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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
Academic Senate

San Diego Mesa College (SDMC) Academic Senate (AS)

Committee of Chairs

October 8, 2025

Room MC 211 A/B

MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

Present:

Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles, Valerie Abe, Anar Brahmbhatt, Donna Budzynski, Todd Curran, Christie DuPraw, Justin Estep, Tasha Frankie, Veronica Gerace, Michael Harrison, Candace Katungi, Gloria Kim, Ken Kuniyuki, César López, Guillermo Marrujo, Annette Miner, Ryan Mongelluzzo, Bruce Naschak, Edeama Onwuchekwa Jonah, Hannah Padilla Barajas, Connie Renda, Nathan Resch, Jennifer Snyder, Irena Stojimirovic, Todd White, Robert Wong, George Ye and Guests SDMC AS President Mary Gwin, Professor Bryan Malinis, Acting Transfer Center Supervisor Celine Ahearn and Transfer Center Student Assistance Technician Ayana Woods.

Excused Absences:

Juan Bernal (Proxy to Kuniyuki), Nellie Dougherty (Excused) Erika Higginbotham (Excused) and Paula Hjorth Gustin (Proxy to Budzynski).

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME by Chair of Chairs Ian Duckles @ 2:31PM.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA: Approved.

III. Guests:

A. Transfer Center Acting Supervisor Celine Ahearn & Transfer Center Student Assistance Technician Ayana

Woods: ([Mods 101](#)) ([2024 – 2025 Mods Report](#))

1. Celine and Ayana presented a report.

IV. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES: September 24, 2025 (Please send your changes to Sue Saetia (ssaetia@sdccd.edu))

Move to Approve:

M/S

Gerace/Budzynski

23 Approve

3 Abstained

Brahmbhatt

Renda

Ye

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Chairs Academy Ideas: Duckles

1. Please send your ideas to Ian.

B. Ideas for Future Meetings: Duckles

1. The SDMC AS Department Chairs will start work on the development of an SDMC Department Chairs Handbook on October 22, 2025.
 - a. Communication Studies Department Chair Veronica Gerace asked the Department Chairs to think about what they wished they already knew when they began their tenures as Department Chairs.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Drama Department:

1. George Ye provided a report .

VIII. PLANNING/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs: Odasso (No Report)

B. Academic Senate: Gwin

1. Mary Gwin provided a report.

C. American Federation of Teachers (AFT): Duckles

As reported by Ian Duckles:

"Ian discussed the preliminary draft of the plan for the RAF for the 25-26 academic year, next steps, and the upcoming contract negotiation."

D. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC): Resch

1. Nathan Resch provided a report.

E. Student Services: Dougherty/Higginbotham/Marrujo/Parker

1. Guillermo Marrujo provided a report.

F. Enrollment Management and Instructional Strategic Planning Committee: Harrison (No Report)

G. Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) Committee: Gwin/Duckles (No Report)

H. President's Cabinet: Gwin/Duckles

1. Ian Duckles reported there was a presentation on Safety.

I. Program Review Steering Committee (PRSC): Faculty Co-Chair (TBA)

1. Ian Duckles reminded the Department Chairs that the Faculty needs to have a voice on the PRSC.
2. Mary Gwin is working on obtaining reassigned time for the Faculty Co-Chair position.

J. Strong Work Force Committee: Johnston/Wong (No Report)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ROUND TABLE/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A. Common Course Numbering - COMM C1000 (Formerly COMS 103 – Oral Communication): Malinis

As reported by Bryan Malinis:

"Bryan Malinis (Communication Studies) spoke about concerns regarding administrative interference with the curriculum review and approval process. District is asking for a full review of COMM C1000 despite no proposal from faculty at any of the colleges to change the Course Outline of Record. District did not express concerns until enforcement of the 25-student cap per CBA was invoked."

X. NEXT CoC MEETING: October 22, 2025 (SDMC Department Chairs Handbook Development.)

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:07PM.

Submitted by Sue Saetia