

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
September 15, 2025
Room MC 211 A/B
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlynne Allbee, Henry Browne, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Veronica Gerace, James Hinton, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Danica Moore, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Scott Suarez (Proxy to R. Mongelluzzo @ 4:02PM), Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Louis Valenzuela, Karen Wait, Michael Williams and Guests SDMC President Ashanti Hands, District Director of Legal Services Ljubisa Kostic and Professor Christina Crosby and Professor Irena Stojimirovic

Absent:

Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra (Excused), Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Dave "Das" Odasso (Excused) and Laura Maki

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Mary Gwin @ 2:25PM.

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

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Johnson/Nichols

UNANIMOUS

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

- A. **Associated Student Government (ASG):** ASG President/Student Trustee Jeremiah Palomino
- B. **Classified Professionals:** President Ayana Woods/Vice President Alison Mona

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. **Irena Stojimirovic:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELsf1rrMJ2I>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QJ5czdinOE>
- B. **Jennifer Frost Moreno:**
- C. **Geoff Johnson:**
As reported by Geoff Johnson:
"Geoff Johnson announced that the March in March organization is planning their annual march for student equity, access, and basic needs, as well as for the improvement of working conditions for all campus workers, will be Thursday, March 12th, in Sacramento. This year's virtual kickoff promotion of the event will be a panel discussion taking place on Friday September 26th, from 10AM-12PM. Geoff will be making future announcements regarding the March in March."

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: May 19, 2025

Move to Approve:

M/S

Moore/Hoffman

25 Approve
10 Abstain
Duckles
Estep
Kling
Lizarraga
Nichols
Pacheco
Sardo
Unis
Valenzuela

VI. GUEST:**A. District Director of Legal Services & Equal Employment Opportunities Ljubisa Kostic:**

1. Brown Act Presentation: [Microsoft PowerPoint - The Brown Act - Refresher Training \(Mesa College 09.15.2025\)](#)

B. SDMC President Ashanti Hands:

1. Accreditation Reaffirmation:
 - a. We will submit our information to the ACCJC on September 22, 2025.
 - b. ACCJC Representatives will conduct an onsite visit on October 27, 2025.
 - c. Thank you to SDMC AS Immediate Past President Andrew Hoffman for his work on SDMC's reaffirmation efforts.
2. Second SDMC Baccalaureate Degree - Physical Therapy Program:
 - a. The approval is currently conditional due to a challenge of duplication from the California State University (CSU) system.
 - Our degree program does not prepare doctors like the current CSU degree program.
3. Project Mesa 2030:
 - a. We are continuing our work on Mesa 2030.
4. Prop. HH Projects:
 - a. We are holding kick off events for our Prop. HH projects for Athletics and Performing Arts.
 - b. We are dreaming big.
 - c. We have plans to build a new performance arts center next to the current Student Services building (I400).
 - d. We are planning to build a parking structure in the parking lot that is in front of the I300 and I400 buildings.
5. Our Chancellor has the goal of covering the tuition for all our district's Students through the Promise Program.
6. We want to make funding available to pay our Students who receive unpaid internships for completing their internships.
7. We have guests on campus today to review our application for \$250,000.00 in funding for Adult Learners.
8. We are working to meet the current moment on behalf of our Students especially in light of federal funding cuts.
9. I look forward to working with SDMC AS President Mary Gwin and the current SDMC AS Exec Committee.

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 Danica Moore
 - Danica Moore provided a report.
 - c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (No Report)
 - d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
 As reported by Justin Estep:
 "CRC is having their third meeting on Thursday.
 I will send the Active but not Offered course list to Chairs.
 Neurodiagnostic Technology is being discontinued (there are no jobs, no students, and no faculty).
 Catalog meets 9/23."
 - e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair (TBA) No Report
 - f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah: No Report
[Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion | College Initiatives | San Diego Mesa College](#)
 - g. *SDMC AS Task Force on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):* Chair Ryan/Mongelluzzo
 - Ryan Mongelluzzo provided a report.

- h. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez
As reported by Michelle Rodriguez:
"The ESC's first meeting was held on 9/5 at 2pm via zoom. We had 8 people in attendance.
Goals so far for the semester:
- 3 year update of the Environmental Sustainability Survey - Update and deliver the during the spring semester
 - LEAF program - Leadership and Environmental Action for the Future
 - Develop marketing materials for the spring
 - Deliver workshop during Catalyst to help bring a few courses over the finish line
 - Apply for a MIP intern to work on various Climate Action Plan goals
 - Work with TerraMesa on student projects"
 - District Committee on Sustainability met on 8/29.
 - Focus on recycling and waste contract
 - Continued membership in Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
 - Send a representative to the Mesa 2030 meetings"

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace

As reported by Veronica Gerace:

"A call for committee participation was sent out last week highlighting committees that need faculty participation. Please consider serving. If a faculty is interested in serving on a committee, they should contact the chair of that committee to learn details about when the committee meets, requirements, needs, etc. The committee chair would then send the names of prospective members to me, as the Vice President of the Academic Senate and Chair of the Committee on Committees. This helps to avoid double efforts or the committee chair not being aware of interest in their committee. The Committee on Committees then reviews the proposals for things like committee composition and informs that committee chair of the decision. The committee chair would then inform prospective committee members.

I hope to feature one committee each month when the monthly call for service goes out. If you have a committee that you would like to have featured, please let me know by the first of the month."

b. *Secretary:* Vacant

c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa

- Thekima Mayasa provided a report.

d. *Senator at Large 1:* Ryan Mongelluzzo (No Report)

e. *Senator at Large 2:* Vacant

f. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant

g. *Immediate Past President:* Andrew Hoffman (No Report)

h. *President:* Mary Gwin

- As reported by Mary Gwin:
"Mary Gwin gave a brief report indicating that the retreat went well and that there are free speech areas on campus. The campus map with free speech areas indicated is linked." ([LINK](#))
- Guest Speaker Liability Waiver: [LINK](#)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2025.5.1 – Professional Development Funding: Crosby (Second Reading)

Updated September 15, 2025

Move to Approve:

M/S

Moore/Allbee

34 Approve

Suarez

(Proxy to Mongelluzzo)

1 Abstain

Estep

B. District GE Task Force: Estep (Second Reading)

Move to Approve:

M/S

Brown/Moore

33 Approve

Suarez

Proxy to Mongelluzzo

2 Abstain

Holowicki

Rodriguez

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** SDCCD Chancellor Greg Smith 2025-2026 Forum – Tuesday (September 30, 2025) 2:30PM – 4:00PM (Room MC 211 A/B). ([LINK](#)).
- B.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is September 29, 2025 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- C.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is September 22, 2025) from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in Room A 117.
- D.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is September 24, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room MC 211 A/B.
- E.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is September 18, 2025 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- F.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is September 22, 2025 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Room A 117.
- G.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is September 17, 2025 @ 2:30PM in Room A117.

X. MEETING EXTENSION:

Move to Extend the Meeting 5 (Five) Additional Minutes:

M/S

Mayasa/Johnson

UNANIMOUS

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:25PM.

Move to Adjourn:

M/S

Albee/Johnson

UNANIMOUS

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approved by the SDMC AS: September 29, 2025