

**Personal Ethics and Responsibilities Committee (PERC)
Santa Monica College**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2015

2.15pm to 3.15 pm

HSS 261

In attendance: Walker Griffy, Chair; Valerie Narey; Brian Rajski; Chau Tran

Apologies: Joelle Adams, Secretary; Christopher Stiles; Lisa Farwell

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comments

III. Action Items

a. Approval of 12/10/15 [Minutes](#)

The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

b. Discussion and approval of sidebar topic for upcoming newsletter

The Committee reviewed the sidebar piece on RateMyProfessors.com as the accompaniment for the upcoming SMC Ethics on Grade Inflation and Maintaining Standards. Brian Rajski was given a few notes by the committee as well as notes sent ahead by members unable to attend. Committee unanimously approved the sidebar pending changes.

c. Edit and approval of “Grade Inflation/Maintaining Standards” newsletter draft

The Committee commented on the draft that Lisa Farwell has been working on. This was a second read for the draft as the first read had been done in December. Lisa was provided notes from attending members and notes from members unable to attend had also been provided ahead of time. The Committee approved the final draft with changes.

d. Approval of SMC Ethics #3 Sidebar and Main Draft

The committee approved the topics for the final newsletter of the academic year. The final newsletter will feature a main article on textbook adoption practices and will be accompanied by a sidebar on textbook buyers who approach faculty members to buy old editions of textbooks. An additional sidebar/graph accompaniment will be decided on at the next meeting.

IV. Discussion Items

The committee agreed to push all sidebar discussions to the next meeting after draft notes took most of the time to complete.

V. Adjournment