

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 16, 2025

11:15 AM – 12:35 PM

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I. Preliminaries

- a. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Approved: 11:20 AM

- b. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve 9/2/25 Minutes:

Approved: 11:21 AM

M/S: G.Davison / L. Hald

II. Public Comments

None

III. Announcements

- a. L. Hald - Developing Positive Communication Strategies for Difficult Conversations Series: Workshop 2 | Conflict Prevention Strategies (HYBRID) is taking place on Thursday, Oct. 2nd from 12:45 PM to 2 PM. You receive a certificate of completion if you complete the three workshops in the series. Additionally, the next Campus Coffee Connection is taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 15th from 10 – 11 AM.
- b. J. Krug - UndocuAlley Training Series | Training #2 Ally Basics: Building Support for Undocumented Students at SMC (Remote Workshop) is taking place on Friday, Sept. 26th from 10 AM to 12 PM. There is a prerequisite you complete online before attending the workshop. Training #3 will take place in Oct.
- c. L. Collins – Environmental Affairs Committee is still looking for committee members. Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 1 pm in the Math and Science Building.
- d. C. Grant - Reduction in SLRC hours affects students, closing at 5pm, especially our students who work full-time. Working on seeing what is possible to meet student needs/stay positive as things change.

IV. Information Items

a. Senate Budget Update (J. Krug)

- i. Deposit has been made! The annual income is roughly about \$6K so we may want to start thinking about whether we want to increase senate dues.

V. Action Items

a. Curriculum (R. Shaw)

- i. AB928 (CALGETC) has been implemented Fall 2025. The goal was to create a more equal transfer experience. It will continue to be mentioned so that we can all be aware of CALGETC. Workshops and additional information are on the way. The first workshop for students is taking place on Wednesday, Sept 16th, hosted by the Transfer Center. Additionally, we now have a game certificate. As new programs arise, communication is extremely important so let your students know about them. Nail care certificate of achievement is an ongoing project.

Motion to approve Curriculum:

M/S: L. Collins/G. Davison

Approved: 11:35am

VI. Discussion Items

a. Review Draft Goals (V. Arrizon)

- i. The current draft 2025-2026 Senate Goals was discussed at length. Substantive changes regarding language that are in line with the purview of the Senate were made with an emphasis on strengthening communication and collaboration between the Senate and the campus at large. There was desire for more collaboration and communication between English, Math, and ESL as noted in the draft goal for an ad-hoc committee. If supported, the next step would be to reach out to the chairs of the three departments. Additionally, there was strong support for bringing back the Student Relief Fund.

VII. President's Report

a. OIR Group Campus Incident Report

- i. The final report will be presented to the SMC Board of Trustees during a special meeting to be held on Oct. 21st. Additionally, on the one-year anniversary of Oct. 14, 2024, the tragedy, the College will have in-person/virtual mental and emotional support available on campus.

b. Budget Update

- i. Adopted Budget Presentation

- ii. Highlighted the decrease in "Non-Resident Tuition." Key take away is that the district needs to make substantial reductions to ensure a balanced budget in the coming year.

c. Adopted Budget Report

- i. Recommendation to listen in on board meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: L.Collins/ J. Krug

Adjourned: 12:31 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Sept. 30th