



A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. This meeting was conducted via Zoom Conference.

I. Call to Order -3:05 p.m.

II. Members Present

Jennifer Merlic, Administration, Chair Designee  
Nate Donahue, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair  
Mike Tuitasi, Administration Representative  
Dione Carter, Management Association Representative  
Jamar London, Academic Senate Representative  
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President  
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative  
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative  
Dee Upshaw, CSEA Representative  
Tafari Alan, Associated Students Representative  
Joshua Elizondo, Associated Students Representative

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and dated March 17, 2020, members of the District Planning and Advisory Council participated in the meeting by Zoom Conference.

III. Minutes of DPAC Meeting –January 10, 2021: *Unanimously approved.*

IV. Public Comments - None

V. Agenda

1. COVID-19 Update:

- The next phase for vaccinations will include education. Proof of identification and employment will be required. Students who are working on campus will also be eligible.
- Newly-released guidelines from Los Angeles County allow for the opening of art design and theater arts studios, music practice rooms for individuals or groups of four or less, activities that fulfill academic requirements, access to film equipment and other post production facilities for individual students or small groups, outdoor study and support sessions for students who need additional academic or social support with a limit of 10 people per group, libraries for in-person services limited to 25 percent capacity, and the use of outdoor recreational sports facilities for permitted activities such as conditioning. and low contact competition sports. All safety protocols must still be followed. The College will consider the County guidelines in its planning to move forward.
- Activities that cannot be done successfully in the remote environment will be considered for return on a limited basis and/or by appointment only. There will be discussions with and surveys of faculty and staff about the comfort level of returning to campus. Counseling services will remain remote for the fall.
- Walk-throughs of every building are being conducted to determine what PPE, proper workflow and signage are needed and recommend the proper controls.

## 2. Accreditation

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) is empowered by the Department of Education to be a regional accrediting commission to develop standards that colleges must meet and then conduct a cyclic review to determine if colleges are meeting those standards. It is a seven-year cycle, and SMC's next site visit will be in 2023. The first step in the accreditation cycle is to write the ISER (Institutional Self-Evaluation Report). That work starts this year with the creation of the Accreditation Steering Committee and a 2-1/2 hour training session in April with Kevin Bontenbal, Vice-President of AACJC. DPAC will be invited to join the training session.

Nate Donahue shared several Powerpoint presentations from his work as a representative to the Statewide Academic Senate.

- Equity and Facilities Planning
- Ensuring Learning, Maintaining Standards, and Practicing Equity in the Classroom Through Curricular Process
- Making Evidence Meaningful

Link to: [Accreditation Presentations](#)

## VI. Adjournment – 4:24 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2021 (second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 3 p.m.)

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

Meeting of the Council of Presidents (COP)

The agenda for the DPAC meeting on March 10, 2021 will include the following:

- COVID-19 Update
- Planning Discussion: Strategic Planning Cycle, 2022-2027