



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –MAY 27, 2026
AGENDA

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the SMC Student Services Center Conference Room 222, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also be conducted via Zoom to allow for remote attendance. Following is the link to join the DPAC meeting via Zoom:

<https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/93886279276>

I. Call to Order

II. Members

Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Sasha King, Administration Representative
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Jose Hernandez, Management Association Representative
Stephanie Amerian, Academic Senate Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
Brandon Garcia, Associated Students Primary Commissioner
Eva Palafox, Associated Students Representative

III. Public Comments

IV. Review of Minutes: May 13, 2026

V. Reports

VI. Agenda

1. Tentative Schedule of DPAC Meetings, 2026-2027

Link to: [2026-2027 DPAC Meetings](#)

2. Discussion: Strategic Planning Task Force

Recommended Action: It is recommended that DPAC accept the Strategic Planning Task Force plan.

Link to: [SPTF Plan](#)

3. Discussion: Establishment of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Office at Santa Monica College

Recommended Action: DPAC supports the establishment of an Institutional Effectiveness Office at Santa Monica College. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Superintendent/President.

Comment: There was consensus at the last DPAC meeting that Santa Monica College would benefit from a formal IE Office to support planning, integration, assessment and reporting. It was suggested that DPAC forward a recommendation to the Superintendent/President to support the establishment of an IE Office.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting schedule through June 2026

June 10, 24

Meeting of the Council of Presidents (COP)

The Council of Presidents will discuss the agenda for the DPAC meeting on June 10, 2026.

Public Comments

Members of the public may address the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) by oral presentation concerning any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of DPAC. Each speaker may be allowed a maximum of three minutes per topic.

Exceptions: This time allotment does not apply to individuals who are making a presentation at the invitation or request of DPAC.

Instructions for Submitting a Request to Speak at In-Person Meeting

Individuals wishing to speak at a DPAC meeting during Public Comments or regarding item(s) on the agenda must submit a request to DPAC Coordinator ROSE_LISA@smc.edu with name, address, name of organization (if applicable) and the topic or item on which comment is to be made.

Instructions for Submitted Written Comments

Individuals wishing to submit written comments to be read at a DPAC meeting are requested to send an email to DPAC Coordinator ROSE_LISA@smc.edu by 2:30 p.m. for the meeting beginning at 3 p.m. The email should contain the subject line "DPAC Written Comments" and include the following information in the body of the email:

- Name
- Address
- Name of organization (if applicable)
- Topic or Item

Instructions for Speaking via Zoom

Individuals wishing to make public comments at a DPAC meeting via Zoom are requested to send an email to DPAC Coordinator ROSE_LISA@smc.edu by 2:30 p.m. for the meeting beginning at 3 p.m. The email should contain the subject line "DPAC Written Comments" and include the following information in the body of the email:

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Alternatively, during the meeting and before public comments have ended, individuals may use the Q&A feature of Zoom to request to speak.

DPAC Meeting Ground Rules

To facilitate constructive dialogue in DPAC meetings, it is crucial to maintain a set of ground rules that encourage open communication, mutual respect, and effective problem-solving. These guidelines will help create an environment where DPAC members feel comfortable sharing their ideas and opinions without fear of personal attacks or ridicule. Following are some essential ground rules for DPAC meetings:

- **Stay on topic:** Conversation should remain focused on the issue at hand, avoiding distractions and unrelated tangents.
- **Focus on the issue, not the person:** Discuss ideas and opinions, rather than focusing on personal issues or complaints.
- **Maintain a respectful tone:** Communicate your thoughts and ideas with courtesy and respect, avoiding aggressive or condescending language
- **Strive for balanced participation:** All DPAC members should have an opportunity to contribute their ideas and perspectives.
- **Active listening:** Active listening includes giving others your full attention, refraining from interrupting, and asking clarifying questions to ensure comprehension.
- **Be open-minded:** Remain open to new ideas and be willing to change opinions based on the information and insights shared during the debate. Acknowledge and respect the diversity of opinions and experiences within the team. Recognize that different perspectives can contribute to a richer understanding of the issue at hand and lead to more innovative solutions.
- **Seek common ground:** Identify areas of agreement and work collaboratively towards finding mutually beneficial solutions.

District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)
Meeting schedule 2025-2026
(second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 2 p.m.)

Meeting Date	Topic/Related Reports	Invitees/Responsible Areas
July 9, 2025	Election of DPAC Vice-Chair, 2025-2026 Draft Schedule of DPAC Meetings, 2025-2026	DPAC DPAC
July 23	Technology Update DPAC 2024-2025 Annual Report	Calvin Madlock DPAC
August 13	Cancelled	
August 27	Cancelled	
September 10	DPAC Orientation	Jason Beardsley
September 24	Report: Program Review DPAC Budget Subcommittee Update	Stephanie Amerian, Mitch Heskell
October 8	Update: Education Master Plan Report: Institutional Effectiveness Committee Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027	Jason Beardsley Hannah Lawler DPAC
October 22	Facilities Update Master Plan for Education Update Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027	Terry Kamibayashi Jason Beardsley DPAC
November 12	Master Plan for Education 2025-2030 Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027	Jason Beardsley DPAC
November 26	Cancel	
December 10	Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027 OIR Recommendations \$1,000,000 Donation from Conrad Lee and Joan Dempsey Klein	DPAC
January 14, 2026	Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027	DPAC
January 28	Recommendation No. 1: Request that DPAC HR Committee review BP 3050, Institutional Code of Ethics Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027	DPAC
February 11	Proposed Recommendation No. 1: Code of Civility Discussion: DPAC will discuss how to support a transparent and inclusive process for the implementation of the OIR recommendations Finalize Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027 to forward to Senior Staff, Fiscal, and Budget Committee	DPAC

February 25	Discussion: Request the DPAC Human Resources Subcommittee to develop a campus-wide Code of Civility Discussion: Strategic Planning	DPAC and DPAC Human Resources Subcommittee Co-Chairs Jason Beardsley
March 11	Discussion: Strategic Planning	DPAC
March 25	Mid-Year Update: Annual Action Plan #1 – Climate Action Plan Amendment to 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan 2026-2027 Annual Action Plans: Approved by Budget Committee Discussion: Strategic Planning	Ferris Kwar DPAC Chris Bonvenuto DPAC
April 8	Cancelled	
April 22	First Quarter Report on Implementation of OIR Group Recommendations Mid-Year Update: 2-25-2026 Annual Action Plan #2 – Campus Safety Plan	Bob Myers Daniel Phillips, Johnnie Adams, Tania Acosta
May 13	Update: Strategic Planning Work Group Recap: First Quarter Report on Implementation of OIR Group Recommendations	Jason Beardsley
May 27	Draft Schedule of DPAC Meetings, 2026-2027 Discussion and Recommended Action: Strategic Planning Task Force Discussion and Recommended Action: : Establishment of Institutional Effective Office at Santa Monica College	DPAC
June 10	Update: Services providing safety, emotional and psychological assistance to employee Update: HR Staffing Plan	Susan Fila Tre'Shawn Hall-Baker
June 24	Election of DPAC Vice-Chair, 2026-2027 Report on proposed District-wide Code of Civility Start process for year-end report on 2025-2026 Action Plans	DPAC DPAC Human Resources Subcommittee DPAC