



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

May 11, 2026

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlyne 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)

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

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

A. SDMC Land Acknowledgement: Read by SDMC AS President Mary Gwin

B. SDMC Restorative Action Plan: Reported by SDMC CDAIE Committee Chair Edeama Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Moore/Duckles

UNANIMOUS

Frost Moreno
(Proxy to Kovats)
Holowicki
(Proxy to Evans)
Mongelluzzo
(Proxy to Estep)

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:

A. Jennifer Cost:

B. Carline Albee:

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: April 27, 2026 (**Pending Due to Districtwide System Shutdown.**)

A. Members not present for April 27, 2026 meeting. (**Need to Abstain from vote to approve in fall 2026.**)

- Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra (Proxy to Dougherty)
- Sandra Belew
- Katlin Choi (Proxy to Duckles)
- Jennifer Frost Moreno (Proxy to Kovats)
- Laura Maki
- Wendell Kling
- Bruce Naschak (Proxy to Cost)
- Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah
- Louis Valenzuela
- Megan Villa (Excused)
- Karen Wait (Proxy to Johnston)

VI. **GUEST(s):** None

VII. **REPORTS:**

A. **Committee Reports:**

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave "DAS" Odasso
 - Erin Evans is the new Committee Chair.
 - b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Andrew Hoffman
 - The PAC will transition to the Sabbatical Review Committee. (The committee chair will no longer serve on Exec.)
 - c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles
 - The CoC will continue the development of the SDMC Department Chairs Handbook in fall 2026.
 - d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
 - Bryan Malinis is the new CRC Faculty Co-Chair.
 - e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak
 - Bruce Naschak provided a report.
 - f. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:* Tonya Whitfield (No Report)
 - g. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah (DEIA@Mesa)
 - Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah provided a report.
 - h. *Other Committee Reports:*
 - Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez: As Reported by Michelle Rodriguez
- "Updates:
- Environmental Sustainability Survey -
 - Extended to 5/16
 - Please complete and encourage students to complete
 - LEAF-
 - CRC passed a resolution in favor of adding a LEAF attribute to curriqunet and to align the application of a LEAF to the curriculum approval process
 - We are exploring how to make sure our Area 5 LEAF courses meet the standard in the proposed regulation to add climate literacy to Area 5 Natural Sciences
 - If you are considering modifying a COR to cover LEAF topics, please reach out and we can offer assistance
 - Canvas LEAF shell-
 - Repository of teaching materials
 - Hoping to add relevant faculty this summer
- Next meeting - social gathering in May 15, on the quad at 2pm - potluck picnic"

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))
 - Veronica Gerace provided a report.
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No Report)
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa:
 - The Exec approved donations to the 2026 ClassiCon, the 2026 Classified Service Awards Ceremony and the 2026 Mesa College Research Conference.
- 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
 - Congratulations to the 2026 SDMC AS Elected Members!
 - * Senate Exec Officers:
 - Katlin Choi – President Elect
 - Thekima Mayasa - Treasurer
 - Irena Stojimirovic – Senator at Large
 - * 2026 – 2027 Senators for Adjunct Faculty:
 - Carlynnne Allbee – BUSE (Senate Exec Committee)
 - Constantina "Nancy" Cano - SPAN
 - Pavel Consuegra – Career Services (Internship Coordinator)
 - Cathy James – COMS
 - Geoff Johnson - ENGL
 - Rusty Nichols – ACP POLI (**Will not Serve**)
 - The district Administrative Procedures (AP) and corresponding Board Policy (BP) will be assigned the same number.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS: **Second Reading**

A. Resolution 2026.4.3 - Advocating for the Establishment of a Districtwide Safety Committee: Plambek

1. Friendly Amendment: Ian Duckles (Accepted by Original Resolution Mover & Seconder) (**NOT Approved**)

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Moore

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Holowicki
(Proxy to Evans)
Mongelluzzo
(Proxy to Estep)

2. Friendly Amendment: Danica Moore (Accepted by Original Resolution Mover & Seconder)

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Moore

Approved
Frost Moreno
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Holowicki
(Proxy to Evans)
Ryan Mongelluzzo
(Proxy to Estep)

Opposed

Abstained

Move to Approve the Resolution:

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X. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: Students' Objections to using AI (The Senators shared their experiences with Students.)

XI. 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) at Douglas Stadium.

C. The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is Fall 2026.

D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is Fall 2026.

E. Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is May 13, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM).

F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is Fall 2026.

G. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is Fall 2026.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:11PM:

Move to Adjourn:

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