



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

October 12, 2026

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

Present Members:

AS President Mary Gwin, Carlynne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles, Thomas "Tommy" Babin, Henry Browne, Juan Bernal, Constantina "Nancy" Cano, Katlin Choi, Pavel Consuegra, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Erin Evans, Justin Estep, Veronica Gerace, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Wendell Kling, Mariam Kushkaki, Jayla Lee, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Bryan Malinis, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Bruce Naschak, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Hannah Padilla Barajas, Michelle Rodriguez, Julia Schafer, Irena Stojimirovic, Megan Villa, Karen Wait and Michael Williams

Absent:

Marisa Alioto, Sandra Belew, Jennifer Frost Moreno, Jesse Keller, Jonathan "Jon" Linton, Laura Maki, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah Jessica Sardo, Scott Suarez,

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by President Mary Gwin: Parliamentarian: 2:25 pm

A. SDMC Land Acknowledgement:

1. Read over Land Acknowledgement

- a. *Gerace- Connection to Indigenous People – focus on Joy that they brought*
- b. *Albee- If you want to donate is Dig Deeper.*

B. SDMC Restorative Action Plan:

1. Reviewed Action Plan

• APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Motion: *Allbee/ James*

Unanimous:

<i>Arguelles,</i>	<i>Babin</i>	<i>Browne,</i>
<i>Cano,</i>	<i>Choi,</i>	<i>Consuegra,</i>
<i>Cost,</i>	<i>Dougherty,</i>	<i>Duckles,</i>
<i>Estep,</i>	<i>Gerace,</i>	<i>Evans (Proxy to Suarez),</i>
<i>Holowicki,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Kling,</i>	<i>Kushkaki,</i>	<i>J Lee,</i>
<i>S Lee,</i>	<i>Lizarraga,</i>	<i>Malinis,</i>
<i>Mongelluzzo,</i>	<i>Naschak,</i>	<i>Odom (Proxy to Frost Moreno),</i>
<i>Padilla Barajas,</i>	<i>Rodriguez,</i>	<i>Pacheco (Proxy to Aliot),</i>
<i>Stojimirovic,</i>	<i>Villa,</i>	<i>Schafer (Proxy to Sardo),</i>
<i>Wait,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bernal</i>

Objections:

None

Abstain:

Mayasa

• **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **Associated Student Government (ASG):**

None

B. **Classified Professionals:**

None

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 3 Minutes Maximum for Each Speakers

A. **Johnson—** *Discussed March in March (It focuses on affordability & future for the students)*

Based on student need

– Will follow up with an email

• **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:** September 28, 2026

Motion: *Johnson/ Malinis*

Unanimous :

Objections:

Abstain:

<i>Allbee</i>	<i>Babin</i>	<i>Browne,</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Arguelles</i>
<i>Cano,</i>	<i>Choi,</i>	<i>Consuegra,</i>		<i>Dougherty</i>
<i>Duckles,</i>	<i>Estep,</i>	<i>Evans (Proxy to Suarez),</i>		
<i>Gerace,</i>	<i>Holowicki,</i>	<i>James,</i>		
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Kling,</i>	<i>Kushkaki,</i>		
<i>J Lee,</i>	<i>S Lee,</i>	<i>Lizarraga,</i>		
<i>Cost,</i>	<i>Mayasa</i>	<i>Mongelluzzo,</i>		
<i>Naschak,</i>	<i>Wait,</i>	<i>Odom (Proxy to Frost Moreno),</i>		
<i>Padilla Barajas, Rodriguez,</i>		<i>Pacheco (Proxy to Aliot),</i>		
<i>Stojimirovic,</i>	<i>Villa,</i>	<i>Schafer (Proxy to Sardo),</i>		
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bernal</i>			

• **GUEST:** 2:30PM

A. **None**

• **REPORTS:**

A. **Committee Reports:** 3:15PM

1. Senate Executive Committees:

a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Erin Evans (1 Minute)

- *Evans – No report*

b. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (1 Minute)

- *Acting VPI met with CocC*
 - *General discussion about updates*
- *Juliette Parker and Curriculum/CAL-GETC challenges*
 - *Area F is an area of approval challenges for CAL-GETC*
- *Further discussion Dept. Report Handbook*
- *Working meeting Oct 26 and next CoC meeting Nov 4th*

c. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bryan Malinis (1 Minute)

- *City college to change subject area MUSC to MUSP – This will be specific to City (focus on music production)*
- *Resolution regarding Title 5 Ethnic Studies (Feedback started at Miramar and working its way through the colleges)*
- *Curriqunet – Specific area for additional info (static statement) District is*

working to resolve and would like feedback

- d. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC): Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak (1 Minute)*
 - *Reminder to lead writers – Draft is due beginning of December (note goals and how they are related to Mesa goals 2030)*
 - *What kind of material do we want in the faculty section for fall 2027/28 (would like feedback on sections for the program review) Please contact Bruce with all feedback*
- e. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison: Rachel Russel (1 Minute)*
 - *Spanish - Working on Framework and will send survey to all faculty*
 - *Biz met once and will begin framework*
 - *Still looking for members to join work groups*
 - *Report will be given at the next meeting*
 - *No refreshments at today's meeting due to staffing*
 - *Mayasa - paid at beginning of semester- will need to follow up for reimbursement*
- f. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE): Chair Edeama Jonah (5 Minutes) (DEIA@Mesa)*

None
- g. *Other Committee Reports: Environmental Sustainability Committee, Michelle Rodriguez (1 Minute), Safety Committee*
 - *Met on 10/9 (new meeting time at 1pm every second week)*
 - *Discussed LEAF Program*
 - *District will not add in the Leaf icons and need to find a better resolution*
 - *Next meeting Nov 13*

e Jessica Sardo (1 Minute)

None

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *President Elect Katlin Choi (1 Minute)*

None
- b. *Vice President: Veronica Gerace (1 Minute) ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))*
 - *Reminder to all who are serving on a committee, especially one with limited representation please share info*
 - *Sabbatical – Committee on committee meeting (10/25 at 2:15pm) to meet to get feedback and recommendations going forward as they rewrite for the sabbatical committee*
 - *Gerace will be stepping down at VP as she took another position. A new person will be appointed to complete her term.*
- c. *Secretary: Vacant*
- d. *Treasurer: Thekima Mayasa (1 Minute)*
 - *Cot- Didn't Pres say they would pay for refreshments*
 - *Mayasa – Paid for fall not spring to ensure they got the \$600 promised by President Hands. Need to follow up*

- e. Senator at Large #1: Ryan Mongelluzzo (1 Minute)
None
- f. Senator at Large #2: Irena Stojimirovic (1 Minute)
None
- g. *Senator for Adjunct Faculty - Exec Committee: Carlynne Allbee (1 Minute)*
 - *Last Friday ASCCC attended meeting – (it was on zoom)*
 - *Attended the par-time caucus meeting – Discussed that the committee run by full time and are running the workshops for Adjuncts. Why not have adjunct run workshops. Discussed the benefits to meetings/workshops and why many times adjuncts can't attend (too expensive). Discussing a change so adjuncts could attend - \$50 feed to attend and nonrefundable*
 - *Johnson- supports Allbee – It is contingent on (adjunct) faculty support*
- h. *CTE Liaison: Vacant*
- i. *President: Mary Gwin (10 Minutes)*
 - *PCAB/ BARK composition approved to included 17 members (went from 3 to 4 faculty members). AS President is one of the Tri chairs. Gwin voted against – relevant details were left out/not confirmed. No faculty from student services are represented.*
 - *Oct 5th budget presentation – Reviewed the meeting topics. Slides are accessible. Please contact Gwin. Would like to see a campus wide budget*
 - *Johnson- CCSF 311 forms- Have these forms been reviewed to what was projected and see what was spent?*
 - *Gwin – will look into*
 - *Mailinis – Use Cam model which is a FTF model, but it is a Schiff. Based on enrollment Mesa has the most students compared to others, but monies are not an equal split. Can we ask for more out fair share?*
 - *Gwin – Can ask for more monies, but we need to also see a plan (PPPIS)*
 - *Allbee – How much lottery money do we get and how much lottery money is there. (Disappointed that we don't get to see it).*

• **NEW BUSINESS: 3:45PM**

A. Resolutions: *First meeting and vote for a second reading*

Reviewed processes Resolutions- Can bring to Senate Exc. to review or can bring straight to the floor.

1. Malinis: **RESOLUTION REGARDING AIRLINE SEAT SELECTION FOR COLLEGE-SPONSORED TRAVEL**
 - a. *If you travel with students then this will apply to you. District will not reimburse for seat upgrades. TA are getting denied because seat selection airlines want you to select a seat "standard seating" (to sit as a group) and district sees "standard selection" is upgrade so district denies TA. Willing to add an addendum for those not traveling with students and are multi faculty travel.*
 - *Johnson– The district is going through and seeing it as an extra cost then denying?*

- *Malinis – Reviewed and explained the Travel requests. Also explained that the expense report is when they see the "standard seat selection" and deny reimbursement.*

Motion to move the item forward to next meeting: *Johnson/ Burnal*

Call to move forward (to second reading):

Oppose:

Abstain:

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<i>Williams</i>				

2. Choi – **Resolution on the Impact on Faculty Hiring from the Systemic Denial of Native American Indigenous Studies courses and call for an Administrative Review of the CalGETC Approval Process by the CSU Chancellor's Office**

- a. *Reviewed the concern and resolution which included courses being affected as they are being denied approval. We will need administration to advocate/intervene and push this through in order for it to move forward.*
 - *Mayasa – The issue is a process issue of denying the courses. This Thursday the CC Ethnic counsel is meeting with the CSU's Ethnic counsel to discuss a proposal to change the process. Another concern is the reviewers continually change which changes which courses are being approved or denied (nothing consistent).*
 - *Duckle – If it is moving forward do we need a resolution?*
 - *Mayasa -This is asking for admin to help and support. Faculty is also getting hired to teach a course not in their discipline of training. Must reeducate with each new wave of admin. Focus to get admin support.*
 - *Choi – This is on a local level and this is necessary for us moving forward locally. Once admin is on board they can take it to a higher level.*
 - *Gerace – is this just FHP?*
 - *Gwin – FHP is not a part of this. As the courses are getting denied.*
 - *Mayasa - Area F is the big challenge. Because parts of the process are getting stalled*
 - *Stojimirovic – Courses being denied as a whole or courses denied for Mesa and not at other schools?*
 - *Mayasa – Both; we are working the courses for Area F to be approved. Process issue.*

Motion to move the item forward to next meeting: *Odom / Mayasa*

Call to move to debate

Oppose:

Abstain:

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<i>Wait,</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

None

None

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

A.

• **ROUND TABLE TOPIC:**

A. Element 451 - counseling concerns and the impacts of AI industry on teaching at Mesa.

1. **Evans** – Read the statement regarding for Element 451 and how it deploys specialized AI agents
 - a. *Counseling faculty are concerned that it can counsel students on courses, counseling etc.*
 - b. *Can migrate into systems within Mesas ecosystem*
 - c. *Each college can decide how to use it, but once in the system it can travel to other campus's systems.*
 - *Can open the door to piecemeal cyber-attacks.*
 - *No consultation with counseling (bypass 10 by 1)*
 - *Implemented at Miramar by one person*
 - *Appears to be started and steered by district without faculty input.*
 - d. **Pacheco** – *Primary concern no input from Counseling. Element is already used to promise. Beed greater transparency. Students are already using it.*
 - *On web page it says you are talking to a counselor, but reality it is an AI not counselor. Discussed how it was giving the wrong information on pathway and class guidance. Further discussed how it was giving recommendations for classes not approved as the AI would not have that information.*
 - e. **Johnson**– *Legislation is passed AB2148 were people need to be employed not AI (AI are going to replacing counselors) need to push back*
 - f. **Mayasa** – *Discussed how AI is going to affecting counseling and student development. Further discussed AI facial recognition and the effects it shas had. AI is being misused and giving wrong information. Many instances of negative analysis.*
 - g. **Consuegra** – *Discussed how they are not using anything with bots. Each campus will have their own implantation of the program. Have not heard that it will be used for counseling at Mesa. IMPACT will be the first to use internship.*
 - h. **Mongelluzzo** - *Referenced Health bringing in AI, but humans were on the other end. Discussed how we are signing up for systems that do not let you know that you can turn off bot. Expressed concerns that these bots will be misleading the students*

- and do not want his intellectual property to be shared*
- i. **Cost** – *Supports Mongelluzzo, Shared concerns that the district is making decisions without faculty input and can misrepresent faculty stances without including faculty. Would like to see faculty have a seat at the table and be represented.*
 - j. **Pacheco** – *Shared concerns that the District is not being honest and concerns have been expressed to the district, but no support has been offered. Expressed concerns of AI bots and how intellectual properties have been taken and posted publicly. Providing support to counselors or faculty is not giving them, just an AI bot. Faculty would like to see more resources instead be given to them. Discussed that the faculty need to be comfortable to take a stance. The district will push AI/bot because they get money.*
 - k. **Gwin** – *Discussed a way to share their voice is to show up at the board meeting on Thursday at City College. Can put together a resolution.*
 - l. **Allbee** – *Shared concern of why are we pushing for AI when we haven't even cleaned up issues with people soft. If they cannot get something as simple as PS cleaned up, how can I trust them with AI/bot*
 - m. **Gwin** – *Will express a concern of AS and send it in.*
 - n. **Evans** – *Shared that the election is coming up. Voice of San Diego has been supportive*

- **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. The next [SDMC Academic Senate Meeting](#) is October 26, 2026 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM in room MC 211 A/B.
- C. The next [Academic Affairs Committee Meeting](#) is October 19, 2026 from 4:15PM – 5:30PM in room A117.
- D. The next [Committee of Chairs \(CoC\) Meeting](#) is October 21, 2026 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in room MC 211 A/B.
- E. The next [Curriculum Review Committee](#) (CRC) meeting is October 15, 2026 at 2:15PM in room LRC 435.
- F. The next [SDMC AS Exec Meeting](#) is October 19, 2026 from 2:30 – 4:00PM in room A117.

- **ADJOURNMENT:** 4:20 PM