



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –JUNE 11, 2025
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, June 11, 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 participation.

I. Call to Order – 3:05 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
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
David Duncan, Associated Students President

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Vicenta Arrizon and seconded by Elaine Roque to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on May 14, 2025. *Unanimously approved.*

V. Reports: None

VI. Agenda

1. 2025-2026 Annual Action Plans

- Information: 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan #1 – Climate Action Plan.
Superintendent/President Kathryn Jeffery approved including one-time funding of \$13,000 in the 2025-2026 District budget for a consultant to assist the Director of Sustainability with the completion of the Climate Action Plan.
- 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan #2 – Campus Safety Culture, with Budget Committee Input.
On May 21, 2025, the Budget Committee reviewed the DPAC Annual Action Plan # 2 and recommends the Campus Safety Culture to DPAC and Dr. Jeffery as presented, for consideration of inclusion in the 2025-2026 District Budget.
Motion: Dagmar Gorman
Seconded: Cindy Ordaz
Ayes: 13
Noes: 0
Abstention: Vicenta Arrizon
Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Vicenta Arrizon and seconded by Peter Morse to forward Annual Action Plan #2 with Budget Committee input to Dr. Jeffery for consideration of inclusion in the 2025-2026 budget. *Unanimously approved.*

2. 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan #1:

Identify the retention and persistence components of existing college plans and activities, develop recommendations on how to improve coordination of the plans and develop recommendations on how to assess the annual impact of each plan on retention and persistence.

Update

The charge was to assess what retention and persistence initiatives the college has undertaken, to identify the extent of those initiatives and develop recommendations on how they could be best coordinated and assessed. It was further suggested that this DPAC action plan culminate in a committee focusing on retention and persistence efforts across the college, to report on the findings and share a set of observations and recommendations, as well as discussion for success in pursuit of equitable retention and persistence outcomes for Santa Monica college students.

Despite the suggestion that a retention committee would be a possible outcome of this analysis and assessment, it is recommended that no such narrowly focused committee be created. Instead, campus leaders should focus on the development of an action oriented, accountable, transparent, and data informed strategic plan that would include significant initiatives and action steps to improve retention and persistence in an equitable way and would also convey the college's efforts to improve access, progress, success, and completion among other areas of focus.

The presentation to support this recommendation included the following:

- Retention Effort Assessment
 - Retention and Persistence Initiatives
 - Retention Strategy Integration
 - Onboarding and Counseling Access
 - Addressing Equity Gaps in Persistence and Belonging
 - Academic Support and Curriculum - Embedded Strategies
 - Pathways, Maps, and Enrollment Tools
- Santa Monica College Planning Crosswalk – Summary
- Example: Planning Crosswalk with Metrics and Accountability Measures
- Preview Day, College Kickoff, and VIP Welcome (Fall 2024) – Term Persistence to Spring 2025

Link to: [Update on 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan](#)

It was requested and agreed that periodic updates be presented to DPAC. The Year-End Report on this Annual Action Plan will be included in the DPAC Annual Report for 2024-2025.

VII. Adjournment – 4:38 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2026

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