



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
March 23, 2026
Room MC 211 A/B
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlyne Allbee, Henry Browne, Katlin Choi, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Veronica Gerace, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Dante Jones, Wendell Kling, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Bruce Naschak, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, David "Das" Odasso, Mariam Kushkaki Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Jessica Sardo, Irena Stojimirovic, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Megan Villa, Karen Wait and Guests San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Dean Brian Weston and SDMC Faculty Members Amanda Johnston, Connie Renda, Tonya Whitfield and Eliza "Liza" Rabinovich

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra (Proxy to Dougherty), Thomas "Tommy" Babin, Sandra Belew, Erin Evans, Jennifer Frost Moreno (Proxy to Kovats), James Hinton (Excused), Geoff Johnson (Excused), Jesse Keller, Jonathan "Jon" Linton, Laura Maki, Danica Moore (Proxy to Sardo), Mychal Odom (Proxy to Mayasa), Michelle Rodriguez (Excused), Scott Suarez (Proxy to Mongelluzzo), Louis Valenzuela and Michael Williams

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by President Mary Gwin @ 2:29PM:

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

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Allbee/Duckles

UNANIMOUS:

Arguelles-Ibarra
 (Proxy to Dougherty)
Frost Moreno
 (Proxy to Kovats)
 Moore
 (Proxy to Sardo)
 Odom
 (Proxy to Mayasa)
 Suarez
 (Proxy to Mongelluzzo)
 Onwuchekwa Jonah
 Not Present for Vote

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): Senator Nicole Rodriguez & Senator Jay Tarvin

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: March 9, 2026

Move to Approve:

M/S

Cost/Mayasa

34 Approve:

Arguelles-Ibarra
(Proxy to Dougherty)
Frost Moreno
(Proxy to Kovats)
Moore
(Proxy to Sardo)
Odom
(Proxy to Mayasa)
Suarez
(Proxy to Mongelluzzo)

5 Abstain:

Dougherty
Gerace
Kushkaki
Sardo
Stojimirovic
Onwuchekwa Jonah
Not Present for Vote

VI. GUEST(s):

A. SDCCD Dean Brian Weston & SDMC Faculty Members Amanda Johnston, Connie Renda & Eliza Rabinovitch –

Presentation on Canvas Nuventive Connection: [Presentation Documents](#)

1. The panel answered questions from the Senators.

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave "DAS" Odasso
 - The committee added two (2) new Adjunct Faculty Members this semester.
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Andrew Hoffman
 - The PAC is recommending the approval of six (6) 2026-2027 Sabbatical Applications after the March 18th review.
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles
 - We will work on the development of the SDMC Department Chairs Handbook on March 25th.
 - * Please send your recommendations for the handbook to Ian Duckles and Veronica Gerace.
- d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
 - Justin Estep provided a report.
- e. *Election Committee:* Chair Scott Suarez
 - Mary Gwin asked the Senators to ask their Department Faculty Members to contact SDCCD Dean Victor Devore if they did **not** receive the SDMC AS Spring 2026 Election Ballot(s).
- f. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak (No Report)
- g. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:* Tonya Whitfield
 - Tonya Whitfield reported she just completed the Area D Regional CPL Liaison Training.
- h. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (DEIA@Mesa)
 - The 2026 Festival of Colors is Thursday (April 16, 2026) from 10:00AM – 1:00PM in the SDMC Quad.
 - * African Drum Call
 - * Ballet Folklorico
 - * Dragon & Lion Dancers
 - * SDMC Dance Program
 - * Traditional Aztec Dancers
- i. *Other Committee Reports:* None

- 2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:
 - a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))
 - Veronica Gerace provided a report.
 - **Current Faculty Vacancies on Committees - March 23, 2026**
 - b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No Report)
 - c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa
 - The SDMC AS will award one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship this year and two (2) \$500.00 scholarships.
 - 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:
 - Mary Gwin provided a report:
 - * Spring 2026 ASCCC: [Resolutions Process | ASCCC](#)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Administrative Procedures (AP)/ Board Policies (BP) Updates – Second Readings: Estep

1. Consent Agenda:

AP 0020.2 Curriculum and Instructional Council
AP 4022 Course Approval
AP 4050 Articulation
AP 5160.1 Health Occupations — Instructional Use of Clinical Facilities: Removed from Today's Consent Agenda
BP 4020 (formerly BP 5020) Curriculum Development

- a. Senator Karen Wait reported SDMC Allied Health Students are **losing** access to necessary work experience requirements due to the current SDCCD months long process for approving a "Health Occupations – Instructional Use of Clinical Facilities" under AP 5160. (The SDCCD Board of Trustees (BoT) has historically approved **every** request to use a Clinical Facility.)
 - We need to work with SDCCD Leadership to allow SDMC Allied Health Student to access the Clinical Facility immediately after the facility is approved for use by the SDCCD Risk Management Office for Access by our Students.

Move to remove AP 5160 from today's Consent Agenda – Pending Request to Expedite the Facility Use Approval Process:

M/S

Hoffman/Gerace

UNANIMOUS:

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 Frost Moreno
 (Proxy to Kovats)
 Moore
 (Proxy to Sardo)
 Odom
 (Proxy to Mayasa)
 Suarez
 (Proxy to Mongelluzzo)
 Onwuchekwa Jonah
 Not Present for Vote

Move to Approve All Items **Except** AP 5160 – Updated Consent Agenda:

M/S

Duckles/Choi

38 Approve:

Arguelles-Ibarra
 (Proxy to Dougherty)
 Frost Moreno
 (Proxy to Kovats)
 Moore
 (Proxy to Sardo)
 Odom
 (Proxy to Mayasa)
 Suarez
 (Proxy to Mongelluzzo)

1 Abstain

Naschak

Onwuchekwa Jonah
 Not Present for Vote

X. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: Continue February 23rd Discussion – Proposed “Canvas”/“Nuventive” Integration

- A.** The Senators shared their thoughts on the topic.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A.** Congratulations to Dr. Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah for receiving the Statewide 2026 [ASCCC Regina Stanback Stroud Diversity Award!](#)
 1. The award will be presented during the [Spring 2026 ASCCC Plenary](#) session.
- B.** Strive to support **all** SDMC Community Members. No one is better than anyone else. The world needs a lot more GRACE & HUMILITY.
- C.** 2026 SDMC Commencement Ceremony – Friday May 29, 2026 (@ 2:00PM) at Douglas Stadium.
- D.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is April 13, 2026 (2:20PM – 4:20PM) Room MC 211 A/B.
- E.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is April 6, 2026 (4:15PM – 5:30PM) in Room A 117.
- F.** Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is March 25, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) in **Room BT 206 Computer Lab**.
- G.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is April 16, 2026 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- H.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is April 6, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) Room A 117.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20PM:

Submitted by Katlin Choi & Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS: April 7, 2026