

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2024

11:15am – 12:35pm

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I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion to add Resolution Regarding Campus Violence to Discussion Items:

M/S: G. Davison/B. Magallon

Approved: 11:20am

II. Public Comments

None

III. Announcements

- a. L. Hald – Beyond Safe Zone Workshop on October 25th. Faculty Forum on Equity Minded Syllabus on October 30th.
- b. D. Broccard – Community: Mobility, Migration and Movement (Teach-In) on October 29th.
- c. J. Lee – Synapse on November 9th and 10th.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. 10/8/24
M/S: B. Magallon/M. Trujillo
Approved: 11:25am (1 abstention)

V. Discussion Items

a. Instructional Framework for Peer Observation (S. Anderson)

S. Anderson presented information on the update of the peer evaluation process and provided copies of the framework with explanations on how it aligns with the current peer observation format. The current questions may not be robust enough and the suggested framework integrates them into something more meaningful. S. Anderson that senators review the documents presented for further discussion in the coming weeks.

b. Pivoting to Remote Instruction; 2024-25 Senate Goals (J. London)

- i. J. London led a debrief on the process of pivoting to remote instruction considering the college's recent pivot the week prior due to workplace violence. Points of concern: the speed with which some departments can pivot as opposed to others, exams that can't be taken online (ex: Nursing), students' ability to retrieve projects from campus, the effect on Performance/Event dates, communication from college being reactive rather than preventative.
- ii. 2024-25 Senate Goals – *pushed for time*
- iii. Resolution Regarding Campus Violence (added)
London submitted a draft of the proposed senate resolution to the senate over the weekend for their review. Suggested additions were the inclusion of a communication strategy in case of emergencies, promotion of a culture of safety which humanizes communication. Additionally, a request for an independent investigation into the recent workplace violence and the college's implementation of any recommended changes should also be included as well as the need for support of faculty (especially those that teach at CMD).

VI. Adjournment

M/S: E. Meyer/G. Davison

Adjourned: 12:32pm

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Next scheduled meeting: November 5th