

The logo for Santa Monica College Academic Senate features a stylized building facade with columns above the text. The text is arranged in three lines: "SANTA MONICA COLLEGE" in a small, all-caps font, "ACADEMIC" in a medium, all-caps font, and "SENATE" in a large, bold, all-caps font.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
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Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

11:15am-12:35pm, Business Building Room 144

Attendance and Voting Sheets

I. Call to Order: 11:19 a.m.

II. Public Comments -- None

III. President's Report/Information Items

- a. The state Senate's publication the *Rostrum*, will be in Senators' mailboxes this week.
- b. The ASCCC bachelor's degree task force has issued their report and resolutions that will be discussed further at the Area C and Fall Plenary. SMC's concerns about their recommendations relate to the general education units. While SMC's interaction design BS has more general education than many of the 15 BS degrees, SMC would prefer 39 mandated GE units (including six units of upper division GE), not the 45 units the task force is recommending. The task force's recommendations would result in an SMC degree of 122 units, not the 120-unit degree SMC would prefer. SMC's BS includes upper division GE units such as content courses like cognitive psychology and English writing classes.
- c. ACCJC has placed SMC and many other community colleges on enhanced monitoring as a result of the March 2015 annual reports. CTE institution-set standards relating to program completion and job placement rates were misunderstood and misinterpreted. Many of our CTE programs show as having unacceptable completion rates and job placement rates below 50 percent, which is considered a red-flag figure. SMC will have to show that it has a plan for correcting the problems and will probably be hiring a third party firm to collect accurate jobs data.
- d. Fran attended the Student Equity conference last week in Los Angeles. It was eye opening and inspiring and involved working on our student success plan. The governor has announced he is recommending doubling the money going to student success this year.

- e. The presidential hiring committee. The first meeting was held last week. The task force has so far drafted a list of questions and participated in EEO training. One of the ground rules is that the Board of Trustees has retained the right to interview anyone from the candidate pool, not just those sent forward by the committee. Both the Senate and the Faculty Association expressed concerns about this. Others urged that the Board be cautioned about hiring a president who does not have the full confidence of the faculty.

IV. Action Items:

- a. [Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2015](#)

In section III. B, delete instructions to Dalia to add link.

Change wording in Dues Update (section III. d, line 1) to “Senators who are not yet contributors should fill out the paperwork. It is important that we increase the number of contributors.”

Motion to accept minutes as amended: Brenda Antrim

Second: Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones

Passed unanimously at 11:43 a.m.

- b. [Adoption of Senate Goals and Strategic Objectives](#)—Second Read Changes from Exec were added.

2F—Change “nursing” faculty to “health sciences”

Motion to accept Senate Goals and Strategic Objectives as amended.

Motion: Stephen Londe

Second: Espy Bolivar-Owen

Passed unanimously at 11:46 a.m.

- c. [Resolution for Adopting Canvas](#), Pete Morris, Distance Education Committee Chair

Discussion of the motion included the following:

We are the only college in the state using eCollege. The committee has reviewed many vendors over a period of years and has kept up with the OEI initiative, which has chosen Canvas as its course operating system.

More information is available on the DE webpage under the link,

Learning about Canvas, including the videos “The Cool Things You Can Do with Canvas” and “California Online Education Initiative and Canvas.”

For the first year both platforms would probably be available to us during transition.

After the first year, we will all be on Canvas.

Oct. 15—Canvas reps will be on campus to answer questions.

Suggestions for changing the resolution, which will go back to committee, are to possibly add “technology needs” to the paragraph relating to the use of the savings from switching platforms.

Canvas will be free for 3 years, which frees up considerable savings, about \$500,000 per year. Because professional development is a Senate purview, it is appropriate that the Senate advocate for the increased professional development needed to assist faculty in making this transition.

Peter Morse, President of the Faculty Association, said that the Faculty Association will look into compensation and support for the transition.

- d. [Approval of Senate Committees](#), Fran Chandler, Academic Senate President Adjunct Committee—one of their goals is to add adjuncts to other committees. Michael Strathearn asked chairs to contact him if they need additional members.

Motion to approve Senate committees: Eric Oifer

Second: Michael Strathearn

Passed unanimously at 12:19 p.m.

- e. Social Committee Poll: What kind of socializing does the AcSen want to do this year?
Janie Jones, Social Committee Chair
Saturday barbecue with students and mariachi music.
Egyptian mummies at natural history museum.
Other possibilities will be considered by the committee.

- f. [Curriculum Items](#), Guido Davis Del Piccolo, Curriculum Committee Chair

Passed unanimously at 12:25 p.m.

V. Announcements -- none

VI. Adjournment 12:26pm

Next scheduled meeting, 10/6/15, 11:15am-12:35pm, in B144