



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –JULY 22, 2020
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. This meeting was conducted via Zoom Conference.

I. Call to Order -3:04 p.m.

II. Members Present

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration, Chair Designee
Nate Donahue, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Mike Tuitasi, Administration Representative
Erica LeBlanc, Management Association Representative
Lisa Rose, Management Association Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
Dee Upshaw, CSEA Representative
Joshua Elizondo, Associated Students Representative
Tafari Alan, Associated Students Representative

Others Present

Jason Beardsley	Laura Manson
Guido Davis del Piccolo	Maria Munoz
Wendi DeMorst	Pressian Nicolov
Marc Drescher	Teresita Rodriguez
Jessica Gonzalez	Tammara Whitaker
Kennisha Green	Charlie Yen
Matt Hotsinpillar	Irena Zugic

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 -July 8, 2020: Motion was made by Erica LeBlanc and seconded by Cindy Ordaz to approve the minutes of July 8, 2020. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Reports - None

V. Superintendent/President's Response to DPAC Recommendations -None

VI. Public Comments - None

VII. Agenda

1. DPAC Annual Report, 2019-2020. Motion was made by Peter Morse and seconded by Chris Bonvenuto to approve the DPAC Annual Report, 2019-2020. It was unanimously approved.

2. COVID-19 Update:

Currently, the cases of COVID-19 have increased, the largest increase is in ages 18-40. The Governor has rolled back some of the business openings, but has not reissued the “safe at home” order. The EOT leads have been working on various documents to be circulated to campus groups for vetting. They are in the process of producing a comprehensive Roadmap to Recovery guide which takes a phased approach to re-opening the campus through guidance of the Center for Disease Control, as well as the state and county public health departments. This Roadmap to Recovery includes training for students, staff and faculty; proper use of Personal Protective Equipment; department specific safety plans; daily health screenings; as well as overall District-wide safety guidelines.

3. International Students Update: On Monday, July 6, 2020 the federal government announced changes to the exemptions for F-1 students. Previously, an exemption was allowed for an F-1 student to have all online classes, but that exemption was eliminated to require them to enroll in at least one on-site or hybrid class, but not all online classes. This meant that international students who are pursuing education in U.S. colleges and universities would have to leave the country if their institution offers online-only courses or transfer to a school that offers at least a hybrid model of online and on-ground course. The SMC International Education Center was extremely proactive, reaching out to international students individually soon after the announcement went public and took several steps to assess how best to advocate for and support international students. The federal government then rescinded the directive that would bar international students taking online-only courses from residing in the United States. However, there has been some confusion at the point of entry where two SMC students were detained. The IE Center developed letters to support international students traveling back into the United States.

Applications for F-1 students for fall 2020 is down 40 percent. To address the decrease of enrollment of international students, SMC is participating in online fairs, working with agents to broaden recruitment efforts and changing the marketing to emphasize SMC’s quality Distance Education program. The goal is to attract non-traditional international students who want a U.S. education but cannot afford the travel and housing, and encourage them to enroll in online courses.

4. 2020-2021 Annual Action Plans: Input from Budget Committee/Fiscal. This is the first year that DPAC has forwarded the proposed Annual Action Plans to Fiscal/Budget Committee for evaluation. The Budget Committee reviewed the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plans and forwarded them back to DPAC with its input. It was clarified that the Fiscal/Budget Committee input is provided as information to help DPAC make an informed decision about sending them on to the Superintendent/President for consideration. Motion was made by Jamar London and seconded by Dee Upshaw to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plans with Fiscal/Budget Committee input and forward them to the Superintendent/President. It was unanimously approved.

VIII. Adjournment – 4:31 p.m.

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

August 12, 26	January 13, 27, 2021
September 9, 23	February 10, 24
October 14, 28	March 10, 24
November 11, 25	April 14, 28
December 9	May 12, 26
	June 9, 23