



District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) Quarterly Update October through December 2020

The purpose of this quarterly update on DPAC activities is to provide the Santa Monica College community with a better understanding of the planning process at SMC. As authorized via Board Policy 2515, SMC's institutional planning process – both long term and annual – is coordinated by the District Planning and Advisory Committee (DPAC) and makes recommendations to Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn Jeffery. All college constituent groups (students, faculty, classified staff and administrators) are represented on DPAC. Outlined below is a summary of the activities undertaken by DPAC over the last quarter. If you have questions about the planning process or actions undertaken by DPAC, please contact your constituent group's DPAC representative:

- DPAC Chairs: Jennifer Merlic (Chair Designee) and Nate Donahue (Vice-Chair)
- Academic Senate Representative: Jamar London
- Faculty Association Representatives: Peter Morse and Elaine Roque
- CSEA Representatives: Cindy Ordaz and Dee Upshaw
- Associated Students Representatives: Tafari Alan and Joshua Elizondo
- Administration Representative: Mike Tuitasi
- Management Association Representatives: Christopher Bonvenuto and Dione Carter

Summary of DPAC Meetings

For more detailed information, go to [DPAC Meeting Website](#) for minutes of meetings.

October 14, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- Discussion: DPAC Quarterly Report
- DPAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to forward to the Superintendent/President for consideration.
 - It is recommended that the Superintendent/ President establish a broad-based Presidential Task Force to assess impacts of the remote environment on the SMC student experience, identify practices that generated benefits, and develop plans to integrate beneficial practices into SMC's post-pandemic environment.
- Development of 2021 Annual Action Plans

October 28, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- Superintendent/President's Response to DPAC recommendation approved on October 14, 2020.
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Superintendent's Response

I approve the recommendation to create a Task Force. However, I will add that the task force's review and assessment include identifying ways college services and operations were less effective. What operations, programs, services, academic disciplines worked well/better or did not work well/could have worked better. I will identify participants/areas/departments for the task force, objectives/ charge, timeline for action/recommendations with fiscal impact. I have been working on a review strategy and appreciate this recommendation from DPAC.

- DPAC reviewed the [Academic Senate Goals and Objectives, 2020-2021](#)
- Development of 2021 Annual Action Plans

November 30, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- [Program Review Planning Summary](#)
- [Institutional Effectiveness Committee's Observations of SMC's Performance on Vision for Success/Student Equity Metrics and Recommendations](#)
- DPAC reviewed the [Board of Trustees Goals and Priorities, 2020-2021](#)

December 9, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- [DPAC Video](#)
- Review and continue development of Annual Action Plans for 2021-2022
- Budget Committee recommendations for use of HEERF/MSI funds.
DPAC unanimously accepted the following recommendation by the DPAC Budget Subcommittee and forwarded it to Superintendent/President Kathryn Jeffery for implementation
Motion to approve the allocation of funds as delineated by document attached, with the understanding that area Vice-Presidents have the responsibility to allocate the budget for specific items, but will also collaborate with all constituent groups in developing ideas for budget allocation.