



Resolution 2026.4.3 - Advocating for the Establishment of a Districtwide Safety Committee: SDMC AS
(Updated 04.26.2026)

Move: Gerace

Second: Moore

WHEREAS, maintaining a safe and secure learning and working environment is essential to student success, employee well-being, and the overall mission of San Diego Mesa College and the San Diego Community College District; and

WHEREAS, safety concerns across district campuses and sites, including emergency preparedness, campus security, facilities hazards, risk mitigation, and health-related risks, require consistent coordination, communication, and oversight; and

WHEREAS, safety efforts that are decentralized or unevenly implemented across colleges and district sites may result in gaps in policy alignment, response protocols, training, and resource allocation; and

WHEREAS, a districtwide safety committee composed of faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and other relevant stakeholders would promote participatory governance, transparency, collaborative problem-solving, and consistent attention to safety issues across the district;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of San Diego Mesa College formally advocate for the creation of a Districtwide Safety Committee within the San Diego Community College District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Districtwide Safety Committee include equitable representation from faculty, classified professionals, administrators, students, and other relevant stakeholders where appropriate, to ensure diverse perspectives in safety planning and decision-making in coordination with campus safety committees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Districtwide Safety Committee be charged with reviewing and recommending policies and practices related to campus safety, emergency preparedness, facilities hazards, risk mitigation, health standards, training, and compliance with applicable state and federal regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Districtwide Safety Committee facilitate regular communication among campuses and district sites, share best practices, support consistency in safety protocols, and receive appropriate institutional support and resources to sustain its effectiveness.

Presented to the SDMC AS: April 27, 2026

Approved by the SDMC AS: May 11, 2026

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UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Thomas “Tommy” Babin, Sandra Belew, Henry Browne, Katlin Choi, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Veronica Gerace, Andrew Hoffman, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Jonathan “Jon” Linton, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Danica Moore, Bruce Naschak, Roger “Rusty” Nichols, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, David “Das” Odasso, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Irena Stojimirovic, Ngoc “Kim” Tran, Richard Unis, Megan Villa, Karen Wait and Michael Williams

Absent:

Jennifer Frost Moreno (Proxy to Kovats), Alex Holowicki (Proxy to Evans), Laura Maki, Ryan Mongelluzzo (Proxy to Estep), Louis Valenzuela and Scott Suarez (Excused)