



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –OCTOBER 14, 2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 in the SMC Student Services Center Conference Room 222, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also conducted via Zoom to allow for remote attendance.

- I. Call to Order - 2:09 p.m.
- II. Members
Jason Beardsley Administration, DPAC Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, DPAC Vice-Chair
Sasha King, Administration Representative
Chante DeLoach, Academic Senate Representative
Jose Hernandez, Management Association President
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President (*participated remotely under the Just Cause Provision of Government Code Section 54953.8.3*)
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Martha Romano, CSEA Representative (*participated remotely under the Just Cause Provision of Government Code Section 54953.8.3*)
Gabriel Sanchez, Associated Students Representative
- III. Public Comments - None
- IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Vicenta Arrizon and seconded by Sasha King to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on September 9, 2026. *Unanimously approved.*
- V. Reports - None
- VI. Agenda
 1. DPAC Meeting Ground Rules. DPAC reviewed expectations for constructive dialogue, including staying on topic, respectful tone, active listening, open-mindedness, and seeking common ground.
 2. DPAC reviewed the [Brown Act Guidelines](#)
It was noted that remote participation under the Brown Act allows members to attend meetings remotely for five meetings per year for just cause, with DPAC agreeing to use the fiscal year for counting these meetings. The discussion also covered reasonable accommodations for remote participation and the requirement for audio and visual participation when attending remotely.
 3. Continue Discussion on Strategic Planning.
The discussion focused on proposed revisions to DPAC's Scope and Function and the creation of a Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF) to support a five-year strategic planning cycle. The discussion centered on how to balance cross-functional expertise with constituent/labor representation, especially CSEA/classified representation, faculty representation, and administrative roles.

There were concerns that the proposed membership structure does not fully address integrated planning, including the need to connect strategic planning with institutional research, program review, resource allocation, accreditation recommendations, and data-informed decision-making. It was noted that adding the Dean of Institutional Research as a non-voting DPAC member and SPTF participant was intended as a step toward stronger integrated planning.

Also discussed was the importance of regular progress reports from the SPTF to DPAC to ensure timely identification and addressing of labor concerns.

There was agreement that a revised version of the DPAC Scope and Function with suggested rewording be submitted at the next meeting for further discussion and potential approval.

VII. Adjournment – 3:37 p.m.

Meeting schedule 2026-2027

2026

October 28

November 18 (*third Wednesday*)

December 9

2027

January 13, 27

February 10, 24

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23