



Global Council monthly meeting  
Thursday, May 13, 2010  
11:15a to 12:30p, Drescher Loft

## **I. Updates**

- a. ACUPCC greenhouse-gas inventory
- b. Global Studies A.A. degree
- c. the SMC Culture Garden (proposed statement, page 2)
- d. Research Symposium and Tournament

## **II. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Professional Development
- b. Curriculum
- c. Student Affairs
- d. Study Abroad

## **III. Planning for 2010–11**

- a. International Education Week, November 15–19 (more info, page 2)
  - i. presentations by Najwa Gadaheldam
  - ii. Global Citizenship Day (food trucks, music/dance, info tables)
  - iii. day of service
- b. Food theme
  - i. Department taglines
  - ii. revival of “Food for Thought” presentations
  - iii. Opening Day discussion of *Omnivore’s Dilemma*
  - iv. brainstorming website (and bibliography/webliography)
  - v. documenting the year
- c. publicity campaign
  - i. students (VIP Welcome Day, clubs, Student Ambassadors, AS retreat)
  - ii. Opening Day / new faculty orientation
  - iii. online (smcglobal, Facebook, Twitter, Missed Info, video, blog)
- d. tinkering with the structure of the “Global Citizenship Council”

Global Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Drescher Loft. All are invited to attend. The Council is co-chaired by Geography professor Pete Morris and Dean Georgia Lorenz, who would be happy to receive your comments and questions. You can follow the SMC Global Citizenship on Facebook, Twitter, and at [smcglobal.org](http://smcglobal.org).

## Upcoming Events

- May 15–16, 7:30 pm, Broad Stage. Global Motion Folklorico World Dance
- May 21. Global Citizenship Student Research Symposium and Tournament
- May 25, activity hour, Science 140. Peter Edmunds, “The Acid Test for Coral Reefs in Hot Water” (Distinguished Scientists)
- May 27, 7:00 pm, HSS 165. Anthropologist Tricia Allen discusses Polynesian Tattoo Art in SMC’s 11th Annual Asian/Pacific Islander Celebration

## Proposed Garden Statement

The Santa Monica College Global Council continues to enthusiastically support the establishment of an educational Culture Garden on campus.

Such a garden will embody the intercultural and environmentally sustainable spirit of SMC's global citizenship. The garden will be an inspirational addition to our campus landscape, and it will provide a space for new, interactive educational opportunities across multiple disciplines.

It would be especially welcome to see our Culture Garden ready to go for the start of the 2010-11 academic year, during which our global-citizenship theme will be Food.

## More information: International Education Week

International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education, is intended to “promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.” In previous years, SMC’s International Education office has worked with the Dance and Modern Language Departments to program this week, and they’re now looking expand its profile on and off campus. The following is a *very* preliminary calendar of events that is presented for discussion:

- **Tuesday:** Najwa Gadaheldam presents on Sustainable Development and Climate change in Africa (perhaps in an afternoon time slot so as to avoid conflict with a Literary Series already scheduled for that day)
- **Thursday:** Global Citizenship Day
  - Najwa Gadaheldam leads a program for Black Collegians on Afro Islamic societies and Women.
  - Activity Hour festival on the Quad, highlighted by local food trucks, music, dance, and information tables (cf. Club Row)
- **Friday/Saturday:** Day of Service
  - Breakfast with Najwa Gadaheldam, perhaps to discuss her work with the UN and her ideas about mobilizing local resources for global outreach
  - Faculty, staff, and student participation in local service project(s)

In addition to (or in place of) the above, Najwa could lead a discussion about the situation in Darfur, perhaps with an interested student club on Wednesday? As for the Global Citizenship Day festival, there is a long list of possible information tables: private travel companies (e.g., STA), national consulates and tourism associations, private foundations (e.g., Pacifica), SMC Study Abroad, SMC Global Council, SMC student clubs, SMC programs and events (e.g., the L.A. Cultural Tour, Global Studies), and service organizations.