

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 1, 2026

11:00 AM – 12:35 PM

HSS 104

I. Preliminaries

- a. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Approved: 11:12AM

- b. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes with spelling correction for “hot” to “how” for Information

Item I: 5/12/26

M/S: L. Hald/J. Paik

1 Abstention

Approved: 11:14AM

- c. Public Comments

- i. Business Faculty Senator (E. Senko) expressed concern about SMC being on fiscal watch and suggested that we should prepare to make difficult decisions so that we don't have to make harder ones later down the road.

II. Announcements

- 1. Faculty Equity Award (T. Dang)

- a. Recognized Chyna Tucker, Center for Wellness & Wellbeing, for her great work!

III. Information Items

- 1. Introductions & Community Building

- a. Names and roles were shared along with what brought everyone to Academic Senate.

- 2. 10 +1

- a. A review of 10+1 and discussion held amongst senators about which areas they hope to engage with this year.

3. Brown Act

- a. A brief review of the Brown Act emphasizing that meeting agendas must be posted at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting and members from the public can attend and make public comments.

4. Bylaws

- a. A brief review of our Bylaws highlighted the need for quorum to be met for action items and to ensure that decisions are made by a representative portion of the group.

5. Joint Committees vs Faculty Only Committees

- a. A review of the difference between both types of committees. Conversations held differ from each other and participation is encouraged.

6. A.S. Student Representation

- a. Student representatives have not been assigned yet and will hopefully have names by the end of this month.

7. Senator Role & Responsibilities - Academic Senate Senators Guide

- a. A review of the role of senators and encouragement to serve in at least one Academic Senate Committee, time permitting, as outlined in Senate Bylaws.
- b. Recommendation to sign up for the ASCCC Listservs.
- c. A review of Senate motions along with definitions and explanations.

IV. President's Report

1. DPAC Action Plans 2026-2027

- a. Two action plans were approved for this year.
 - i. Annual Action Plan 1 - Advance Santa Monica College toward a more strategic, coordinated, and data-informed approach to course scheduling and enrollment management.
 - ii. Annual Action Plan 2 – Educate the campus on the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and its implication for funding and student success ensuring college practices translate into recognized success under the SCFF (Institutional Effectiveness Committee recommendation).

2. ACCCJC and CCCCCO – Fiscal Monitoring

Tabled

3. District Budget – Budget DPAC & September 8th BOT Meeting

Tabled

4. President/Superintendent Search

Tabled

5. Centering Senate work in Current Context

Tabled

V. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: L. Collins/L. Hald

Adjourned: 12:30 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Sept. 15, 2026.