

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

11:15AM – 12:35PM

BUS 144

I. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda
Approved: 11:21AM
2. Approval of [4/28/26](#) Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes:
M/S: B. Magallon/J. London
Approved: 11:22AM (1 abstention)
3. Public Comments
 - a) C. Melendez – [Environmental Film Screening and Live Q & A: Out of Plain Sight](#) taking place May 21st, from 11:15AM – 1:30PM in HSS 165.
 - b) T. Inabu – A. S positions need to be filled! Election day is June 2nd, please vote if you can.
 - c) V. Arrizon - Film Screening: She is Us, The Story of Judge Songhai Armstead taking place May 19th, from 11:15AM – 1:30PM in SSC 183.

II. Announcements

1. EpiCenter (L. Hald, J. Krug)
 - a) Faculty Forum: ASCCC visit Debrief takes place today online!
 - b) Learning Lounge: Retirement 101 happening May 13th, from 1PM – 2:PM in M104.
 - c) Faculty Forum: Free Expression and Academic Freedom in the Classroom and Beyond happening May 21st, from 1-2 PM, online.
 - d) An Algorithm for Culturally Relevant Science & Learning is happening May 26, from 9AM – 11:AM in M104. RSVP is required.

- e) [Film Screening: She is Us, the Story of Judge Songhai Armstead](#) (V. Arrizon)
Taking place May 19th from 11: 15Am – 12:35PM in SCC 183.

III. Information Items

1. CE Updates (D. Perret, S. Sedky, and R. Casillas)
 - a) Bachelor’s degrees currently being offered include Interaction Design (IxD), Cloud Computing (taking applications soon), and there is a discussion about a third bachelor's degree relating to architecture.
 - b) LA County Probation and Barbering expected 2026-2027!
 - c) More Faculty AI Professional Development to come.
2. [ASCCC Spring Plenary Resolution](#) (V. Arrizon)
 - a) All but three resolutions were passed.
 - b) Start thinking about whether you’d like to attend Fall Plenary!
3. [2025-2026 Senate Goal #6 Racial Equity](#) (C. DeLoach)
 - a) Refresher on our shared definition of racial equity, established by the SMC Center for Social Inclusion in 2014.

IV. Action Items

1. [BP 4030 Academic Freedom](#) – Draft (I. Colmer)
 - a) BP 4030 has not been updated in 20 years, and proposed revisions are informed by SMC institutional values, changes in technology, and current threats being experienced in academia.
Motion to Approve:
M/S: L. Hald/C. DeLoach
Approved: 12:19AM (1 opposed)
2. [Curriculum](#) (R. Shaw)
 - a) Sixteen courses being deactivated and substantial changes for ECE 2, 76, 77. Certification of Achievement for Media Studies is now available.
 - b) New Course! BUS 48 AI, Energy and the Business of Zero-Emissions Logistics.
Motion to Approve:
M/S: B. Magallon/G. Huff
Approved: 12:21PM

V. Discussion Items

1. [Guidance on Course Level AI Policies – Draft](#); [Guidance on Data Privacy & Security – Draft](#) (G. Huff)

- a) Documents for guidance on AI were reviewed. Using AI Detector tools was highlighted as using them is a violation of FERPA unless the institution has a contract with a specific tool.
2. [AR 7120 Recruitment and Selection – Draft](#) (V. Arrizon)
Tabled for next meeting.
3. [AR 5070 Attendance Final; AR 5075 Course Adds & Withdrawals from Courses Final](#) (B. Magallon)
Tabled for next meeting.

VI. President's Report

1. Academic Senate meetings may be starting at 11AM instead of 11:15AM in the Fall to allow us more time. Other institutions have 2-hour senate meetings. If you foresee a time conflict, please let Vicenta know.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: K. Rodriguez/R. Cruz

Adjourned: 12:35PM

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Next scheduled meeting: May 26th