

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025
11:15am – 12:35pm
BUS 144

I. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda
Approved: 11:22am
2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve 10/14 Minutes:
M/S: G. Davison/E. Mangus
(2 abstentions)
3. Public Comments
None

II. Announcements

1. EpiCenter (J. Krug)
 - a) The next Faculty Forum on November 3rd via Zoom will focus on OER/ZTC: Burden-free Access to Instructional Materials.
2. Environmental Affairs Recruitment (L. Collins)

This committee needs more members and meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 1-2pm.
3. Math & Science Building Open House (L. Collins)
 - a) Celebrate the new building on Saturday, November 1st. RSVP with interest by 4 PM Wednesday, Oct. 29 via email to Grace Smith.
4. SMC Chamber Choir: Home (J. Selvey)

- a) The SMC Chamber Choir in concert featuring Melissa Dunphy's American DREAMers and other songs exploring the idea of being and feeling at home is taking place on Friday, Nov. 7.

III. Information Items

1. Master Education Plan Update (J. Beardsley)
 - a) This is SMC's 5-year blueprint informed by collected data and feedback from the SMC community. Data has been reviewed to identify enrollment and job market trends, emerging fields, and the foreseeable evolution of current departments.
 - b) Rough draft has made it to senior staff. The document will be made available and hosted on a website, tentatively, by November 10, 2025.
 - c) MPE will return to Senate for review on Nov. 18th, 2025.
 - d) MPE will guide the development of the next Strategic Plan (2026-2031).
2. [2024-2025 IEC Report to DPAC](#) (K. Lui-Martinez)
 - a) There has been a noticeable increase in the number of EW grades awarded since 2020. This is important because although EWs don't affect course repeatability, they do affect a student's financial aid. They also potentially inflate course success rates
 - b) The committee recommended that the District create an educational campaign to increase awareness and understanding about how SCFF metrics are defined and calculated amongst faculty, staff, and administrators.
3. [OIR Report](#) (V. Arrizon)
 - a) Encouraged faculty to review the full report. More information on possible next steps of recommendations to come.

IV. Action Items

1. [Curriculum](#) (O. Vallejo)
 - a) Cal-GETC affects students differently. Refer your students to counseling if they have any questions about their courses and/or Cal-GETC.
 - b) Common Course Numbering Phase IIA courses completed. Phase IIB and Phase III must be completed by Fall 2027.
 - c) New program! Physics AS-T
Motion to Approve:
M/S: B. Magallon, L. Guglielmo
Approved: 12:18 PM
2. [Student Equity Plan](#) and [Revisions](#) (L. Martin)

- a) New cover made to better capture the SMC community/experience.
- b) Transparency is valued. Edits have been made to the expenditure report, and funding distribution can now be found on page 6. Edits to page Strategy 3 on page 43 also made as result of Senate feedback.

Motion to Approve:

M/S: L. Movius, B. Magallon

Approved: 12:31 PM

V. Discussion Items

1. [ASCCC Resolutions](#) (V. Arrizon)
 - a) All encouraged to review resolutions and provide feedback to Vicenta, please email her.
2. Vice President of Student Success Campus Forums
 - a) If you have question you'd like to submit, email Vicenta by 5 PM. The Senate can submit 3.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: G. Davison/B. Magallon

Adjourned: 12:34pm

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Next scheduled meeting: November 18th