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|  <p><b>ACADEMIC SENATE</b><br/>for California Community Colleges<br/>LEADERSHIP • EMPOWERMENT • VOICE</p> |  <p><b>SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE</b><br/>San Diego Community College District</p> |
| <p>San Diego Mesa College (SDMC)<br/>Academic Senate (AS)<br/>Academic Affairs Committee<br/>Meeting Minutes<br/>DRAFT</p>                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>October 19thh, 2026<br/>Room A117 4:15-5:30pm<br/>Committee Members:<br/>Chair Erin Evans, Dean Dina Miyoshi, Raul Rodriguez, Sean Ricketts, Ngoc "Kim" Tran,<br/>Fred Seldin</p>       |                                                                                                                                                                 |

Absent: Sean Ricketts

1. Call to Order and Welcome (Evans)
2. Approval/changes to meeting agenda
3. Guest(s)
  - A. New member interest: Miguel Murillo Ayala, Faculty Librarian, Assistant Professor.  
Eva Parrill, Faculty Librarian (PT)
4. Approval of Draft Minutes: October 5th, 20026 approved.
5. Report Spring 2026 SDMC and SDCCD Meetings (Evans)
  - A. Academic Senate:
    - a. Meeting on 10/12
    - b. Veronica Gerace is stepping down from VP for new district position in DEIA. Executive leadership has two people to consider for appointment until next election.
    - c. First reading of AS Resolution asking Chancellor for active support to address CSU refusal to approve articulation for Ethnic Studies courses in CHIC and KUMY classes due to its effect on faculty hiring. VOTE YES
    - d. First reading of AI resolution asking district to include seat assignment charges into travel reimbursement. VOTE YES
    - e. Updated Program Review prompts due on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Erin is helping chair with draft and will bring draft to next meeting for review.
    - f. Roundtable discussion of Element 451. Summary in Old Business item.
  - B. President's Cabinet:
    - a. Meeting on 10/6/26
    - b. New BARC committee composition approved.
    - c. First reading of Mesa Tech Committee plan
    - d. Roadmap 2 for Mesa 2030 is live and feedback is requested.
  - C. Senate Executive Committee:
    - a. Meeting before AAC on 10/19
    - b. Resolution coming for first reading on a grade challenge panel decision that was overturned by Pres. Hands. Issue: Syllabus language banning usage of AI included a statement that retroactive assignment evaluation would ensue if AI-usage was identified. Student used AI for an assignment and due to retroactive evaluation of assignments their grade went from B to a D. Panel decided in

favor of faculty and it was overturned by president. The overturning of grade by after a panel decision may infringe on 10+1 and is being addressed by the union.

D. Leadership: Next meeting on 10/21

E. SDCCD Board of Trustees:

- a. Meeting on 10/15
- b. 4 hour meeting due to public comments around Element 451. Mary's AS report was objective and conveyed the general reaction during the roundtable discussion on Element 451.
- c. No other report.

6. Old Business

A. CCAP instructor support (Tran/Evans) No report. Erin to F/U

B. Concerns about Element 451 CMS (Evans/Rodriguez)

- a. Roundtable discussion during AS was robust and general feeling was critical of the implementation of the system without faculty consultation. Is being piloted by three student services faculty at Mesa.
- b. District Marketing and Outreach Meeting in April 2023 has a RFP by Sustain Thopam with plan proposal by Element 451. This plan included an agenda for a scaffolded implementation of the system across the district. Faculty are being told otherwise by Mesa college leadership, which indicates a need to go to district due to lack of information.

I. "Piloting" is being used to describe what is actually training of chatbot.

- c. Erin met with City College AS leadership and counseling. Being piloted by about 20 employees in student services. Counseling faculty has not been consulted either. They are being told that chatbot will not give counseling advice, but the chatbot is available to anyone and students from across district are using it.

- d. ACTION: Erin to attend counseling department meeting on 10/21 and VPSS Larry Maxey will be in attendance to discuss Element 451.

C. Faculty ICE training with community defense group: TABLED

7. New Business

A. None

8. Roundtable Discussion:

A. Review stated AAC goals [on website](#): TABLED

B. Kim: Integration of AI into his classes. He interacted with chatbot to ask about district access to Gemini. Gemini told him we already have Nectir.

9. Next AAC Meeting: November 2nd 4:15pm A117

10. Adjournment