



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

November 10, 2025

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlyne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Henry Browne, Katlin Choi, Jennifer Cost, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Veronica Gerace, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, David Lizarraga, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, Dave "Das" Odasso, Mychal Odom, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Irena Stojimirovic, Scott Suarez, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Karen Wait, Michael Williams and Guests Acting Transfer Center Supervisor Celine Ahearn and Transfer Center Student Assistance Technician Ayana Woods

Absent:

Nellie Dougherty (Excused), James Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic), Sam Lee, Laura Maki, Thekima Mayasa (Proxy to Odom), Danica Moore (Proxy to Duckles), Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Miriam Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss) and Louis Valenzuela

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by President Mary Gwin @ 2:20PM.

Parliamentarian – TBD /Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Sardo

UNANIMOUS

Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Mayasa (Proxy to Odom)

Moore (Proxy to Duckles)

Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Senator Nicole Rodriguez & Senator Jay Tarvin (No Report)

B. Classified Professionals: President Ayana Woods & Vice President Alison Mona

1. President Ayana Woods provided a report.

a. Please support our upcoming fall fundraiser. (The proceeds support Classified Professionals Scholarships.)

b. We will host an end of the year celebration.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: October 27, 2025

Move to Approve:

M/S

Johnson/Odom

33 APPROVE

Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Mayasa (Proxy to Odom)

Moore (Proxy to Duckles)

Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss)

2 Abstain

Arguelles Ibarra

Mongelluzzo

VI. GUESTS:

A. SDMC Transfer Center Acting Supervisor Celine Ahearn/Students Assistance Technician Ayana Woods:

Graduation Presentation: www.sdmesa.edu/graduation

1. Our Students need Faculty support and accurate information during their graduation application process..
2. Our Students must apply for graduation in order to receive an associate degree or a certificate of completion.
 - a. SDMC Graduation is **not** automatic.
3. It takes 90 – 120 days for the District Evaluators to review a Student’s transcripts. (Students must plan ahead.)

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave “Das” Odasso
 - We need more Faculty Members. (Biweekly Meetings: Mondays from 4:15PM–5:30PM.)
 - Immediate Past President Andrew Hoffman reported the SDMC AS AA Committee developed the “Department Chairs Syllabus Check List” that was approved by the SDMC AS in spring 2025.
 - * The SDMC Department Chairs are utilizing the check list.
 - President Mary Gwin reported the SDMC AS AA Committee serves as the research arm of the SDMC AS and plays an important role in the work of the SDMC AS.
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Danica Moore (No Report)
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (No Report)
- d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
 - Justin Estep provided a report.
- e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair – TBA (No Report)
- f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (No Report) (DEIA@Mesa)
- g. *SDMC AS Task Force on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):* Chair Ryan/Mongelluzzo (No Report)
- h. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez
As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:
 - “The ESC held a reporting meeting on 11/7 via zoom.
 - Project reports:
 - Develop canvas site to support faculty teaching LEAF courses - ongoing - hope to have ready before Catalyst workshop in January
 - Environmental Sustainability Survey - 3 year update - faculty on the district committee requested that Aurora Ayala request that district research office deliver the survey district-wide during the spring semester
 - Sustainability elements of Bond projects
 - 2 members attended meeting about the Performing Arts and Admin building - offered suggestions and concerns
 - Hope to attend upcoming meeting to gather input from student voices
 - Discussed our ongoing suggestion that district analyze all bond projects from a standpoint of whether they will help our district achieve the Board of Governor’s Climate Action and Sustainability goals, which were updated in January 2025.
 - AI and sustainability -
 - ESC member is on the Senate taskforce, coordinating our action
 - The issue was also raised in several sessions at the ASCCC
 - MIP intern- we are hiring an outstanding chemistry student to work with us in the Spring
 - ASCCC presentation about the LEAF program - 11/6
 - ~20 people in attendance
 - Current statewide efforts to support environmental sustainability in curriculum, workforce, facilities, and community partnerships
 - With colleagues from Mt Sac, LACCD, and Los Rios, made suggestions for next steps for ASCCC, including:
 - Resolution supporting faculty to embed environmental equity into curriculum - across disciplines
 - Incorporate environmental equity into the definition of equity that we use as community colleges
 - Develop a plan to incorporate environmental sustainability into accreditation
 - Promote curriculum development projects throughout California
 - Work with the State Chancellor’s Climate Fellows to spread the word and build a network
 - ASCCC commits funding for faculty in all 116 California community colleges to learn and teach environmental equity.

- District Committee on Sustainability -
 - Nov and Dec meetings cancelled - 4th Fridays
 - faculty requested that district shift meeting dates rather than canceling these meetings
- ESC participation in upcoming meetings across the campus:
 - Bond meeting about Performing Arts and Admin building - student voices (not scheduled yet)
 - Curriculum committees at Miramar and City to advocate for an amendment to the proposed District GE requirements that would add LEAF courses to the multicultural area (not scheduled yet)
 - NFI - to talk to new faculty about our work - Nov 21
- Upcoming Events
 - Screening of documentary "The Cigarette Surfboard" - Nov 20 - D-101, 12:45-3:30"

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace (No Report)
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No Report)
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa (No Report)
- d. Senator at Large #1: Ryan Mongelluzzo (No Report)
- e. Senator at Large #2: Irena Stojimirovic (No Report)
- f. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant
- g. *Immediate Past President:* Andrew Hoffman (No Report)
- h. *President:* Mary Gwin (Fall 2025 ASCCC Plenary Session) [Resolutions Process](#)

As reported by Mary Gwin:

"Mary Gwin reported on updates to her Board of Trustees meeting

report <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= QnIEi6YWBo> . She gave an update that the LRC 4th floor restroom is open as of 11/10/25. There is a safety meeting on 11/13 at 10 am. This is inconvenient for most faculty. The rest of the items from the Board report remain the same."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2025.11.1: Vote of No Confidences – SDMC Vice President of Administrative Services: Gwin

President Mary Gwin turned the meeting over to Immediate Past President Andrew Hoffman to introduce the resolution:

1. President Mary Gwin introduced the resolution.

Move to Accept the Item as "New Business" and Forward the Item as "Old Business" to the December 1, 2025 meeting:

M/S

Johnson/Sardo

28 APPROVE

Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Moore (Proxy to Duckles)

Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss)

8 Abstain

Frost Moreno

Gerace

Liarraza

Mayasa (Proxy to Odom)

Odasso

Odom

Unis

Williams

B. Resolution 2025 11.2: Education Plan Codes Needed: Pacheco/Reuss/SDMC Counseling Department

1. Our Students need to have the correct catalog year information.

Move to Accept the Item as "New Business" and Forward the Item as "Old Business" to the December 1, 2025 meeting:

M/S

Cost/Browne

31 APPROVE

Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Mayasa (Proxy to Odom)

Moore (Proxy to Duckles)

Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss)

4 Abstain

Allbee

Odasso

Tran

Unis

C. Resolution 2025 11.3: Proposed San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate Constitutional Changes: Duckles

1. Any Tenured Faculty Member is eligible to run for Vice President of the SDMC AS.
2. The Faculty Co-Chair of the Program Review Steering Committee must be a Tenured Contract Faculty Member.
3. The addition of one (1) duly elected Senator at Large for Adjunct Faculty to the SDMC AS Exec Committee membership from the elected Senators for Adjunct Faculty for the current academic year .

Move to Accept the Item as New Business and Forward the Item as Old Business to the December 1, 2025 meeting:

M/S

Allbee/Johnson

UNANIMOUS

Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Mayasa (Proxy to Odom)

Moore (Proxy to Duckles)

Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss)

Suarez (Proxy to Mongelluzzo)

(Suarez left meeting @ 4:00PM.)

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (AP) & BOARD POLICIES (BP) UPDATES: Estep (2nd Reading)

Move to Approve:

M/S

Duckles/Gerace

UNANIMOUS

Hinton (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Mayasa (Proxy to Odom)

Moore (Proxy to Duckles)

Pacheco (Proxy to Reuss)

X. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: SDMC Administrative Services: Vice President of Administrative Services (VPA)

A. 2025 – 2026 SDMC Budget: [2025-2026 SDCCD Budgets](#)

1. There is an Absence of Transparency: Schools/Departments/Programs are **not** receiving their budget information.
 - a. Mary Gwin cobbled together the following SDMC 2025 - 2026 budget information through her own research:

Source	Amount	Reference
GFU	85,104,236	p. 6
GFR	41,263,698	p. 17
Child Dev	2,329,284	p. 24
Capital Proj	149,834	p. 30
Measure HH	77,000,000	p. 34
Associated Students	135,678	p. 46
Student Representation Fee	213,131	p. 50
Student Financial Aid Budget	28,863,951	p. 54
Total	235,059,812	
Total District Budget p. vii	2,134,761,199	

Mesa Budget cobbled from <https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/BusinessServices/docs/Budgets/2025-2026%20>

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A.** UPCOMING Communications Studies Event: "LET'S TALK" (November 13, 2025)
- B.** The next American Federation of Teachers (AFT) General Meeting is November 6, 2025 from 3:00PM - 5:00PM in **SDMC** Room MC 211 A/B.
- C.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is December 1, 2025 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- D.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is November 17, 2025 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in Room A 117.
- E.** Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting November 12, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in **Room BT 101**.
- F.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is November 20, 2025 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- G.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is November 17, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room A 117.
- H.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is November 19, 2025 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20PM.

Submitted by Katlin Choi & Sue Saetia:
Approved by the SDMC AS: December 1, 2025