



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, February 11, 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 – 2:06 p.m.

II. Members Present

Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Sasha King, Administrative 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
Ailsa Ortiz, Associated Students President

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Vicenta Arrizon and seconded by Ailsa Ortiz to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on January 28, 2026. *Unanimously approved.*

V. Reports: Associated Students President Ailsa Ortiz presented the following report:

- She will have limited availability during the spring because of her class schedule and won't be able to attend DPAC meetings consistently. She invited interested students to attend the DPAC meeting and will identify two representatives who can attend in her absence to represent students. The meeting began with introductions by DPAC members and the students who were present.
- Associated Students objectives for spring 2026 were presented, which include upgrades to the Cayton Center by replacing carpet with hard flooring, adding a garden, and installing air filters. They proposed removing vending machines and adding sleeping pods to the computer lab, which would be monitored by advisors. Other topics included in the objectives:
 - Concerns about layoffs, specifically of tutors and counselors
 - SSCCC Resolution on Equitable College Funding
 - A project that focuses on Indigenous advocacy, including a proposed land acknowledgment monument

Link to: [Associated Student Spring 2026 Objectives](#)

VI. Agenda

1. Campus-Wide Civility Code: There was debate about requesting the DPAC Human Resources subcommittee to develop a draft to forward to DPAC.

Key points included:

- Whether the existing SMC ethics policy is sufficient. [BP 3050 Institutional Code of Ethics](#)
- Avoiding a document that becomes symbolic but unenforced.
- Protecting free speech and academic freedom.
- Ensuring the code is not used to police thought or suppress disagreement.
- Ensuring truly inclusive, transparent development that involves all employee groups and students.

A motion was made by Sasha King and seconded by Elaine Roque that DPAC charge the Human Resources Subcommittee to research, summarize, and present exemplars of civility codes from other community colleges, including their related training practices, and provide an analysis of SMC's own relevant board policies to DPAC, no later than the last DPAC meeting of spring 2026. *Unanimously approved.*

The Human Resources Subcommittee co-chairs will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the scope and context of the civility code assignment.

2. Discussion: How to support a transparent and inclusive process for the implementation of the OIR recommendations.

The discussion focused on the implementation of the OIR recommendations and concerns about communications gaps, lack of clarity about who is accountable for the recommendations and the need for broader continued engagement beyond bulletins and email updates. Suggestions included public, accessible tracking of progress, town-hall style updates, and direct communication from college leadership. It was mentioned that many of the recommendations are related to specific groups, such as CSEA, SMC Police, Santa Monica City Police. The administrative representatives affirmed the willingness to improve communication practices and bring feedback to senior staff. DPAC will have to opportunity to engage in further discussion when the quarterly updates are presented by Campus Counsel Bob Myers.

3. Motion was made by Cindy Ordaz and seconded by Jose Hernandez to approve the following 2026-2027 Annual Action Plans.

Unanimously approved.

- #1: Advance Santa Monica College toward a more strategic, coordinated, and date-informed approach to course scheduling and enrollment management (*as amended*).
- #2: Educate the campus on the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and its implications for funding and student success ensuring college practices translate into recognized success under the SCFF (Institutional Effectiveness Committee recommendation).

VII. Adjournment – 3:48 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2026

February 25

March 11, 25

April 8, 22

May 13, 27

June 10, 24