



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE (SDMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
April 8, 2024
Room MC 211
2:20PM – 4:20PM
MINUTES

Present:

Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman, Carlynn Allbee, Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra, Henry Browne, Jennifer Cost, John Crocitti, Justin Estep, Helen Greenbergs, Mary Gwin, James Hinton, Alex Holowicki, Cathy James, Geoff Johnson, Janue Johnson, Candace Katungi, Jesse Keller, Mariam Kushkaki, Sam Lee, Laura Maki, Dina Miyoshi, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Jill Moreno Ikari, Katherine Naimark, Scott Plambek, Alison Primoza, Anthony Reuss, Robert Sanchez, Saloua Saidane, Kristian Secor, Judy Sundayo, George Svoboda, Ngoc "Kim" Tran, Karen Wait and Guests Marisa Alioto and ASG President Ixchel Diaz

Absent:

Janna Braun, Lisa Burgert (Proxy to Gwin), Michael Brewer (Excused), Nellie Dougherty (Excused), Veronica Gerace (Excused), Emmett "Chip" Lancaster (Excused), Thekima Mayasa (Excused), Jennifer Moreno, Olga Pilipets, Michelle Rodriguez and Jessica Sardo (Excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME by Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman 2:29PM.

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

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA:

Move to Approve:

M/S

G.Johnson/Costs

UNANIMOUS

Burgert

(Proxy to Gwin)

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Associated Student Government (ASG): ASG President Ixchel Diaz/PTK President David Merino/Renata Quiroz

1. Please let your Students know that the ASG is accepting candidate applications for our fall 2024 leadership positions until April 16th.

B. Classified Professionals: President Sahar "Mona" King (No Report)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: March 18, 2024

Move to Table approval to allow additional members time to submit their comments regarding resolution 2024.3.1:

M/S

Naimark/Greenbergs

30 Approve

Burgert

(Proxy to Gwin)

2 Abstain

J. Johnson

Hinton

VI. GUEST:

A. Marisa Alioto – Mesa Mapper Presentation: [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

1. Please contact Marisa Alioto if you need assistance regarding your department's map.
2. Counselors Marisa Alioto, Kari Parker and Cynthia Rico are working to finalize the departments' maps.

VII. REPORTS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senate Executive Committees:

a. *Academic Affairs (AA) Committee:* Chair Mary Gwin

As reported by Mary Gwin:

"Academic Affairs is working on constitutional updates."

b. *Professional Advancement Committee (PAC):* Chair Janna Braun (No Report)

c. *Committee of Chairs (COC):* Chair of Chairs Jill Moreno Ikari

- Our next meeting is April 10th.

- * Our guests will be Adrienne Aeria Dines, Justin Estep and Tonya Whitfield.

- * Our guests will report on Associate Degrees for Transfer, Articulation and Credit for Prior Learning.

d. *Curriculum Review Committee (CRC):* Faculty Co-Chair Justin Estep

As reported by Justin Estep:

"CIC meets this week.

CRC meets next week.

Catalog "Committee's" next meeting is Wednesday, April 24 at noon by Zoom.

We are working on formalizing the "Committee" this semester.

AB 1111 (Common Course Numbering) Phase 1 has been announced:

- ENGL 100: College Composition
- ENGL 105: Argumentative Writing & Critical Thinking
- COMM 110: Public Speaking
- MATH 110: Statistics
- POLI 110: American Government & Politics
- PSYC 110: Intro Psych

Meta struggles continue but there are office hours on Fridays at 10:30 by Zoom offered through the District.

Contact me if you have questions, want Meta help, or want to join the Catalog Meeting."

e. *Program Review Committee (PRC):* Acting Faculty Co-Chair Dina Miyoshi

- We are finalizing the 2024-2025 items. (Please contact Dina Miyoshi if you have any questions.)

2. Other Committees:

a. *The Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion & Equity (CDAIE):* Chair Judy Sundayo

As reported by Judy Sundayo:

- "CDAIE last met on 4-5-24, with 24 persons attending.
- The Committee joins the campus in celebrating World Autism Awareness Day (April 2), World Health Day (April 7), Arab American Heritage Month, Diversity Month, National ASL Day (April 15), as well as Earth Day coming up on April 22nd
- This month the Committee is pleased to sponsor Cultural Unity Week this week.
- The Committee joins Mesa's 60th Anniversary Committee in co-sponsoring a signature event for this year's 60th Anniversary Celebration, our annual Festival of Colors celebration, which will take place this Thursday, April 11th from 5-7:30 in the Quad. Bring the family!
- Associated Students will be performing Random Acts of Kindness with give-a-ways to folks on campus that week.
- The Committee will be making its annual presentation before the President's Cabinet on April 16th
- Please attend the 60th Anniversary Past President's Panel on April 17th, 11-1 in MC211
- The Black Student Success Week will take place the week of April 22 - 26, with the keynote by Dr. Abdumalik Buul on April 19th from 8:30 - 11am via zoom
- The Black Leadership Fellows Community Cookout will be held on Wed. April 24th from 11 am - 2 pm in the Quad
- The next CDAIE meeting will be Friday, May 3rd from 9 am - 11 am via zoom."

b. *Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC):* Co-Coordinator Marisa Alioto (No Report)

c. *Other Committee Reports:*

- Environmental Sustainability:

As reported by Alison Primoza:

"We met last Friday, April 5, to discuss our efforts to promote the Mesa Climate Action Plan. We also discussed the woodland trail. We will try to get the Comms company, whose lines are down on the trail to get them safely off the trail. We also discussed proposing parts of the trail to be used in the Mesa WalkAbout event. We have wheel chair accessible areas through campus that would be available to more students."

- Mesa College Research Conference:

As reported by Alison Primoza:

"We met last Friday, April 5, to review all the student applications and do other conference planning. Many thanks to you senators for sharing our message, with your constituents, to invite students to submit an application to present at this year's Mesa College Research Conference. We had a great increase in applications this year: 51! The proposals were of excellent quality! Please come to the conference on May 17 in the Math and Science Building to see these wonderful poster presentations and oral presentations! You will be inspired and feel hope for the future. The BA program also will have 11 student presenters."

3. Senate Executive Officer Reports:

a. Vice President: Veronica Gerace (No Report)

b. Secretary: Vacant

c. Treasurer: Thekima Mayasa (No Report)

d. Senators at Large: Two (2) Vacancies

e. CTE Liaison: Vacant

f. Immediate Past President: John Crocitti (No Report)

g. President: Andrew Hoffman

- *AB 705/AB 1705 Equitable Placement:*

- * President Andrew Hoffman has been working with Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) Faculty to develop a resolution to address concerns regarding the data being presented and a lack of transparency.

- *Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Spring 2024 Plenary Session:*

- * President Andrew Hoffman will attend in person.

- * Vice President Veronica Gerace and Treasurer Thekima Mayasa will attend via Zoom.

- * Proposed Resolutions: <https://asccc.org/resolutions-process>

- *Instructional Dean Position:*

- * SDMC will fill the position that was vacated when Dean Yvonne Bergland retired several years ago.

- * The position will support Enrollment Management and other instructional priorities.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS: Second Reading

A. Resolution 2024.3.2 - Climate Action Plan: Primoza

Move to Approve:

M/S

G. Johnson/Sundayo

31 Approve

Burgert

(Proxy to Gwin)

1 Abstain

Estep

XI. Round Table: Phone Recordings During SDMC AS Meetings – Impact on Civility & Collegiality

A. The following members provided comments.

1. President Andrew Hoffman:

As reported by Andrew Hoffman:

"Recently, there have been times when people, including members of the Senate, have recorded the proceedings of the Senate using a cell phone. While the Senate meetings are open to the public and subject to the Brown Act – making these actions legal – this has a chilling effect on the proceedings. Still, the district lawyer, Ljubisa Kostic, has confirmed that these recordings are legal. There is no presumption of privacy at a public meeting."

However, what is legal is not necessarily collegial. This can create an atmosphere of hostility, and many people not to want to speak when being recorded. Also, recordings may be published online in social media, which may create threats to people, even if unintended by those doing the recording. Therefore, recording individuals at a Senate meeting can be very intimidating.

We could record all our meetings as a matter of routine and find a way to publish them (perhaps on YouTube, such as the district Board of Trustee meetings are). However, this does not stop people from making their own recordings.

Please keep in mind that we are all colleagues; many of us have worked with those recording the meetings for years. We need to encourage more collegial approaches to handling disagreements."

2. Carlynn Allbee:

3. Jennifer Cost:

4. John Crocitti:

As reported by John Crocitti:

- "Context is critical in the debate over recording.
- I am lukewarm about Ryan's and Mary's thoughts to record every meeting. However, this will not prevent individuals from recording on their own.
- I agree that in my more than a decade on the Senate, no one video recorded until last fall and this spring.
- Context: One of the people who video-recorded last fall also posted names of faculty on Twitter two years ago, putting those faculty at risk since it is easy to know where they work and live.
- Context: That same person posted things about me on her personal Facebook page, which could put my life at risk.
- The important point is that one of the people recording us has a history of posting things about us on social media, which poses a risk to our safety."

5. Mary Gwin:

As reported by Mary Gwin:

"If we choose to record every meeting, we can host the videos on YouTube, like the District does. However, I am not in favor of recording every meeting because it won't automatically stop someone from recording. The fact is that recording a Brown Act meeting is legal. It does not seem to me to be in the spirit of working together to participate in governance. I have tried to understand why someone would feel the need to record, and it seems to me that people record others when they fear that they are going to be treated unjustly. I think we should pay attention to that as well."

6. Cathy James:

As reported by Cathy James:

"In general, I stated that although this was my first year as a member of Mesa's Academic Senate, that I was a former member of both the Miramar Community College and Cal State San Marcos' Academic Senates. Both campuses audiotaped meetings for the convenience of the secretary to ensure accuracy for the meetings. They always announced to the group the date and that we were being recorded. They would occasionally turn off the recorder if something was not meant to be on the record.

That is why I expressed my surprise that at a prior meeting that at least one person was using their phone to videotape everyone during a very crowded and controversial meeting. I assumed that individuals were always supposed to announce to their colleagues that they were being recorded, and what their intentions were for broadcasting it (e.g. public or private viewing). I discovered that according to the Brown Act that we could not prohibit the filming or broadcasting of public meetings, like we could in our classrooms.

Consequently, I agreed with the prior speakers who felt that the sudden filming of a particular meeting seemed to stifle free speech. Moreover, I wanted my colleagues to be mindful of what they post on social media if it has the potential to cause

physical or other harm to others. When I was at Miramar College, the Promise Keepers offered money (up to \$100) to students and others to film and post video of “liberal professors” who were forcing their views on “innocent students.” At CSUSM, my students were concerned if I was the “African American female professor” (they claimed that more derogatory words were used) who was being harassed by Tom Metzger’s followers. It wasn’t me. It was one of the three fulltime Black women professors. Her lectures criticizing or exposing “White male privilege” were among the things they did not like about her. The professor had to be escorted by security to and from her classroom. She also, had a peephole drilled into her office door to ensure her safety

I was disappointed that my students and not my chairperson were the ones to inform me about the harassed professor. When I asked my chair about the situation, she informed me that it wasn’t me who was receiving death threats, so there was no need to worry! Well, I felt otherwise. Therefore, just because it may be legal to film and post our meetings on social media, one should be mindful of the potential for harm, especially those of us from marginalized and vulnerable groups.”

7. Geoff Johnson:
8. Candace Katunji:
9. Mariam Kushkaki:

As reported by Mariam Kushkaki:

“I’d like to note that as a new senator this semester, these conversations about collegiality and recording for nontransparent reasons also have ramifications for future senators. Colleagues who may be interested in joining Academic Senate will understandably have concerns about their own safety and standing on campus. If we would like Academic Senate to be a space where prospective senators feel welcome and excited to participate, I encourage us to act in ways that demonstrate goodwill.”

10. Ryan Mongelluzzo:
11. Alison Primoza:

As reported by Alison Primoza:

“I commented that it seemed that senators were in agreement that it was not collegial for senators nor visitors to the senate, to record video or audio of our meetings. That it is intimidating and has a negative effect on senators and others’ willingness to speak and therefore limits free speech and causes harm to those who are recorded . I asked the question, since the Brown Act allows this, what can we do as a body to prevent further harm to the Senate? Several senators expressed that discussing the problem openly, like we did today (April 8, 2024) would be itself a deterrent.”

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- B.** The 2024 Mesa College Research Conference is May 17, 2024 in the SDMC Math & Natural Sciences Building.
- C.** The next SDMC Academic Senate meeting is April 22, 2024 from 2:20PM – 4:20PM. (Room MC211 A/B)
- D.** The next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is April 15, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.
- E.** The next Committee of Chairs (CoC) meeting is April 10, 2024 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM. (Room MC 211)
- F.** The next Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) Meeting is April 18, 2024 @ 2:15PM in room LRC 435.
- G.** The next SDMC AS Exec meeting is April 15, 2024 @ 4:15PM in room A117.
- H.** The next Professional Advancement Committee meeting is April 17, 2024 @ 2:30PM in room A117.

X. Meeting Extension:

Move to Extend the meeting five additional minutes in order to continue the Round Table Discussion:

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Primoza/Crocitti

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(Proxy to Gwin)

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:25PM.

Move to Adjourn:

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Gwin/Crocitti

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Burgert
(Proxy to Gwin)

Submitted by Sue Saetia

Approve by the SDMC AS: April 22, 2024