

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:35 PM
HSS 104

I. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda
Approved: 11:05 AM
2. Approval of 9/29/26 Minutes
M/S: E. Mangus/L. Hald
Approved: 11:06 AM
3. Public Comments
 - N. Vruwink - Careers for Good Conference happening next Friday, Oct 23rd, 10 AM – 2:30 PM at the Center for Media and Design. RSVP to connect with professionals from B Corporations, nonprofits, and other mission-driven organizations! Lunch will be provided.
 - E. Senko - LAUSD is in a serious budget crisis. SMC's budget should not be taken lightly.
 - M. Trujillo - Living Echoes: Art Faculty Exhibition Organized by Students opening reception is happening today, Oct 13th, 5-8 PM at the Barrett Gallery. Exhibition will be up until March 30, 2027.

II. Announcements

1. Epicenter (L. Hald/J. Krug)
 - a. *The Equity Exchange: Creating a Community Where Faculty Can Safely Unpack Missteps and Challenges Without Fear of Judgment* is happening on Monday, Oct 19 from 4-5 PM via Zoom.
 - b. *UndocuCare: Holistic Support in Practice* is happening Friday, Oct 23rd from 10 AM – 12 PM via Zoom. This will be an interactive session open to all SMC employees to engage in

collaborative discussion and scenario practice to share best practices for supporting undocumented and mixed-status students and identify institutional resources.

- c. *Teaching in the Age of AI- Faculty Community of Practice* is happening Friday, Oct 23rd from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM via Zoom. Sessions are planned to be monthly for faculty to talk about the intersection of teaching and AI.

III. Information Items

1. Legislative Committee Update (R. Romo)
 - a. Some passed legislation that will impact us includes AB 2694, SB 960, AB 2392, AB 1552, SB 1255, AB 2374, SB 1328, AB 1784, AB 1985, AB 2540, and SB 1394.
 - i. Legislation predominately covers education program development, curriculum, and standards and policies – student.
 - ii. Vetoed legislation includes SB 632 and AB713. SB 632 would have meant College Promise required 9 or more units instead of 12 or more and AB713 would have allowed undocumented students to work campus jobs.
2. Senate Committee Recruitment (V. Arrizon)
 - a. Committees are still in need of members. Consider joining the Legislative Committee, Professional Ethics and Responsibilities Committee, Open Education Resources Committee, and Professional Development Committee. To express your interest, email the respective committee chair or Vicenta.

IV. Action Items

1. Curriculum; AR 4020 Curriculum Committee (R. Shaw)
 - a. Curriculum
 - i. 10 courses and 4 program deactivations based on retirements and frequency of offerings.
 - ii. Applied Artificial Intelligence Certificate of Achievement and Physics 2.0 AS-T program maps have been updated.
 - iii. New AA-T in Law, Public Policy, and Society.
 - iv. Substantial changes have been made to ECE 75.

Motion to Approve:

M/S: L. Collins/L. Hald

Approved: 11:35 AM

- b. AR 4020 Curriculum Committee
 - i. Responsibilities items F and G were added in addition to Curriculum Committee Approval Process items I and J.

- ii. Units and hours have been added.

Motion to Approve:

M/S: G. Huff/J. London

Approved: 11:40 AM

2. Senate Budget Update

- a. Senate receives funds from the district every year and it does not roll over. We have about 6k left but anticipate that we will be in a 2K deficit due to conference funding. The 2k deficit will come from our Auxiliary Fund.
- b. Proposal to have Chairs reimbursed up to \$100 (\$200 for curriculum committee) per semester for snacks.
- c. Further clarification regarding existing expenditures will be brought back.

V. Discussion Items

1. BP 3775 Acceptable Use of Generative AI (G. Huff)

- a. Language updates and additions continue.
- b. Email Gary with any feedback you may have.

2. ASCCC 2026 Resolutions (V. Arrizon)

- a. Minor language modifications were made to some resolutions and updates will be on ASCCC website soon.
- b. Each Area can propose resolutions and some were proposed by Area C that will move forward to full plenary.
- c. Updated fall resolutions should be posted on ASCCC website by Friday, Oct. 16.

VI. Presidents Report

1. Stellic Care (Hernandez, J.)

- a. This is SMC's new early alert system to support student success and retention in the classroom. Similar to GPS, faculty will be able to use Stellic to communicate with students. A Bulletin with more details and information on Progress Reviews is scheduled to go out today.
- b. Faculty will be able to schedule office hours with students using the Stellic Time Block feature.
- c. The website is being updated frequently and video tutorials are being made available to help faculty familiarize themselves with the new system.

2. SMC Acronym List (Herichi, H. and Arrizon, V)

- a. A list of commonly used acronyms in Academic Senate meetings was created for quick reference.

3. Facility Conditions

- a. Questions and concerns about facility conditions should be directed to Faculty Association as these are working conditions issues and outside of Senate purview.

4. Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Academy

- a. A more detailed update will follow. A survey has gone out to students to collect data about class time and modality preferences.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

M/S: J. Thing/C. Grant

Adjourned: 12:35 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Oct. 27th, 2026.