

# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## President's Cabinet

December 16, 2025 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

### 1) CALL TO ORDER: Ashanti Hands, President

### 2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: President Ashanti T. Hands gave the following updates:

a) We received information from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) meeting that will occur in January 2026. Faculty, administrators, classified professors worked hard for 18 months to address two findings; and developed a model and best practice on how to respond and serve our students better. The ACCJC Peer Review Team follow-up visit was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, and received positive feedback. The next step is that this will go before the Commission in January. On January 14, 2026 is an open session and on January 15 is the closed session. Dr. Hands and Dean Hoang will be present and Ashanti will speak on behalf of San Diego Mesa College and share how hard we worked we worked and what instruction did and the role of student services in terms of the great outcomes, and how we transformed our practices and serving our students with great intention. They will provide to us in writing of the outcome.

b) Black-Serving Institution (BSI) Designation: June of 2025 an application was submitted. On December 8, 2025, the Board of Governors approved 30 institutions: 2 UCs, 3 CSUs, and 25 community college (also a private/independent institution was approved). In January they will provide more detailed information with a link to the press release. Both City and Mesa College received the designation.

c) Fundraising: Chancellor Smith has been working with Roger Fray who made a \$1 million donation. This supports our Ready to Work program. Dean Storey was incredible in moving this forward, and our students who graduate from our Allied Health and other programs, then have tests and licensing fees, which can ranch from a couple of hundred dollars to \$1200-1500. Since this program was started, we have been able to support several Mesa College students.

d) MOU: An MOU between San Diego Mesa College and Consulate of Mexico in San Diego was signed yesterday. Dean Leticia Diaz shared that a lot of these students are adult learners.

e) 36-Hour Work Week: Each supervisor and administrators are being asked to clarify their staff schedule to adapt to this new schedule and to document what opportunities might arise from looking differently on how it is that we serve our students.

Ashanti Hands, President

### 3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE

a) Associated Students: Anna Salosina, member of Associated Students, gave the following updates:  
1) The Student Leadership Retreat will be held on January 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
2) AS will recruit new members in the spring beginning with Welcome Week.

Anna Salosina, AS Representative



1) Black-Serving Institution – VPSS Maxey looks forward to being involved with the dialogue and helping to lead and move that work forward.

2) A data-management tool – Element 451 – is something that they are looking into and Charlie Lieu is taking the lead from Student Services prospective, and Alex Berry has been involved. Across the district a meeting was held last week to talk potential implementation plan and how we can roll it out and begin to use those tools, particular the features that will assist in communicating to students that are more efficient and effective.

3) VPSS Maxey thanked the Deans and Supervisors in Student Services for a very productive semester.

c) Administrative Services Updates: Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President of Administrative Services, presented updates that included the Building Emergency Evacuation Plan (BEEP), committee meeting outcomes, safety feedback, goals, and next milestone, how to place a work order, and update on the new deadline for hourly employees payroll.

d) Institutional Effectiveness Updates: Hai Hoang, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, presented on the Program Review timeline, reflections, and the accreditation timeline for the 2027 Midterm and 2030 ISER. Also included was the PIEC 7-year timeline, and Roadmap 2 beginning in Fall of 2026.

e) Mesa Comprehensive Campaign: Director Krista Stellmacher shared the following:

- 1) Krista asked all to please complete the Mesa Dreams survey and offered to come to department and committee meetings to speak on the survey. All of the input will go into developing our collateral materials to approach donors.
- 2) Krista stated that we will find out soon with the support of CCS, about how we can be prioritizing donors. They will look at who in our community that we have the closest proximity to and the capacity and interest in donating to our College. Please communicate with Krista your thoughts on what this campus community needs.
- 3) They are focusing on a couple of grants with the support of Michael Lettieri and a number of really dedicated staff on campus (Alex, Pavel, Shawn – MIP Team).

Lorenze Legaspi, VPA

Administrative Services Presentation:

[https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Admin-Update\\_Pcab\\_12-16-25.pdf](https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Admin-Update_Pcab_12-16-25.pdf)

Hai Hoang, Dean, IE

IE Presentation:

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Krista Stellmacher, Director of Dev. / Entrepreneurship

#### All-Campus Events:

Classified Professionals Mini-Classicon, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Spring 2026 Convocation, Thursday, January 29, 2026, 8:00 a.m. Coffee/Pastries; 8:30 a.m. Program, Mesa Gym

#### **Fall 2025 Semester Pcab Meetings: 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18 (Pcab Retreat), 12/2, 12/16**

\*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

9/2/25: Student Equity Plan first reading (C. Rico, L. Diaz); Enrollment Management Committee first reading (I. O'Connor, M. Harrison, T. Hardee Teodoro, D. Budzynski)

9/16/24: Study Equity Plan second reading (C. Rico, L. Diaz); Enrollment Management Committee second reading (I. O'Connor, M. Harrison, T. Hardee Teodoro, D. Budzynski); AANAPISI update (L. Simpliciano), Budget Update (L. Legaspi)

10/7/25: BARC (L. Legaspi)

10/21/25: Pathway to Law Wrap-Up (M. Rodriguez); "Report it" Website (C. Perkins, D. White); Safety (J. Collins)

11/4/25: Basic Needs (J. Aleman); HSI Updates (T. Parsons)

11/18/25: Presidents Cabinet Retreat at North City Campus (Aero Drive – 2:15 – 5:00 p.m.)

12/2/25: IR Update: Building Accessible Data Tools for Greater Impact (N. Cortes)

12/16/25: SDCCD Safe (A. Pulido); End-of-Semester Operations Updates

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