

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Dec. 2, 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 11/18/25 Minutes:

M/S: G. Davison/M. Trujillo

Approved: 11:21 AM

- c. Public Comments

- i. R. Cruz - AR is being presented next week.
- ii. M. Trujillo - There is value in sabbaticals.
- iii. G. Davison - [ASCCC Hayward Award Nominations](#) are due soon, Dec 7th. There will be a vote to send one nominee forward.

II. Announcements

- a. [EpiCenter](#) (L. Hald)

- i. [How Administrators and Classified Professionals Use AI in Their Roles](#) takes place on Dec 2 and Dec 5 virtually.
- ii. Learning Lounge: Cards & Cocoa happening in-person Dec 10th from 12 to 2 PM.

- b. Decolonizing The Academy (J. Paik)

- i. Looking for more members, specifically white males.

- c. New Faculty Celebration (E. Cue)

- i. Taking place at the SMC Barrett Gallery on Dec. 12th

III. Information Items

- a. [CPL Progress Update](#) (M. Munoz)

- i. CPL is college credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside a college classroom and is not only a state mandate but part of Title 5. Students who complete CPL save time and money but are also more likely to achieve transfer and/or degree completion.

By April 2026, the state will be awarding each community college 50K to support CPL. Additional information about CPL can be found on the [website](#).

- b. Budget Forum (V. Arrizon)

- i. District will send a communication following the forum. The Forum was not recorded but, senate members expressed desire in receiving a transcript, especially for those who wanted to attend but were teaching.

IV. Action Items

- a. Curriculum (R. Shaw)

- i. Substantial changes to 9 courses and 3 new Aquaculture programs!

Motion to Approve:

M/S: L. Collins/J. Krug

Approved: 12:09 PM

V. Discussion Items

- a. Enrollment Times/Schedule (C. Grant)

- i. Students are assigned enrollment times in the middle of the night/early morning. The current process does not feel student centered. If interested in continuing this conversation, email grant_chris@smc.edu.

- b. Club Advisors (E. Senko)

- i. Interest expressed in revisiting the requirements for filling the role of club advisor to include part-timers in the pool of potential advisors. Whether advisors need to be present is needed to further discuss to lessen the burden of advising, especially for those advising more than one club. Student Affairs Committee and Academic Senate President will explore this further.

VI. President's Report

- a. Board of Trustees meeting is happening tonight, and sabbaticals will be voted on.
- b. Our New Vice President, Dr. Tania Acosta, is on the agenda as well. There are plans to welcome Tania to the Senate in the Spring 2026.
- c. Recommendations pertaining to OIR will also be in there as well.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: G. Davison/R. Cruz

Adjourned: 12:26 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Dec 9th.