

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Sept 8, 2026

11:00 AM – 12:35 PM

HSS 261

I. Preliminaries

- a. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve:

M/S: L. Hald/ G. Davidson

Approved: 11:04 AM

- b. Approval of [5/19/26](#) Minutes

Motion to Approve:

M/S: L. Hald/ G. Davison

Approved: 11:06 AM

- c. Public Comments

R. Cruz – Introduced Library Intern, Alice, who is observing today's meeting. She is currently completing her master's degree in library science at SJSU and will be interning for the Fall semester.

II. Announcements

- a. [Epicenter](#) (L. Hald, J. Krug)

- i. “Monthly Professional Learning Office Hours” happening online every month
- ii. Upcoming “Learning Lounge” will cover understanding acronyms.

- b. Fall Senate Newsletter (T. Phillips)

- i. The newsletter will provide an overview of what committees will be working on this semester and highlighting those who need new members.

III. Information Items

- a. [Senate By-laws](#) and Role of Executive Committee (V. Arrizon)

- i. Role clarification provided. Exec. Committee members are voting members.

- b. [Fall PD Day 2026 Common Ground Essentials Handout](#) (V. Arrizon, L. Hald)

- i. Handout highlighted as it does a great job of outlining the work being done in senate. All are encouraged to share this handout with their committees.
- c. Committee Membership (V. Arrizon)
 - i. Input requested from each committee as to how many members are needed and preferences.
 - ii. Discussion was had about reaching out to adjunct faculty to serve on committees as they can count it towards their required flex hours. Will be checking to see if there is a possibility of providing a stipend or LHE credit for adjunct faculty who participate in committee work.

IV. Action Items

- a. [Minimal Model Syllabus Draft](#) (I. Colmer)
 - i. Discussion was had about the inability to grade based on attendance, regardless of whether the class takes place on ground or online. Instructors must grade participation and/or assignments.
 - ii. Interest expressed in holding a faculty forum that covers grading/implementing the model syllabus.

Motion to Approve: 11:50 AM
M/S: G. Huff/J. Paik
Approved: 11:50 AM

V. Discussion Items

- a. [2026-2027 Senate Goals-Draft](#) (V. Arrizon)
 - i. Clarification was requested for #6 as far as the instructional framework is and was revisited.
 - ii. Discussion was had about whether the implementation of Slingshot should be addressed in the goals or as a resolution.

Motion to Approve: 12:03 PM
M/S: C. DeLoach/L. Hald
Approved: 12:03 PM
- b. Changing Professional Development Days (L. Hald)
 - i. Fall professional development day would remain the same with everyone convening together for the day. For Spring professional development day, individuals would meet based on employee group. This would allow individuals to engage in professional development workshops and trainings specific to their roles (Ex. Faculty and pedagogy) and cut costs.
 - ii. Will be checking in with additional constituents on campus before bringing it forward to senate.

VI. President's Report

- a. [OIR Group Recommendations Second Quarter Report](#)

- i. "Recommendation Seventeen" was highlighted as one of the most contested.
 - ii. Discussion was had about attempting to address gaps when it comes to civility, wellness, etc. With the development of a code for civility.
 - iii. Recommendation was made to ensure we explicitly incorporate all our satellite campuses.
- b. BP 4030 Update
 - i. Concerns expressed. Meeting with senior staff is in the works.
- c. AR 7120 Update
 - i. Senior staff has feedback. Further work is underway.
- d. Senate Budget
 - i. Some discussion about potentially using funds for food or conferences when possible.
- e. Plenary and Resolutions
 - i. Will be taking place in SF. If interested in attending, express your interest to Vicenta.
 - ii. Introduced the idea of holding a special meeting to discuss resolutions in detail to gather feedback. Other institutions hold a special meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: 12:34 PM

M/S: G. Davison/ J. Krug

Adjourned: 12:34 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: September 22nd