

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 29, 2026

11:00 AM – 12:35 PM

HSS 104

I. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve with amend to agenda – hold senate budget update discussion as it has not been looked over by exec as last week’s exec meeting was canceled for the Presidential Search Forum, provide a presidential search update, and hold discussion regarding the role of the senate.

Motion to approve with amendment:

M/S: L. Collins/C. DeLoach

Approved: 11:10 AM

2. Approval of 9/15/26 Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes with edit - Epicenter Learning Lounge date correction from Sept 20th to 30th:

M/S: L. Hald/L. Collins

Approved: 11:11 AM

3. Public Comments

None

II. Announcements

1. Epicenter (L. Hald/J. Krug)

- a. Learning Lounge (hybrid) will be taking place on Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 11 AM-12PM.

III. Discussion Items

1. AR 7120.1 Recruitment and Selection (V. Arrizon)
 - a. Revisions
 - b. Presentation
 - i. Discussion regarding why revisions were proposed and reviewed the substantive differences between the current and proposed AR 7120.1.
 - ii. Some substantive changes include the name change to “FPPC” (Faculty Position Prioritization Committee) to better reflect the committee, racial equity is explicitly included in the new diversity statement, and EEO representatives will be voting members.
 - iii. PPC rejected the recommendations made by campus legal counsel to remove the use of “diversity” and requested additional information on why those recommendations were made.
2. Senate Budget Update (J. Krug)
 - a. Projected year-end Auxiliary balance will be about 50k. Further updates will be provided at the next Senate meeting.

IV. Presidents Report

1. Slingshot
 - a. There are a lot of concerns regarding Slingshot as they have not followed through with some of the promises they’ve made.
2. Student Relief Fund

Tabled
3. Presidential Search
 - a. The Board will be having a closed meeting session on Monday, Oct 5th. If they land on a decision, they will not be able to provide a statement the very next day as they need to follow through with the hiring process.
4. ASCCC 2026 Resolutions
 - a. Review ASCCC Resolutions before the next senate meeting.

V. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: E. Mangus/R. Cruz

Adjourned: 12:26 PM