

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

11:15am – 12:35pm

HSS 261

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

M/S: L. Hald/E. Meyer

Approved: 11:18am

II. Public Comments

None

III. Announcements

- a. S. Anderson – The Psychology Department will have a gallery museum on 2/26 “I Am Psyched” featuring profiles of Black psychologists in honour of Black History Month.
- b. D. Perret – CE will have five workshops during Spring focused on the tools to identify soft skills and their implementation in class.
- c. R. Cruz – The library is open and now features even more areas for students to collaborate and/or work alone.
- d. L. Hald – On 2/19 the EpiCenter will present Learning Lounge: The Power Play.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. 11/26/24

Motion to approve with corrections to grammar/spelling:

M/S: C. Matheson/J. Krug

Approved: 11:30am

V. President’s Report

- a. Budget Update

Administration would like permanent “hold harmless,” but the intention of its benefit doesn’t necessarily meet its goal. Alos a true Hold Harmless problem doesn’t not include COLA.

b. FT Faculty Hiring

There is a need for transparency for the restructuring plan. The college will continue to support DEI work but there is potential for a 3-year hiring freeze due to the budget.

c. Future Senate Townhalls

Townhalls will be hybrid as we want as many people as possible to attend and possible. The townhalls can't provide all the answers but will be an opportunity to meet as a community, express concerns and support each other.

d. Resolutions Update

We want to be conscious of how we use our time so some resolution may need to be paused.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

M/S: E. Meyer/J. Krug

Adjournment: 12:27pm

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Next scheduled meeting: March 4th.