

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

11:15am – 12:35pm

HSS 261

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve:

M/S: L. Hald/L. Collins

Approved: 11:18am

II. Public Comments

None

III. Announcements

- a. Faculty Chaperones Needed for A.S. Conferences (V. Arrizon)
 - i. A.S has two opportunities for Faculty to travel with A.S. Student Leaders to two separate conferences in March.
- b. Epi-Center (L. Hald, J. Krug)
 - i. Professional Development Day is Tuesday, March 17th. Lots of different workshops happening. Dr. Gina Garcia is coming back, a philosophy and sciences workshop, academic freedom/freedom to teach presentation, decolonizing SMC (first steps to get everyone on the same page.)

IV. Information Items

- a. Introductions (V. Arrizon)
 - i. Chris Grant is now joining us as our Parliamentarian. Tram Dang is stepping in for Steph Anderson as chair of Equity & Diversity and Nancy Grass is filling in for Delphine Broccard as chair of the Global Citizenship Committee.
- b. PERC Updates on Academic Freedom (V. Arrizon)

- i. Michael DeCesare, Senior Program Officer, Department of Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Governance, American Association of University Professors from AAUP will be coming to discuss academic freedom in the classroom on March 17th. Additional Academic Freedom speaker events for April and May are in the works. Suggestions for revisions to BP 4030 are in the works. Recommendations were made for suggested revisions.

V. Action Items

- a. AP 5031 Instructional Material Draft (R. Cruz)
 - i. Materials must be available to students on the first day of the semester. Faculty are highly encouraged to adopt OER to meet compliance. Minor language suggestions made and recommendations made to move references to the bottom of the document.

Motion to Approve:

M/S: B. Magallon/J. Krug

Approved: 12:15pm

VI. President's Report

- a. Enrollment Window
 - i. The new enrollment window will be from 6AM to 9PM. It previously started at 4AM.
- b. Enrollment Waitlist
 - i. Waitlist updates are still in the works. The plan is to have the enrollment waitlist cap increased to open as soon as a course section is filled instead of 2 weeks prior to the start of a course.
- c. ASCCC
 - i. [Webinars](#) worth checking out are coming up!

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: I. Colmer/R. Cruz

Adjourned: 12:36pm

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Next scheduled meeting: March 3rd