Time Conflicts, AR 4100.1 Number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded to a Student, AR 5014 Affirmed First Name and Pronouns (New AR)**

**i. AR 4226 – Enrollment Overlap and Time Conflicts**

Bea began by reading through the AR aloud to the Committee. Esau reminded Bea that Senior Staff is asking for tracked changes to be present on the “finished” AR documents with comments available so that they can better understand the edits, deletions and structural changes made. The Committee stated that this process should be done in real-time to reduce the amount of work needed outside of the Committee meeting. Bea mentioned that since AI had been used, we had started with a clean version with previous regulations but would not do that in the future.

Bea continued to read through the AR for the Committee, pausing for comment and/or edits. The Committee made a minor edit pertaining to “campuses/locations”. Additionally, the Committee made an edit in the “Enrollment in Overlapping Classes” stating, “the student must secure approval from the impacted instructor” along with additional paragraph restructuring.

Pressing forward, Bea continued through the AR, pausing for the Committee to make minor revisions and edits throughout. The Committee also added reference to Esau’s online form, the “Enrollment Conflict Attendance Log”. The Committee then added the following qualifying statement, “this applies to all modalities and excludes flexible.” Completing work on the AR, the Committee took a vote.

***Motion to approve AR 4226 – Enrollment Overlap and Time Conflicts: Alicia Villalpando moved, Donna Davis-King seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 1:15 PM.***

ii. **AR 4100.1 Number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded to a Student**

Bea read through the AR aloud to the Committee. The Committee made very minor edits and was ready to make a motion on the AR.

***Motion to approve AR 4100.1 Number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded to a Student: Donna Davis-King moved, Liz Li seconded, (9) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 1:20 PM.***

iii. **AR 5014 Affirmed First Name and Pronouns (New AR)**

Bea introduced the document to the Committee and covered the brief history leading to the creation of this new AR, based on the existing Affirmed Name Policy crafted by a workgroup years prior. The Committee began making changes to the template used as the basis of the AR. The Committee deliberated for a considerable length of time on the specifics and legality surrounding an “affirmed first name”. Throughout, the Committee word-smithed clear and concise language throughout the AR to ensure compliance, inclusivity and consistency and removed processes.

***Motion to approve AR 5014 Affirmed First Name and Pronouns with contingency that Esau would make final revisions to contact info pertaining to students changing email address: Thomas Bui moved, Donna Davis-King seconded, (7) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstain. Unanimous at 2:04 PM.***

VI. Announcements:

VII. Adjournment: 2:05 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson Edwards