



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)

April 13, 2026

Room MC 211 A/B

2:20PM – 4:20PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Mary Gwin, Carlyne Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Sandra Belew, Henry Browne, Jennifer Cost, Nellie Dougherty, Ian Duckles, Justin Estep, Erin Evans, Veronica Gerace, Andrew Hoffman, Alex Holowicki, Geoff Johnson, Dante Jones, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, David Lizarraga, Thekima Mayasa, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Roger "Rusty" Nichols, David "Das" Odasso, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Dave "Das" Odasso, Mychal Odom, Miriam Pacheco, Scott Plambek, Anthony Reuss, Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Sardo, Irena Stojimirovic, Scott Suarez, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Richard Unis, Karen Wait, Michael Williams and Guests Faculty Members Rosiángela Escamilla, César López, Guillermo Marrujo and Kari Parker

Absent:

Katlin Choi (Proxy to Naschak), Jennifer Frost Moreno (Proxy to Kovats), Wendell Kling (Excused), Laura Maki Danica Moore (Proxy to Stojimirovic) and Louis Valenzuela

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

Parliamentarian – TBD /Timekeeper – TBD/Speaker Coordinator – TBD) ([SDMC Land Acknowledgement](#)) ([SDMC Restorative Action Plan](#))

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Holowicki

UNANIMOUS

Choi
(Proxy to Naschak)
Frost Moreno
(Proxy to Kovats)
Moore
(Proxy to Stojimirovic)

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. SDMC AS President Mary Gwin:

1. Mary Gwin recited the SDMC "Land Acknowledgement.". ([LINK](#))

v. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: March 23, 2026

Move to Approve:

M/S

Cost/Duckles

30 APPROVE

Choi
(Proxy to Naschak)
Frost Moreno
(Proxy to Kovats)

10 Abstain

Babin
Belew
Evans
Johnson
Keller
Linton
Odom
Rodriguez
Suarez
Williams

Moore - Not Present on 03/23/26
(Proxy to Stojimirovic Today)

Not Present for Vote

Arguelles-Ibarra
Onwuchekwa Jonah

VI. GUESTS:

A. Joint Statement by San Diego Mesa College & San Diego City College Chicana and Chicano Studies Departments - Why We Support Dolores Huerta, Ana Murguía, Debra Rojas and Other Survivors: ([LINK](#))

Rosiángela Escamilla, César López & Gabriela Kovats

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave "DAS" Odasso
 - Das Odasso provided a report.
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Andrew Hoffman
 - The four (4) district PAC Chairs will meet with AFT President Jim Mahler on April 22nd to determine the PAC Chair's role.
 - Congratulation to the 2026-2027 Sabbatical Recipients: **Contract Faculty Members**
 - * Amy Aswell – INTE
 - * Anar Brahmabhatt – BIOL
 - * Daniela Bruckman – BIOL
 - * Inna G. Kanevsky – PSYC
 - * Jesse Keller – DRAM
 - * Uriel Ornelas – FREN
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles
 - AFT President Jim Mahler will answer questions about the current contract negotiations on April 22nd.
 - We will continue to develop the SDMC Department Chairs Handbook on May 13th. (SDMC Director of Development and Entrepreneurship Krista Stellmacher will be available to answer questions about the next SDMC fund raising initiative.)
- d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep
 - Our next meeting is April 16th.
- e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak
 - We are developing the process for 2026 - 2027.
- f. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:* Tonya Whitfield
 - Tonya Whitfield reported the [ASCCC Pathway to Credit Initiative](#) is creating workgroups for Business, Dental Assisting, Kinesiology and Spanish. (Rachel Russell is the next SDMC CPL Coordinator.)
- g. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (DEIA@Mesa)
 - SDMC Cultural Unity Week: April 13, 2026 – April 18, 2026
 - Festival of Colors Celebration April 16, 2026 (SDMC Quad) 10:00AM – 1:00PM
- h. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez
 - As reported by Michelle Rodriguez: [LINK](#)

2. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))
 - Please continue to send your ideas for our Faculty Committee Service Recruitment Campaign.
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (No Report)
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa
 - The SDMC AS awarded three (3) \$600.00 scholarships this year.
- 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 ([Spring 2026 ASCCC Resolutions](#))
 - Congratulations to the Spring 2026 SDMC AS Executive Committee Election Winners!
 - * President Elect Katlin Choi
 - * Treasurer Thekima Mayasa
 - * Senator at Large Irena Stojimirovic
 - * Senators for Adjunct Faculty: Results will be officially reported after clarification of election irregularities.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2026.4.1 - Allowing Nuventive to Access Learning Outcomes Data in Canvas for the Purpose of Reporting and/or Disaggregation: Duckles

1. Ian Duckles answered questions about the resolution.

Move to Forward to the item to the May 11, 2026 Meeting Agenda as "Old Business":

M/S

Johnson/Hoffman

38 Approve

Choi
 (Proxy to Naschak)
 Frost Moreno
 (Proxy to Kovats)
 Moore
 (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

3 Oppose

Evans
 Mongelluzzo
 Sardo

1 Abstain

Allbee

B. Resolution 2026.4.2 - The Counseling Faculty Role on Campus: Miriam Pacheco & Anthony Reuss on Behalf of SDMC Counseling

1. Miriam Pacheco and Anthony Reuss answered questions about the resolution.

Move to Forward to the item to the May 11, 2026 Meeting Agenda as "Old Business":

M/S

Stojimirovic/Arguelles-Ibarra

39 Approve

Choi
 (Proxy to Naschak)
 Frost Moreno
 (Proxy to Kovats)
 Moore
 (Proxy to Stojimirovic)

3 Abstain

Villa
 Unis
 Wait

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Administrative Procedure (AP) 5160.1 Health Occupations - Instructional Use of Clinical Facilities – Request to Expedite

Approval Process: Estep/Wait

1. Justin Estep reported the District Deans are willing to discuss SDMC Allied Health's Faculty Members' concerns, but they are requesting that the proposed changes to the AP are approved right away.

Move to Approve:

M/S

Johnson/Cost

41 Approve

Choi
(Proxy to Naschak)
Frost Moreno
(Proxy to Kovats)
Moore
(Proxy to Stojimirovic)

1 Abstain

Williams

X. ROUND TABLE TOPIC: SDMC Stockroom Issues

- A. The former SDMC Vice President of Administrative Services gave Jesse Reyes' Contract Stockroom Position to another department after his retirement.
- B. The SDMC Stockroom is short staffed while being responsible for supporting every SDMC department.
- C. Mary Gwin reported the information Administration has provided to the School Deans and their Department Faculty Leadership is confusing and we are being told that the new policy/process for ordering office supplies has always been in place.
 1. We are being told different things at different times.
- D. The SDMC Stockroom Personnel always ordered items they do not keep in stock on a regular basis for community members in the past.
- E. The SDMC AS Secretary reported Stockroom Personnel entered the Purchase Requisitions for our copier toner until spring 2025.
- F. The SDMC AS Secretary also reported she was able to pick up copier paper, Kleenex and Windex at the Stockroom in early April 2026.

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 April 27, 2026 (2:20PM – 4:20PM) Room MC 211 A/B.
- D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is April 20, 2026 (4:15PM – 5:30PM) in Room A 117.
- E. Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is April 22, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) in **Room BT 101**.
- F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is April 16, 2026 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- G. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is April 20, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) Room A 117.

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:57PM.

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Mayasa

UNANIMOUS

Choi
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Frost Moreno
(Proxy to Kovats)
Moore
(Proxy to Stojimirovic)

Submitted by Katlin Choi & Sue Saetia
Approved by the SDMC AS: April 27, 2026