Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Oct. 27, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:35 PM
HSS 104

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I. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda
   Approved: 11:07 AM

2. Approval of 10/13/2026 Minutes
   M/S: G. Davison/C. Grant
   Approved: 11:08 AM

3. Public Comments
   i. E. Senko – It does not feel like there is a sense of urgency when it comes to the budget. Encourages all to think about the budget and converse about it.

II. Announcements

1. Giving Thanks(giving) (L. Moore)
   i. Free holiday meals will be served to students and SMC employees on Monday, Nov 23rd and Tuesday, Nov 24th. RSVP by 5 PM on Nov 10th. There will be giveaways, music, photobooth, and more!
2. ASCCC Exemplary Program Award (G. Davison)
   i. The theme is "Human-Centered Innovation and Environmental Sustainability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." The application requires several components and while the applications are due by November 6, submit program proposals with the written response narratives to George and Vicenta for review by Monday, November 2nd.
3. Epicenter (L. Hald/J. Krug)
   i. Campus Coffee Connection (Hybrid) is happening tomorrow.

ii. Design & Learning – Hands-On Video Captioning Workshop happening Friday, Oct 30th from 1-2PM via Zoom.

4. CCID Conference; LA Cultural Tour; Global Grant Proposals (D. Broccard)
   i. Faculty interested in internationalizing their curriculum and/or international studies are encouraged to attend CCID. 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.
   ii. The Global Citizenship Committee invites faculty to share their knowledge of LA with our campus community via faculty-led tours in Spring 2027. Respond to Delphine's call for proposals email no later than Monday, Nov 9, 2026.
   iii. Global Grant proposals applications are due by Nov 9th. Proposals should support projects and events that are student-centered and emphasize global citizenship intending to take place Spring 2027.
5. 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 two $25 gift cards will be raffled. RSVP by Friday, Oct 30th by responding to the Outlook calendar invite.

III. Action Items

1. 2026-2027 Senate Goals (V. Arrizon)
   i. Reviewed final draft of Senate goals.

   Motion to Approve:
   M/S: G. Davison/C. Grant
   Approved: 11:30 AM

2. AR 4240 Academic Renewal (N. Cardenas)

   Tabled

3. 2026-2027 Senate Budget (J. Krug)
   i. Review of the proposed Senate budget. Additional conference funding line has been added to the auxiliary fund.

   Motion to Approve:
   M/S: J. London/G. Davison
   Approved: 11:35 AM

IV. Discussion Items

1. ASCCC Resolutions
    i. Elisa Meyer will be representing us at Plenary. Voting will be happening on Nov 6th.
    ii. A con statement was drafted and feedback provided in response to "105.01 F26 In-Person Assessments for Classes." It is expected to create a burden on our online students and will potentially lead to a decline in enrollment and retention.
2. Senate Role in Institutional Planning and Budgeting (10+1)
    i. Conversations about budgeting are expected to begin at the next DPAC Budget Planning Subcommittee meeting on Nov. 4th, as furloughs are not expected to continue for 2027-2028. All are encouraged to listen to DPAC meetings.

V. President's Report

1. DPAC Update
    i. DPAC is continuing to work on strategic planning. A revised scope and function of the committee has been discussed for several months. A vote to approve the proposed changes is expected at the next meeting on Oct. 28th.
2. AR 7120 Recruitment and Selection
    i. Vicenta has reached out to Dr. Jeffery to let her know of the delay in receiving a senior staff response and noted the discrepancy in the time lapse that is consistent with BP 2511 Participatory Governance: Academic Senate. Dr. Jeffery has reached out to senior staff about the delay.
3. BP 4030 Academic Freedom
    i. Vicenta has reached out to Dr. Jeffery to let her know of the delay in receiving a senior staff response and noted the discrepancy in the time lapse that is consistent with BP 2511 Participatory Governance: Academic Senate. Dr. Jeffery has reached out to senior staff about the delay.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:
M/S: J. Krug/C. DeLoach
Adjourned: 12:33 PM

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Next scheduled meeting: Nov 10th, 2026.