



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)

**ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)**

April 27, 2026  
Room MC 211 A/B  
2:20PM – 4:20PM

**MEETING AGENDA**

3rd DRAFT

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME** by President Mary Gwin:

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

A. **SDMC Land Acknowledgement:**

B. **SDMC Restorative Action Plan:**

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. **Associated Student Government (ASG):** Senator Nicole Rodriguez & Senator Jay Tarvin
- B. **Classified Professionals:** President Ayana Woods & Vice President Alison Mona

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

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:** April 13, 2026

**GUEST(s):**

- A. **SDMC Vice President of Instruction (VPI) Isabel O'Connor:**

**REPORTS:**

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

1. **Senate Executive Committees:**

- a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Dave "DAS" Odasso (1 Minute)
- b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Andrew Hoffman (1 Minute)
- c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles (1 Minute)
- d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep (1 Minute)
- e. *Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC):* Faculty Co-Chair Bruce Naschak (1 Minute)
- f. *ASCCC Credit for Prior Learning Liaison:* Tonya Whitfield (1 Minute)
- g. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Edeama Jonah (5 Minutes) ([DEIA@Mesa](mailto:DEIA@Mesa))
- h. *Other Committee Reports:* Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Michelle Rodriguez (1 Minute)

2. **Senate Executive Officer Reports:**

- a. *Vice President:* Veronica Gerace (1 Minute) ([Faculty Committee Service](#)) ([Committee Service](#))
- b. *Secretary:* Katlin Choi (1 Minute)
- c. *Treasurer:* Thekima Mayasa (1 Minute)
- d. *Senator at Large #1:* Ryan Mongelluzzo (1 Minute)
- e. *Senator at Large #2:* Irena Stojimirovic (1 Minute)
- f. *CTE Liaison:* Vacant
- g. *Immediate Past President:* Andrew Hoffman (No Report)
- h. *President:* Mary Gwin (10 Minutes)

**NEW BUSINESS:** 3:45PM

- A. **Resolution 2026.4.3 - Advocating for the Establishment of a Districtwide Safety Committee:** SDMC AS

**OLD BUSINESS:** Second Readings

- A. **Resolution 2026.4.1 - Allowing Nuventive to Access Course Learning Outcomes Data in Canvas for the Purpose of Reporting and/or Disaggregation:** Duckles
- B. **Resolution 2026.4.2 - The Counseling Faculty Role on Campus:** Miriam Pacheco & Anthony Reuss on Behalf of SDMC Counseling Dept

**ROUND TABLE TOPIC:**

**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 May 11, 2026 (2:20PM – 4:20PM) Room MC 211 A/B.
- D. The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is May 4, 2026 (4:15PM – 5:30PM) in Room A 117.
- E. Committee of Chairs (CoC) Meeting is May 13, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) in **Room BT 206 Computer Lab.**
- F. The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) meeting is May 7, 2026 @ 2:15PM in Room LRC 435.
- G. The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is May 4, 2026 (2:30PM – 4:00PM) Room A 117.

**ADJOURNMENT:**



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**MEETING MINUTES**

**DRAFT**

**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

## 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:** 3:15PM1. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - We will continue to develop the SDMC Department Chairs Handbook on May 13<sup>th</sup>. (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 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 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](mailto: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 Elections Winners!
    - \* President Elect Katlin Choi
    - \* Treasurer Thekima Mayasa
    - \* Senator at Large Irena Stojimirovic
    - \* Senators for Adjunct Faculty: Official announcement pending 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:**

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

Submitted by Sue Saetia



**Resolution 2026.4.3 - Advocating for the Establishment of a Districtwide Safety Committee : SDMC AS**

Move:

Second:

**WHEREAS**, maintaining a safe and secure learning and working environment is essential to student success, employee well-being, and the overall mission of San Diego Mesa College and the San Diego Community College District; and

**WHEREAS**, safety concerns across district campuses—including but not limited to emergency preparedness, campus security, facilities hazards, and health-related risks—require consistent coordination, communication, and oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, existing safety efforts may be decentralized or unevenly implemented across colleges and district sites, leading to gaps in policy alignment, response protocols, and resource allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, a districtwide safety committee composed of faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and relevant stakeholders would promote participatory governance, transparency, and collaborative problem-solving on safety issues; and

**WHEREAS**, such a committee would provide a structured forum for reviewing safety policies, recommending improvements, coordinating training, and ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations;

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**RESOLVED**, that the Academic Senate of San Diego Mesa College formally advocates for the creation of a Districtwide Safety Committee within the San Diego Community College District; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this committee include equitable representation from faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and, where appropriate, students, to ensure diverse perspectives in safety planning and decision-making; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Districtwide Safety Committee be charged with reviewing and recommending policies related to campus safety, emergency preparedness, risk mitigation, and health standards; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the committee facilitate regular communication among campuses to share best practices, coordinate training efforts, and ensure consistency in safety protocols across the district; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Academic Senate urges district administration to allocate appropriate resources and institutional support to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the Districtwide Safety Committee; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Academic Senate commits to appointing faculty representatives to participate actively in the work of the Districtwide Safety Committee upon its establishment.

Presented to the SDMC AS: April 27, 2026

Approved by the SDMC AS:



**Resolution 2026.4.1 - Allowing Nuventive to Access Learning Outcomes Data in Canvas for the Purpose of Reporting and/or Disaggregation: Duckles (Updated April 6, 2026)**

Move: Johnson

Second: Hoffman

Whereas, Senate Resolution 2023.3.1 resolves that, "education software companies such as Nuventive shall not access data directly from Canvas shells, or any subsequent learning management system used by Mesa College faculty and classified staff, unless specifically approved to do so by the Mesa College Academic Senate;"

Whereas, updates to the ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2.9 review criteria require disaggregated outcomes data;

Whereas, many CTE programs are required to provide disaggregated outcomes data on a yearly or biannual basis in order to maintain accreditation;

Whereas, this process can be time-consuming and labor intensive using currently available methods;

Resolved, that the Mesa College Academic Senate specifically approves allowing Nuventive to access learning outcomes data in Canvas when specifically requested by individual faculty members for the purpose of reporting and/or disaggregating that data.

Presented to the SDMC AS: April 13, 2026

Approved by the SDMC AS:



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**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**  
 Academic Senate

**Resolution 2026.4.2 - The Counseling Faculty Role on Campus:** Counseling Senators Miriam Pacheco & Anthony Reuss  
 (On Behalf of the SDMC General Counseling Department):

Move: Stojimirovic

Second: Arguelles-Ibarra

Whereas, *Whereas* Counselors are faculty with specific qualifications, emphasizing their distinct role on campus is necessary in order to recognize Counseling as an essential and unique academic discipline; 1

*Whereas* Counseling Faculty, as with other disciplines, are requesting that other departments respect the autonomy to define their own role, which ensures: alignment with professional counseling standards and accreditation expectations, protection of ethical and clinical responsibilities, maintenance of academic freedom and disciplinary integrity, clear professional identity for students and stakeholders;

*Whereas* the Counseling Faculty's role is to work with students who pursue degrees that involve all departments on campus, no department has the authority to request faculty members from other departments for appointment or membership within their unit;

*Whereas* the scope of counseling faculty work—including teaching, supervision, research, service, and advocacy—should be determined by the competencies and professional frameworks that govern the counseling field. External redefinition of these roles without meaningful consultation risks undermining the counseling programs integrity, professional identity, and student preparation;

**Be it resolved** that the college collectively honor the role of Counseling as an academic discipline, recognizing Counseling Faculty's expertise, authority, and shared governance rights over matters within their discipline;

**Be it further resolved** that the Academic Senates affirms that faculty hiring should be initiated by discipline faculty only, and no department on campus can request Counseling Faculty placement without consultation.

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1. California Community Colleges Chancellors Office, "*Minimum qualifications for faculty and administrators in California Community Colleges*", 06/2025,

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<Website/docs/report/19theditionminimumqualifications18a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=2B52FBA3909455ABF86B21533B5BB497A7742866>

Presented to the SDMC AS: April 13, 2026

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