



Santa Monica Community College District  
District Planning and Advisory Council  
MEETING –FEBRUARY 26, 2025  
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 in the SMC Student Services Center Room 222, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also conducted via Zoom to allow for remote participation.

- I. Call to Order – 3:08 p.m.
- II. Members Present  
Mike Tuitasi, Administration, Chair Designee  
Jamar London, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair  
Jason Beardsley, Administration Representative  
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative  
Sasha King, Management Association Representative  
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate Representative  
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative  
Kennisha Green, CSEA Representative  
David Duncan, Associated Students President
- III. Public Comments - None
- IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Elaine Roque and seconded by Vicenta Arrizon to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on February 12, 2025. *Unanimously approved.*
- V. Reports: None
- VI. Agenda
  1. Review and Acceptance of [Equal Employment Opportunity Plan](#). Motion was made by Vicente Arrizon and seconded by David Duncan to accept the EEO Plan. *Unanimously approved.*
  2. Budget Subcommittee Recommendation: The Budget Committee approved the following recommendation at its meeting on February 5, 2025:  
While the Budget Committee waits for the Superintendent/President and Senior Staff to address the projected ~\$15.5 million deficit, the Budget Committee will work on guiding principles to inform budgetary cuts and decisions.  
Motion Made by: Jamar London  
Seconded by: Dagmar Gorman  
Ayes: 10  
Noes: 0  
Abstention: 1 (Tracie Hunter)  
  
Motion was made by Vicente Arrizon and seconded by Chris Bonvenuto to acknowledge receipt of the Budget Committee recommendation. *Unanimously approved.*
  3. Education Master Plan Update  
Following the Phase 1 engagement of the campus community, the SMC Education Master Plan is moving forward, with the workgroup preparing spring 2025 campus engagement activities on flex day and beyond. A publication of Phase 1 campus engagement results and data from the environmental scan is being prepared with support by consultant Dr. Jennifer Merlic.

The spring 2025 campus engagements will include a design charrette activity wherein cross-functional groups of SMC community members will collaboratively propose actions and initiatives in response to the salient areas of concern identified in the Fall 2024 All Campus Ideation workshop and survey results.

The results of the fall 2024 campus workshops and survey include a wide array of perspectives, insights, and concerns about SMC's opportunities, strengths, and challenges. The EMP workgroup spent considerable time in the fall and winter terms analyzing and discussing the raw data to formulate areas of focus for further campus engagement. Although the raw data will be available to campus members for review, the assessed areas of focus will allow the community to come together around a common set of concerns for brainstorming and collective problem-solving.

To offer the DPAC constituencies a preview of those salient areas of focus, they include the following:

- Strengthening holistic student support
- Investing in workforce and economic alignment
- Technology integration in education
- Enrollment and retention strategies
- Reimagining campus spaces for modern learning
- Improving campus communication and collaboration
- Promoting equity, inclusion, and belonging
- Strengthening pathways to graduation and career success
- Enriching student life and community connections

These areas of focus will form the basis for design charrette activities planned for spring flex day and in follow-up sessions this spring.

#### Environmental Scan Data

The campus community will soon be presented with the extensive set of data tables, charts, and insights compiled by the EMP workgroup in collaboration with consultants, Institutional Research, and multiple SMC divisions. The environmental scan data will include a comprehensive analysis of external and internal factors that influencing the college's strategic direction and the context for its development of academic programs and supporting facilities. Trends in the job market, education market, local and regional demographics, local high schools, SMC demographics, enrollment measures, success and completion rates, and other important dynamics will be included.

#### Academic Department Profiles and Outlook

The EMP will also include an important section documenting, department by department, current academic programs, recent trends within those programs, and the outlook for those programs as assessed by department chairs and their faculty colleagues with support from Academic Affairs and the EMP workgroup.

VII. Adjournment – 3:35 p.m.

#### Meeting schedule through June 2025

2025

March 26

April 9, 23

May 14, 28

June 11, 25