

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026

11:15 AM – 12:35 PM

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I. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Approved: 11:21 AM

2. Approval of 5/12/26 Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes:

M/S: B. Magallon/L. Collins

Approved: 11:22 AM

3. Public Comments

a) The EGC program has come to an end. (M. Moreno)

II. Announcements

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

a. Fuel for Finals for Faculty and Staff taking place Monday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 9 from 11AM – 1PM in M104.

III. Information Items

1. Hot to Spot Bots in Your Online Class (V. Malzone)

a. Guidelines shared on how to spot bots in your class. Some classroom behavior to keep an eye on includes generic responses and bulk submissions. Practical strategies that can be integrated include screening your class roster and creating authentic check-ins. You can report suspected fraud to admissions by emailing enrollment@smc.edu.

2. Slingshot Updates (M. Heskell)

- a. Brief informal survey taken of how student IDs are being used across departments. The goal of revamping the bookstore includes stopping financial losses, improving student success, and eventually transforming the store into a student/community space.
 - b. Book vouchers are automatically applied to student invoices and promise vouchers are used first. Financial exchanges can be made if a student does not have vouchers at first.
3. VP Student Success (T. Acosta)
 - a. A brief introduction and discussion about working closely together with faculty to best meet the needs of our students.

IV. Action Items

1. Curriculum (R. Shaw)
 - a. Some ENGL, HEBREW, HUM, and MUSIC classes have been deactivated and there is a new program in commercial dance. Policy and procedures for class deactivations are in the works.

Motion to Approve:
M/S: B. Magallon/J. Krug
Approved: 12:05 PM
2. AR 4100 Grad Req'ments for Degrees; AR 5055 Enrollment Priorities; AR 5014 Affirmed First Names & Pronouns; AR 4226 Enrollment Overlap & Time Conflicts; AR 4100.1 No of Degrees Certs Awarded (B. Magallon)
 - a. Matriculation has been broken down, and enrollment days have been explained in AR 4100.
 - b. Language in AR 5055 updated. Clarification incorporated regarding students who have been awarded a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally accredited institution and being deemed to have satisfied general education course requirements (lower/upper).
 - c. AR 5014 is new. Affirmed names have been integrated into Corsair Connect, Canvas, and class rosters available to faculty. Students can now change their first name in Corsair and pronouns in Canvas. Affirmed names can be rejected.
 - d. Language in AR 4226 is restructured to be clearer in understanding the enrollment of overlapping classes and reiterates that students must secure approval from the instructor whose class is impacted.
 - e. Some language clean up in AR 4100.1. There is no limitation on the number of certificates that students can earn.

Motion to Approve:

M/S: J. Krug/E. Cue
Approved: 12:32 PM

V. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: L. Collins/E. Mangus

Adjourned: 12:35 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Fall 2026.