



SANTA MONICA COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC  
SENATE  
Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015  
11-11:50 am, Business Building Room 144

[Attendance and Voting Sheets](#)

**I. Call to Order at 11:12 a.m.  
Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Jinan Darwiche  
Second: Marc Trujillo  
Passed unanimously at 11:20 a.m.

**II. Public Comments (Two-minutes limit per person)**

Fran thanked Dalia Cortes for her service to the Senate and presented her with a gift from the Academic Senate.

Nate Donahue got the consent of the body for a welcome gift for Dr. Jeffery, created by Terri Bromberg, adjunct faculty member, Art Department.

**III. Major Items of Business**

**A. [Second Read: AR 4111.5 Transfers from Other Colleges, A. Tower](#)**

Motion to pass from the Executive Committee  
Second: Brenda Antrim  
Passed unanimously at 11:20 a.m.

**B. Textbook Adoption Survey, J. Darwiche**

The survey to determine the textbook adoption practices of faculty will be administered in early spring. It is being led by the Senate in response to a request by the Board of Trustees; they are concerned about textbook prices.

**IV. Baccalaureate Degree Task Force Update, G. Del Piccolo**

The deadline for submission of supplemental materials is Jan. 15; the first group of students accepted will be notified by April. A group of five will review the applications (Discipline, Counseling, and Jennifer Merlic from administration).

Fran asked the Senate's approval to appoint the discipline and counseling faculty to this committee.

SMC was granted a substantive change by ACCJC. The Department of Education later denied ACCJC the right to approve BA degrees, except for those that have already been approved.

**V. Consent Agenda.**

Passed by motion seconded by Espy Bolivar-Owen. Vote: Unanimous

A. [Minutes of December 01, 2015](#)

B. [Curriculum Items, G. Del Piccolo](#)

**VI. President's Report/Information Items**

A. None

**VII. Announcements from the Floor**

Alan Buckley announced that at least eight sabbaticals will be awarded by the end of the academic year. So far, sabbaticals have been awarded to George Davison, Julia Kozlova, and Andrew Nestler.

Fellowships have also been awarded.

This year the rubric changed, and there was no matrix. Also, the Committee will give positive feedback to all applicants. They will also reopen applications in the spring and will offer a Flex Day presentation.

It was suggested that one reason for faculty not applying for sabbaticals is that they must forego overload pay when on sabbatical.

Gordon Dossett said that he will send a call for proposals on behalf of the Global for Global Grants. \$20-30,000 is available.

**VIII. Adjournment 11:44 a.m.**