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

# Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time**: 09/29/22 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Location**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82286572238

**Chair**: Brian Rajski

**Attendees**: Ian Colmer, Lula Livanis, Valerie Narey, Luz Badillo

## Call to Order

## Public Comments

### No public comments.

## Discussion Items

### The chair presented some revised language from DSPS about Disability Accommodations for the Model Syllabus. The language was noncontroversial and did not involve any policy shift, so the committee agreed to let the Model Syllabus include the updated language without needing a fully approved Model Syllabus revision through the Senate.

### The chair presented an argument about the need to create an Academic Freedom Statement for the Senate. Based on recent experiences with the SMC Board and its BP on Academic Freedom, as well as recent seminars and discussions on the topic across the California Community College system, he argued it should be an important goal for PERC over the next year or two. The committee agreed to start looking into the topic.

### The rest of the meeting was spent brainstorming topics for Fall *SMC Ethics* newsletter. Various topics were discussed, including practicing equity as the institutional level, not just in the classroom, and communication in an online environment. The committee decided to discuss using online practices when returning to on-ground instruction. The committee agreed to write the first draft of the newsletter collaboratively using Google Docs.

## Adjournment

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