

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2025

11:15am – 12:35pm

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I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion to include “GPS Presentation” as an Information Item

M/S: E. Meyer/L. Hald

Approved: 11:21am

II. Public Comments

None

III. Announcements

- a. D. Broccard – Bulletins have been sent out about the Global Citizenship Symposium.
- b. L. Hald – Professional Development Day is March 20th. Please RSVP for lunch.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. 11/19/24
- b. 12/03/24

Motion to approve as block:

M/S: E. Meyer/V. Arrizon

Approved: 11:23am

V. Action Items

- a. Curriculum (R. Shaw)
 - i. 12/04/24 – Non-substantial changes: updates to textbook for ENGL 59. New courses and substantial changes to Biotechnology and Photo courses. New Program: Pilates and Yoga teach certification. Program revision: Photography AS/Cert of Achievement.
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- ii. 2/19/25 – SLO updates in CIS, CS, OFTECH. Substantial changes in ART 34, GEOG 7 and GEOG 11. ART 35 to be offered DE. SLO/PLP mapping in Analog Photography, Technical Theater and Theater Arts AA-T.

Motion to approve as block:

M/S: J. Krug/E. Meyer

Approved: 11:29am

VI. Information Items

- a. GPS Presentation (G. Brookins)

G. Brookins presentation information on GPS and its benefits. Students have been encouraged by the feedback they've received through GPS, and it has allowed them to be their own advocate. It also provides students with either an information or counseling response depending on what's requested.

- b. Program Review Report to DPAC Cycle 1 (S. Amerian)

There's a significant revamp of Program Review with a cycle including most STEM programs. Administrative Programs included in the review: Risk Management, Sustainability and Campus Police.

Key findings of Cycle 1 Meta Analysis found that implementation of AB 705/1705 affects multiple programs and must be addressed at the institutional level. Investment and support in emerging programs and innovations is needed. A districtwide culture of sustainability as well as safety should be fostered. A succession planning process for mentoring with retirements and staff turnover for the next generation of campus leaders is needed.

- c. Academic Senate Resolution in Support of Faculty Autonomy, Academic Freedom and DEI (S. Anderson)

Faculty will come together to articulate their collective ideas regarding these concepts.

- d. Framework for Instructional Observations (S. Anderson/J. Krug)

An instructional guide for best practices will move to the Chairs for review. A link to the framework will be linked to the EpiCenter's website.

VII. President's Report

- a. Budget Report

Hold Harmless is ending and we will not get COLA. Budget Committee is responsible for 18 million dollars and there is a recommendation that senior staff and the president develop a plan.

- b. FT Faculty Hiring

Currently on hold to address budget shortfall.

- c. Future Senate Townhalls

Future townhalls will include administration.

d. Resolutions Update

We want to solution-orientated about our resolutions moving forward.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

M/S: L. Hald/E. Meyer

Adjournment: 12:27pm

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Next scheduled meeting: March 11th