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

# Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time**: 03/09/23 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Location**: https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/89071148705

**Chair**: Brian Rajski

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

## Call to Order

## Public Comments

### No public comments.

## Discussion Items

### The chair reviewed the need to craft a statement on academic freedom for the Academic Senate. He presented various historical documents the committee should read as well as some statements by other colleges. The committee agreed to work slowly on this statement using Google Docs. The chair argued they should move slowly and look into options to bring in a larger group of contributors for the topic.

### The rest of the meeting focused on selecting and brainstorming the topic for the spring *SMC Ethics* newsletter. The chair proposed they right about fair distribution of professional responsibilities so that a few individuals were not stuck with most of them. However, the topic was potentially too controversial or accusatory and bordered issues of the faculty contract more appropriate for the Faculty Association, so the committee did not select this topic. Chat GPT and the use of A.I. for cheating was brought up as a timely topic. Each group member shared their experiences and knowledge of the topic. The committee selected the topic and agreed to collaboratively write the newsletter on it using Google Docs. The initial proposal was to discuss policies about A.I., ways to prevent it from being used for cheating, and ways to more positively or pro-actively incorporate it into the classroom.

## Adjournment

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