

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Apr. 28, 2026

11:15 AM – 12:35 PM

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I. Preliminaries

- a. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Approved: 11:23AM

- b. Approval of 4/7/26 Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes:

M/S: B. Magallon/L. Hald

Approved: 11:23 AM

- c. Public Comments

None

II. Announcements

1. EpiCenter (L. Hald, J. Krug)

- a. EGC Presents: Pedagogy & Peers Spring Series: Session #3 happening this upcoming Thursday. Kristin Lui-Martinez, Math, and Kayli Weatherford, English will be presenting.

2. SMC Policy Institute Spring Symposium – Reimagining our Democracy: For Us, By US

- a. Events happening from May 17-21, 2026. The featured event, with Dr. Danielle Allen, will be happening May 20th.

III. Information Items

1. ASCCC Senate Representatives

- a. ASCCC Treasurer, Erik D. Reese, and Austin Webster former ASCCC Interim Executive Director and W Strategies LLC, provided an overview of participatory governance and local processes. Some information reiterated included:

- i. Overview of Faculty Purview and Shared Governance in California CCs.

- ii. Overview of state and district budget processes and Academic Senate roles in local budget planning.
- iii. Overview and discussion of our local planning process with emphasis on Academic Senate's role.
- iv. Overview of funding for local districts includes a mix of state allocations, local revenues, federal aid, and other sources.
- v. The 50% Law asks that districts spend at least 50% of their budget funds on instruction.
- vi. Discussion of receivership/conservatorship process.
- vii. Discussion of potential upcoming state legislature moves around consolidation and efficiency in higher education and how local budget problems might be interpreted by the legislature.
- viii. All enrollment management decisions must be made in the context of the local college mission and educational master plan in addition to fiscal and physical considerations.
- ix. Join a [listserv](#) to be updated on ASCCC information and opportunities!

IV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: R. Cruz/ B. Magallon

Adjourned: 12:35 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: May 12th, 2026.