



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –OCTOBER 23, 2024
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the SMC Student Services Center Room 396, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also conducted via Zoom to allow for remote participation.

I. Call to Order – 3:07 p.m.

II. Members

Mike Tuitasi, Administration, Chair Designee
Jamar London, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Lisa Rose, Management Association Representative
Sasha King, Management Association Representative
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
Dagmar Gorman, CSEA Representative
David Duncan, Associated Students President

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Review of Minutes: October 9, 2024. Motion was made by Peter Morse and seconded by Vicenta Arrizon to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on September 25, 2024. The minutes were approved with two abstentions (Dagmar Gorman and Martha Romano).

V. Report:

Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery attended the DPAC meeting to provide information and receive feedback related to the workplace shooting at SMC's Center for Media and Design on October 14, 2024 that took the life of Custodial Operations Manager Felicia Hudson.

The college's leadership and police department are committed to providing as much information as possible in a timely and transparent manner.
College-wide messages are available [here](#).

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) confirmed that the suspect behind the workplace shooting was apprehended on October 15th and was found deceased inside his vehicle. SMPD is leading the investigation.

The college is navigating the grief and shock and has planned activities to bring colleagues together. It is the goal of the college to move forward - encouraging colleagues to support each other - to continue providing education to its students and be a valuable resource for the community.

Summary of Activities:

- A Candlelight vigil was held in Felicia Hudson’s memory on Thursday, October 17th and a Celebration of Life followed on Friday, October. 18th.
- A Listening Session is planned for Thursday, October 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Services Orientation Hall. The focus of this session will be on listening and gathering feedback so that the college can structure future responses and training accordingly to strengthen the college’s safety environment.
- Human Resources has reached out to both families to provide support as they deal with the aftermath of these incidents.
- External assistance is being provided for college staff and students

VI. Agenda – The following items were postponed to the DPAC meeting on November 13, 2024:

1. Update: EpiCenter
2. Continue Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2025-2026

VII. Adjournment – 5 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2025

2024

November 13

December 11

2025

January 8, 22

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May 14, 28

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