



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –OCTOBER 22, 2025
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 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 – 3:13 p.m.

II. Members Present

Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Lisa Rose, Management Association Representative
Stephanie Amerian, Academic Senate Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Ailsa Ortiz, Associated Students President
Amelia Albegoba, Associated Students Representative

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Peter Morse and seconded by Vicenta Arrizon to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on October 8, 2025. *Unanimously approved.*

V. Reports: None

VI. Agenda

1. Facilities Update: Presented by Jamar London, Co-Chair of DPAC Facilities Subcommittee

Review of the 5-year construction plan including:

- All-gender restroom building (ongoing)
- Math building (completed)
- Art building (expected Spring 2027)
- Campus safety and security center (in initial proposal stage)

Funding sources explained:

- FPP (Final Project Proposal)
- IPP (Initial Project Proposal)
- State, local, and bond funding

Emphasis on sequencing projects due to space and logistics constraints

Link to: [Facilities Update](#) (5 Year Construction Plan, 5 Year Scheduled Maintenance Projects)

2. Master Plan for Education: The draft of the Master Plan for Education is nearing completion. It is expected to be made public by November 8th, presented to DPAC on November 12th, to the Academic Senate on November 18th and to the Board of Trustees on December 2nd. The document is 330+ pages, includes department profiles and strategic recommendations. There was discussion on whether DPAC should have a more active role in shaping or reviewing the plan.

Link to: [MPE Update](#)

3. Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2026-2027

- Strategic Planning and data-informed scheduling
 - Need for smarter growth strategies post-budget cuts
 - Importance of aligning course offerings with student demand and funding metrics
 - Desire for broader institutional conversations beyond department-level decisions
 - Suggestions to involve counselors and classified staff in planning
 - Emphasis on modality, staffing challenges, and program viability
- Focus on optimism and opportunity rather than quantity of plans
- Potential action items:
 - Educating campus on the Master Plan and SCFF (Student-Centered Funding Formula)
 - Strategic enrollment management training
 - Exploring excused withdrawals and their impact (AB 1705)
 - Improving math pathways and support structures
- Strong sentiment for collaboration, transparency, and forward momentum
- Recognition of the need to document decisions and outcomes

VII. Adjournment – 4:45 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2026

2025

November 12

December 10

2026

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 11, 25

April 8, 22

May 13, 27

June 10, 24