

MERIT RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

DEPARTMENTS: PLEASE POST

3400 Airport/SBDC: Sasha King Academic Affairs: Sharon Thomas Accounts Payable: Cherry Aguino Admissions & Records: Esau Tovar African American Center: Sherri Bradford

Athletics: Sandra Hernandez Auxiliary Services: Ofelia Meza Bundy: Beverly Redd-Walker

Business Department: Peter Murray Campus Police Office: Jennifer Jones

Campus Store: Elease Juarez Career Services: Vicky Rothman Cashier's Office: Veronica Romo

Center for Media & Design: Jamina Russell Community Education: Alice Meyering Counseling Office: Laurie Guglielmo Custodian Time Clock: Anthony Williams Disabled Students Center: Nathalie Laille

Early Childhood Ed.: L. Manson Emeritus College: V. Rankin-Scales

English Dept.: Martha Hall EOP&S: Nick Mata ESL Office: Jocelyn Alex Events Office: Yesenia Penate Faculty Association: Peter Morse Financial Aid Office: Stacv Neal Health Sciences: Clarenda Stephens

Health Office: Nancy Alfaro HSS: Carolyn Baugh Institutional Research:

International Education Center: Ana Jara

KCRW:

Latino Center: Maria Martinez Madison: Gail Johnson

Maintenance/Operations: A. DiGregorio

Math Village: Kristina Fukuda Media Center: L. Nakamura Modern Language: Travis Grant

Music: Lori Geller

Outreach & Recruitment: Will Taylor

Payroll: Ian Fraser Science: Ingrid Cardwell Student Life: Amelia Treio

Superintendent/Presidents Office: L. Kilian

STEM: Vanan Yahnian Theater Arts: Judy Louff W& ED/Bundy: Tricia Ramos

ADMINISTRATORS and **MANAGERS**

Emeritus: Scott Silverman Facilities: Dennis Biddle HR: Tre'Shawn Hall-Baker Info Tech: Marc Drescher

IEC: N. Pressian

Instructional Technology:

Maintenance: **Devin Starnes** Terry Kamibayashi

Operations:

Anthony Barlow Derrick Davis Felicia Hudson Robert Villanueva Receiving: Lisa Davis

Supplemental Instruction:

Wendi DeMorst

PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT and **SENIOR STAFF**

Superintendent/President: Kathryn

Jefferv Executive VP:

VP Academic Affairs: Jennifer Merlic VP Business/Admin: Chris Bonvenuto VP Enroll. Services: T. Rodriguez

VP Human Resources: Sherri Lee-Lewis

VP Student Affairs: M. Tuitasi

Senior Director Government Relations & Institutional Communications: Don Girard Community Relations: Kiersten Elliott Public Information: Grace Smith

PUBLIC POSTING LOCATIONS

2714 Pico: exterior display box

Online: www.smc.edu

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

CSEA Labor Rep.: Jessica Gonzalez CSEA Chapter Pres.: Mike Roberts CSEA Chapter 1st V.P.: Kennisha Green CSEA Chapter 2nd V.P.: Cindy Ordaz CSEA Chief Job Steward: Lee Peterson CSEA Treasurer: Dagmar Gorman CSEA Secretary: Judith Mosher **CSEA Chief Development Officer:**

Luis Martin

CSEA Communications Officer:

James Stevenson

SMC POA President: Officer Cadena Management Association: Susan Fila

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IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION

Written requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations that are needed in order to participate in the Commission meeting are to be directed to the Personnel Commission Office as soon in advance of the meeting as possible.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

During the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Global Pandemic, the MRAC will be conducting virtual public meetings using Zoom. Virtual meetings have been authorized by Executive Order N-25-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and dated March 12, 2020, to reduce and minimize the risk of infection by "limiting attendance at public assemblies, conferences, or other mass events." Zoom meetings will ensure public participation while at the same time complying with the Governor's Stay at Home executive order and Los Angeles County's Safer at Home order.

Members of the public may address the Committee and public participation can occur in one of two ways. Members of the public can submit written comments to be read during the public meeting or they may speak during the Zoom meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak or submit written comments to be read at the meeting shall send an email to personnel commission@smc.edu, by no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. The email should include the following information:

- Name
- Department (optional)
- Topic or Agenda Item # to be addressed
- Comments to be read (if submitting written comments)

Instructions for Speaking to the Commission through Zoom

Speakers may address any specific agenda item, or may provide general comments during the "Public Comments" period. When it is time for the speakers to address the Commission, their name will be called and the microphone on their Zoom account will be activated. A speaker's Zoom Profile should match their real name to expedite this process. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.

All public comments will be subject to the general rules set forth below.

- 1. Five minutes is allotted to each speaker per topic. If there are more than four speakers on any topic or item, the Commission reserves the option of limiting the time for each speaker. A speaker's time may not be transferred to another speaker.
- 2. Each speaker is limited to one presentation per specific agenda item before the Commission, and to one presentation per Commission meeting on non-agenda items.
- 3. Five minutes is allotted to each speaker per topic for general public comments. The speaker must adhere to the topic. Individuals wishing to speak during the Public Comments will be called upon during Public Comments.

Any person who disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any meeting by uttering loud, threatening, or abusive language or engaging in disorderly conduct, shall, at the discretion of the presiding officer or majority of the Committee, be requested to be orderly and silent and/or removed from the meeting.

No action may be taken on items of business not appearing on the agenda.

Reference: Merit Rule 2.2.8

Government Code sections 54954.2, 54954.3, 54957.9

PUBLIC SESSION: 10:00 a.m.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS

- A. Call to Order
- **B.** Roll Call

Committee Members	Present	Absent
Commissioner Lawrence Leone, Chair	Х	
Commissioner Barbara Greenstein		Х
Carol Long, Director of Classified Personnel	Х	
Tre'Shawn Hall Baker, Dean of Human Resources	Х	
Lee Peterson, Commission Appointee	Х	
Joshua Casillas, CSEA	Х	
Ernesto Barba, CSEA		Х
Brent Heximer, CSEA	Х	
Albert Echeverria, Police Officer Association		Х

C. Approval of Minutes:

1. May 5, 2021

DISPOSITION BY THE COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE BY: Lee Peterson SECONDED BY: Brent Heximer

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Amendments/Comments

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-actionable comments from those in attendance)

III. MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

#	ITEM
1.	Chapter 9
2.	Chapter 12
3	Merit Rules Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
4	Future Agenda Items

Item No. 1

A motion was made to send Chapter 9, Section 9.8.1, 9.8.2, 9.8.3 and all of 9.9 to the Personnel Commission for a First Reading.

Rule 9.8 ASSIGNMENTS OF DISABLED EMPLOYEES (EDUCATION CODE SECTION 88098)

9.8.1 GENERAL POLICY

A. When a permanent employee becomes unable to perform the duties of his/hertheir classification because of illness or injury as determined by medical authority designated by the District, the employee shall be provided with reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and may be reassigned to and may include reassignment of new duties, which are within his/hertheir capabilities. Reassignment, if any, shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority governing board, with the approval of the Personnel Commission as prescribed in this Rule.

9.8.2 REASSIGNMENTS

- A. A disabled employee's duties in his/hertheir regular position may be altered in accordance with his/hertheir disability. Such changes in duties shall be reported to the Personnel Director, and are subject to classification by the Personnel Commission.
- B. A disabled employee may accept demotion or transfer to a less demanding position in another class, with the approval of the Personnel Commission.
- C. A disabled employee may be assigned to a position in a higher class, with the approval of the Personnel Commission, but shall receive no salary benefit from such assignment until <u>he/she is they are</u> appointed to the higher class from an eligibility list resulting from a competitive examination.

9.8.3 EFFECT OF REFUSAL BY EMPLOYEE

A. A disabled employee may refuse assignments to other classes without effect on his/hertheir rights under sick leave provisions of the law and these Rules.

However, there is no obligation for the appointing authority to renew offers of reassignment, which have been refused, or to make alternative offers.

Rule 9.9

EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL FILE (EDUCATION CODE SECTION 87031) (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6250)(LABOR CODE SECTION1198.5)

9.9.1 GENERAL POLICY

- A. The District shall maintain an official employee personnel file for each classified employee. The file shall be confidential.
- B. Every The employee has the right to inspect their personnel file records.shall be available for inspection by the Superintendent/President, the District Personnel Administrator Vice President of Human Resources, and the Personnel Director of Classified Personnel and designated members of their designated staffs, a line manager above the employee, and the employee or his/her representative.
 - An employee wishing to inspect their personnel file shall request an appointment with the Office of Human Resources.
- When an employee wishes to inspect his/her personnel file, he/she shall request the approval of his/her supervisor for release time and make proper arrangements with the Classified Personnel Department Office of Human Resources.
- C. Materials in the employee's personnel file which may affect the status of his/her employment are available for inspection by the employee, An employee shall not be entitled to review records that:
 - 1. were obtained prior to the employment of the person involved,
 - 2. were prepared by identifiable examination committee members, or
 - 3. were obtained in connection with a promotional examination.
- -____except that, such materials shall not include confidential ratings, reports or records which were:
 - Obtained prior to the employment of the employee.
 - Prepared by examination committee members.
 - 3. Obtained in connection with a promotional examination

- D. Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered into an employee's personnel records unless and until the employee is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment on that information. The employee shall have the right to enter, and have attached to any derogatory statement, his or her own comments. The review shall take place during normal business hours and the employee shall be released from duty for this purpose without salary reduction.
- D. Whenever information of a derogatory nature is to be entered into an employee's personnel file, he/she shall first be given written notice that he/she has five (5) working days to review the information and submit a written comment on it. Such a review shall take place during normal business hours and without loss of pay to the employee.

DISPOSITION BY THE COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE BY: Lee Peterson SECONDED BY: Lawrence Leone

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Amendments/Comments

Item No. 3

The proposed meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 were agreed upon by all in attendance.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021	
Wednesday, August 4, 2021	
Wednesday, September 1, 2021	
Wednesday, October 6, 2021	
Wednesday, November 3, 2021	
Wednesday, December 1, 2021	
Wednesday, January 5, 2022	
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	
Wednesday, April 6, 2022	
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	

Item No. 4

The Committee proposed to begin review of Chapter 10 at the July 7, 2021 Meeting.

IV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:15 a.m.

DISPOSITION BY THE COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE BY: Brent Heximer

SECONDED BY: Tre'Shawn Hall Baker

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Amendments/Comments

As required by law, the agenda for the Wednesday, June 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica College Merit Rules Advisory Committee was posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting.