**Santa Monica College** Professional Ethics & Responsibilities Committee

# Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time**: 04/19/22 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Location**: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99977138192

**Chair**: Brian Rajski

**Attendees**: Ian Colmer, Lula Livanis

## Call to Order

## Public Comments

### No public comments.

## Discussion Items

### **Creating a statement on academic freedom.** The committee chair updated the committee on their comments on the BP 4030 on academic freedom and discussed some webinars and documents from the ASCCC on the need for senates to create a statement on academic freedom. Since SMC lacks a clear statement on academic freedom, he recommended PERC work over the next year to produce one, with input from the FACCC and the Senate President. The committee agreed to use Google docs to start to produce such a statement. The final form of the statement—a resolution, an AR, or just a PERC document—is yet to be determined.

### **Choosing Spring 2022 *SMC Ethics* topic.** The committee discussed various ideas for the newsletter. The committee chair suggested looking into how equity practices could be enacted at the institutional level such as in hiring or assigning of course. Ian suggested the committee look at the adjunct issue again. The chair clarified that many adjunct issues were beyond the purview of the committee since they dealt with contract issues. Nonetheless, the committee decided there was enough space within the regulations of the contract to discuss ethical practices in the treatment of adjuncts. The committee agreed to start producing a draft together using Google Docs. The focus would be on transparency, inclusion, communication, and community for adjuncts. The sidebar topic will be determined in the next meeting.

## Announcements

## Adjournment

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