Santa Monica College Academic Senate Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oct 20, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:35 PM
HSS 261

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i. Preliminaries

a. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda
   Approved: 11:05 AM
b. Approval of 10/6/2026 Minutes
   Motion to Approve:
   M/S: G. Davison/R. Cruz
   Approved: 11:06 AM
c. Public Comments
   None

ii. Announcements

a. Epicenter (L. Hald, J. Krug)
   i. UndocuCare: Holistic Support in Practice (Online), Teaching in the Age of AI (Online), and Leading Systematic Change with UDL (Online) are happening this Friday, Oct 23rd.
b. Sabbaticals (G. Davison)
   i. We can expect discussions about sabbatical qualifications in the near future.
c. CCID Annual Conference (D. Broccard)
   i. CCID is dedicated to global education, equity, and internationalization across community, technical, and vocational colleges. This is a fully funded professional development opportunity happening February 12-15, 2027 in Washington, D.C. Apply by Oct 28, 2026.
d. SMC Amazing Race (E. Cue)
   i. The New Faculty Institute will be hosting a community-building event open to all faculty on Thursday, Nov 5th from 12:30 to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided and gift cards will be raffled. RSVP by Friday, Oct 30th by responding to the Outlook calendar invitation for the event.
e. Giving Thanks(giving) (V. Arrizon)

i. Free holiday meals will be served to students and SMC faculty and staff on Monday, Nov 23rd and Tuesday, Nov 24th. RSVP by 5 PM on Nov 10th for a 30 min slot.

iii. Action Items

a. AR 4240 Academic Renewal (N. Cardenas)

i. All community colleges are mandated to offer academic renewal. Academic renewal will positively impact SMC student overall GPA and will go into effect in March 2027.

Motion to Approve:
M/S: G. Davison/L. Collins
Approved: 11:22 AM

b. Academic Senate Budget – Revised (J. Krug)

i. A new line, Reimbursements for faculty incentives and activities aligned with Senate Committees (outside of regular committee meetings), has been added to the auxiliary fund.

Motion to Approve:
M/S: G. Davison/C. Grant
Approved: 11:26 AM

iv. Discussion Items

a. ASCCC Resolutions

i. Overview of resolutions. Resolutions that stood out were related to AI, bachelor's degrees, and Academic Senate. "105.01 F26 In-Person Assessments for Classes" will impact us and our students in disproportionate ways.

ii. Additional resolutions can be introduced between now and plenary. Vicenta will share if any are added.

b. Senate Role in Institutional Planning and Budgeting

i. All encouraged to begin thinking about how Senate can engage in conversations such as the ones taking place in DPAC.

c. Student Relief Fund

i. Specific disbursements (cafeteria, bookstores, etc.) cannot be issued.

i. Still in the process of finding the best way to distribute funds. Other colleges have eligibility requirements outlined with a form, making it easy to refer students in need.

v. President's Report

a. DPAC Update

Tabled

b. AR 7120 Recruitment and Selection

Tabled

c. BP 4030 Academic Freedom

Tabled

vi. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:
M/S: G. Davison/R. Cruz
Adjourned: 12:36 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: November 3rd