



**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)**

**ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)**

**March 9, 2026**

**Room MC 211 A/B**

**2:20PM – 4:20PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:**

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlyne Allbee, Thomas "Tommy Babine", Henry Browne, Katlin Choi, Jennifer Cost, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, James Hinton, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Sam Lee, Jonathan "Jon" Linton, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Danica Moore, Bruce Naschak, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, David "Das" Odasso, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Scott Suarez, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Megan Villa and Karen Wait

**Absent:**

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Sandra Belew, Nellie Dougherty, Jennifer Frost Moreno (Proxy to Gabriela Kovats), Veronica Gerace (Excused), Mariam Kushkaki, Laura Maki, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Michelle Rodriguez (Proxy to Erin Evans), Jessica Sardo (Proxy to Danica Moore), Irena Stojimirovic (Proxy to Katlin Choi) and Michael Williams

**I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by President Mary Gwin @ 2:23PM.  
Parliamentarian – TBD /Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD

**II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:**

Move to Approve:

**M/S**

Moore/Duckles

**UNANIMOUS**

Frost Moreno  
(Proxy to Kovats)  
Rodriguez  
(Proxy to Evans)  
Sardo (Proxy to Moore)  
Stojimirovic  
(Proxy to Choi)

**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:** February 23, 2025

Move to Approve:

**M/S**

Moore/Hoffman

**35 Approved**

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Sardo (Proxy to Moore)  
Stojimirovic  
(Proxy to Choi)

**3 Abstain**

Hinton  
Naschak  
Odasso

**VI. GUEST(s):**

**A. Senator for Adjunct Faculty Geoff Johnson – Presentation (“[One – Tier: A Vision for a United Faculty](#)”)**

**VII. REPORTS:**

**A. Committee Reports:**

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave “DAS” Odasso (No Report)
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Andrew Hoffman
  - The 2026 – 2027 Sabbatical application period closed. The PAC will meet on 3/18 to review the applications.
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles
  - Committee of Chairs held our first meeting of the semester on 2/25. Our next meeting is on 3/11. This will be a regular meeting. At our 3/25 meeting we will be working on a Handbook for Chairs
  - Ian Duckles will be presenting on Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the ASCCC AI and Academia Conference on March 20th and also at the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Innovation Day event.
- d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
  - The incoming Faculty Co-Chair for CRC will be Bryan Malinis (COMS).
- e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak
  - Currently, the Program Review Steering Committee is developing the prompts that will be part of the departmental PR comprehensive reports for the 2026-27 academic year. Our goal is to keep the report parameters as simple as possible to avoid placing an undue burden on faculty.
- f. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:* Tonya Whitfield (No Report)
- g. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (No Report) ([DEIA@Mesa](mailto:DEIA@Mesa))
- h. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez (No Report)
- i. *Elections Committee:* Chair Scott Suarez
  - We have nine (9) candidates for the Senators for five (5) Adjunct Faculty positions. We have one (1) candidate for the Senator at Large position. We have no candidates for the Treasurer or the President Elect positions. The elections committee decided to extend the nomination period for the open positions by one week, until Friday, March 13th.”

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))  
Reported by Mary Gwin:
  - Lots of vacancies, will send out email with the document of Faculty Committee Service openings.
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No Report)
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa
  - Senate increased the number of scholarships to three (one at \$1000 and two at \$500. One is focused on DACA/dreamer and two general scholarships. AS Exec will be reviewing apps with a deadline of 3/31.
- 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
  - The nomination period for the Treasurer and President Elect positions was extended because there were no nominations during the original nomination period. Mary Gwin is working on revising the new Emergency Management website with Jacqueline Collins. There is a proposed \$900000 cut to NANCE across the campus in 26-27, which necessitates budget transparency. Travel funds are available.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Administrative Procedures (AP)/Board Policies (BP) Updates:** Estep

- 1. Contract SDMC English Faculty Member Jason Kalchik sits on the SDCCD Policies & Procedures Committee.

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| AP 0020.2 Curriculum and Instructional Council                        |
| AP 4022 Course Approval   |
| AP 4050 Articulation  |
| AP 5160.1 Health Occupations—Instructional Use of Clinical Facilities |
| BP 4020 (formerly BP 5020) Curriculum Development                     |

Move to forward the items to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as "Old Business":

**M/S**

Johnson/Cost

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 (Proxy to Choi)

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**XI. ROUND TABLE TOPIC:** Continue February 23<sup>rd</sup> Discussion – Proposed "Canvas"/"Nuventive" Integration

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- A.** Strive to support **all** SDMC Community Members. No one is better than anyone else. The world needs a lot more GRACE & HUMILITY.
- B.** 2026 SDMC Commencement Ceremony – Friday (May 29, 2026) @ 2:00PM (Douglas Stadium).
- C.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is March 23, 2026 (2:20PM – 4:20PM) Room MC 211 A/B.
- D.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is April 6, 2026 (4:15PM – 5:30PM) in Room A 117.
- E.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is March 11, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) in room **Room BT 101**
- F.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is March 19, 2026 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- G.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is March 16, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) Room A 117.
- H.** The Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) will review the 2026 – 2027 Sabbatical Applications on March 18<sup>th</sup>

**X. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:53PM:**

Move to Adjourn:

**M/S**

Duckles/Allbee

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Submitted by Katlin Choi - Mary Gwin – Sue Saetia  
 Approved by the SDMC AS: March 23, 2026