



Santa Monica Community College District

Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)

MEETING MINUTES – September 3, 2025

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Santa Monica College's Student Services Center (SSC 396), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

The public may join the meeting via zoom with the following link: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/85009325229>

I. Call to Order 2:06 pm

Members:

- Mitch Heskell, District Representative
- Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative, Co-Chair
- Teresita Rodriguez, District Rep
- Tracie Hunter, District Representative
- Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate Representative
- Elisa Meyer, Academic Senate Representative
- Matt Hotsinpillier, Faculty Association Rep, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Representative
- Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
- Kennisha Green, CSEA Representative
- Dagmar Gorman, CSEA Representative
- Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
- Ailsa Ortiz, Associated Student Representative
- Vacant, Associated Student Representative
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Interested Parties in attendance: 31 Guests on zoom

II. Public Comments

III. Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2025 Motion: Dagmar Gorman Seconded: Teresita Rodriguez
AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Tracie Hunter **Minutes were passed.**

IV. Reports/Discussion

1. Fiscal Services Update – SEAP Counseling Allocation Update

- a. Michael Tuitasi, Vice President, Student Affairs, provided a breakdown of how the \$9,735,824 ongoing SEAP funds are allocated:
Equity \$909,903
Academic Affairs \$1,583,416
Enrollment Development \$2,266,726
Student Affairs \$4,975,779

VP Tuitasi addressed that in prior years counseling hours were augmented with up to \$2.2 million in one-time carry-over funds, but those funds are now exhausted resulting in the non-repetition of one-time funding for counseling hours in 2025-2026.

The committee expressed frustration that the reduction in hours was not widely explained to the committee or departments before the reduction of one-time funds took place. VP Tuitasi explained that program leaders were informed at the time of allocation that the funds were one-time and future funding was not guaranteed.

Vice President Bonvenuto explained there will be a need to reduce the SEAP allocation by another approximate \$900,000 in 2026-2027 and every effort will be made to keep all departments better informed through the process.

- b. Budget Reduction Scenario Discussion
The Committee will discuss this item in a future meeting

2. Adopted Budget 2025-2026

Chris Bonvenuto presented the 25-26 Adopted Budget. The presentation can be found:

<https://admin.smc.edu/administration/business-services/budget/reports-documents.php>

V. Adjournment: 4:45 pm

For all documents, visit www.smc.edu/administration/governance/district-planning-policies/budget-planning-subcommittee.php

Future Budget Planning Committee Meetings: Meetings will be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, except as noted, and will begin at 2:00 pm.