

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

Online Session

11:15AM – 12:35PM

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Motion to call to order, clarifying that the 75/25 Resolution and FA Authorization are separate items:

M/S: B. Antrim/S. Obsatz

Passed: 11:16AM

II. Public Comments

None

III. Approval of 4/20/21 Minutes

M/S: B. Magallon/M. Tomasic

Passed: 11:19AM

IV. Action Items

a. Curriculum (B. Antrim)

i. New Courses & Distance Education (COM ST 38)

Approved as bloc: 11:20am

ii. Distance Education (NURSNG 60/HEALTH 60)

Approved as bloc: 11:21PM

iii. Changes to degrees and certificates as a result of courses considered on this agenda:

Approved as bloc: 11:22AM

- b. Suggested Changes to Program Review Process (S. Amerian)
There are two proposed changes, the first of which would create two tracks for program review. This change would allow more time for faculty to focus on programs where their input can be most effective. The second change would temporarily pause the six-year review (but not the annual review) to allow time to revise the program review process.
M/S: B. Antrim/C. Matheson
Passed: 11:33am
- c. [AR 3225/7360 Discipline and Dismissal of Regular and Contract Employees](#) (A. Nestler)
An update to this regulation removes language about Communist Party affiliation. The regulation now refers to “conduct specified in Section 1028 of the Government Code.” Part B of the regulation has been expanded and now largely mirrors the Education Code.
M/S: B. Magallon/T. Inabu
Passed: 11:47AM
- d. [AR 4225 Course Repetition](#) (B. Magallon)
With some exceptions, this regulation prevents students from repeating courses for which they have previously earned satisfactory grades and limits their attempts if they earn unsatisfactory grades. However, students may repeat a course “any number of times ... if enrollment is required to meet a legally mandated training requirement.” Another update to this regulation allows students to boost their GPAs when they transfer credits from duplicate courses at other colleges.
M/S: A. Villalpando/V. Arrizon
Passed: 11:54AM
- e. [Senate 75-25 FT Faculty Resolution 1st Read](#) (N. Donahue)
This resolution, crafted by A. Nestler, focuses more on facts and actions than arguments made in the past. Senators discuss potential changes to the resolution, including adding an additional “whereas” statement about what faculty do for students and how full-time faculty are better able to support equity at SMC.
M/S: C. Matheson/B. Magallon
Passed: 12:15PM
- f. Authorization for FA to Negotiate for Intersession Faculty Compensation for Summer and Winter Faculty Labor Related to Senate Work (N. Donahue)
The SMC Faculty Association requests authorization to negotiate for compensation for additional work.
M/S: J. Adams/J. London
Passed: 12:19PM

V. Discussion Items

- a. [Contra Costa Guideline of Online Assessment](#)

Pushed for time

- b. [Associated Students Alternative Proctoring Resolution](#)

Pushed for time

- c. Academic Senate Alternative Proctoring Resolution

N. Donahue remarks that the issue of proctoring has been framed as a false binary in which faculty must either support the use of Proctorio or not. Senators discuss the need for more proctoring support, but also note that DSPS reports not many faculty are requesting proctoring. A. Tower, chair of the Life Sciences Department, requests that STEM faculty and proctoring experts be collaboratively involved in conversations about Proctorio and proctoring.

Motion to direct senate president to partner collaboratively with students to work on a resolution that supports alternative proctoring resources and options:

M/S: E. Meyer/ V. Arrizon

Time: 12:47PM

VI. Adjournment

M/S: B. Antrim/E. Meyer

Adjourned: 12:50PM

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Next scheduled meeting: May 18th 11:15AM – 12:35PM Online Session