



SMC Emeritus Student Advisory Council  
Meeting  
September 11, 2019  
2:30pm  
Emeritus Main Campus, Room 407



## Minutes

### Attendance

Scott Silverman

Dee Dee Carter

**ESAC Present:** Michael Baroff, Judy Blits, Nina Borwick, Evelyn Cohen, Walter Coronel, Jeannie Crawford, Marsha Franker, Dinah Hatton, Lee Kondo

**Absent:** Linda Rosenthal

### Approval of Minutes

The July 8, 2019 minutes were approved by email and posted to the Emeritus website.

### Associate Dean's Report – Scott Silverman

- Digital signage is up and working on all four floors of the Emeritus Campus. Scott is deleting slides not relevant to Emeritus. The complete slide show runs approximately 15 minutes.
  - The slides will include school closures such as Thanksgiving, ESAC meeting dates, fundraising events, etc.
  - Community events will also be displayed: OATF (Older Adult Task Force), lawn bowling, etc.
  - Certificate programs offered at the SMC main campus will be displayed: Gerontology certificate program, etc.
- There are several “new” instructors teaching in the Fall semester.
- Several “new” classes appear in the Fall schedule. The courses used existing course descriptions.
  - a. Guitar, Persian literature, Intro to SMC Fitness Center, iOS basic computer skills, and Android basic computer skills.
- The Nutrition/Food Critic class has been brought back with a new instructor. There is a two-hour lecture before going to the restaurant.
- Media upgrades were done in room 107.
- Facility repairs/upgrades/maintenance have been identified. Scheduled work will be planned to cause minimal impact to students.
- A pamphlet was given to those in attendance regarding free noncredit career development and college preparation certificate programs.
- Scott is arranging for representatives from the City of Santa Monica Parking to come to an open forum, so Emeritus students can voice their concerns.
- The Emeritus Student Union and ESAC will have another joint meeting in 2020.

Judy was asked to update the excel spreadsheet “Student Focus Group on Classes” to add a column of when classes were started. (Note: Spreadsheet updated and sent on 9/12/2019 to ESAC and Scott.)

Dee Dee talked briefly about the “Santa Monica College Student Equity Executive Summary” supporting our students. Dee Dee sent the draft to Scott. ESAC was forwarded an email of the draft.

### **Events and Committee Reports**

- **Healthy Living Fair & Speaker** – Jeannie reported that this was the third year Emeritus has participated in this event at the St. Monica Church. Al Barrett and Dinah Hatton assisted Jeannie in this event.
- **Diversity and Inclusion** – Michael reported the following: the Committee is working with Scott to develop and implement the proposed “New Student Orientation Program”; and that there are anecdotal reports of students feeling “excluded” from classes that may be related to course description being different than what instructor is doing and/or that may focus on students who have repeated the class and are more “advanced”. Scott suggested putting together a new student focus group to surface issues that can support the Orientation Program. The Committee also continues to be available to do community outreach.

### **ESAC Committee Chair Reports for 2019-2020 Academic Year (AY)**

A handout was provided regarding the chair reports.

- Chair meetings with Scott are arranged with Lauri via email.
- Written plan of action for the academic year are due October 30, 2019 to the Associate Dean and ESAC Chair.
- Oral report due November 13, 2019 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting of the academic year.

### **Important Dates and Upcoming Events**

- Monday, September 9, 2019 students can enroll in more than 4 classes for the Fall semester.
- September 24, 2019 is the 250 Club Luncheon.
- A printout of the Important Dates screen from the Emeritus website was provided to those in attendance.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 2:30pm at the Emeritus Campus in room 407.

The meeting was adjourned.