



SANTA MONICA COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC  
SENATE

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

11:15 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. | Business Building Room 144

[Attendance and Voting Sheets](#)

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: M. Moassessi**

**Second: B. Magallon**

**Passed unanimously at 11:22 a.m.**

**II. Public Comments –none**

**III. Major Items of Business**

**a. Approval of Senate/Pathways/Committee Appointments**

Committee	Motion	Second	Vote
Career Technical Education	M. Bober	L. Kawaguchi	Passed unan. at 11:31 a.m.
Sabbaticals & Fellows.	J. Beardsley	W. Griffy	Passed unan. at 11:34 a.m.
Pathways	J. Beardsley	S. Veas	Passed unan. at 11:46 a.m.
Personnel Policies	M. Trujillo	M. Moreno	Passed unan. at 11:50 a.m.
Professional Development	D. Nannini	M. Tomasic	Passed unan. at 11:53 a.m.
Student Affairs	B. Rajski	M. Strathearn	Passed unan. at 11:55 a.m.
Equity & Diversity	B. Magallon	M. Bober	Passed unan. at 11:57 a.m.

**b. Committees/Taskforces/Workgroups in need of faculty**

Call for volunteers to serve with different committees.

**c. Department Chair Elections Notification, M. Mazorow**

Tentative chair elections should adhere to the following schedule:

End of week 5, fall semester	Department notified of election and timeline
Mon., Sept 18 – Fri., Oct. 6	Nominations accepted – all tenured faculty are eligible
By Friday, Oct. 13	Department notified of nominee names
Mon., Nov. 13 – Fri., Nov. 17	Voting Occurs – all FT faculty may vote
Mon., Nov. 20	Results forwarded to President Jeffery to inform her appointment
By Fri., Dec. 1	Department informed of President Jeffery's appointment

**d. Duties of Senators/Senate Floor Process, N. Donahue**

President Donahue outlined and discussed the process of bringing items to the Senate floor, with the purpose of educating new senators and as a reminder to senators who served last year.

**e. Consent Agenda. Any item pulled from the consent agenda will be discussed as the last major item of business above.**

**[Minutes from 060617](#)**

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Second: B. Magallon

Passed unanimously at 11:22 a.m.

**IV. President's Report and Information Items**

**a. Pathways Update**

Pathways should be considered useful templates that will help in presenting curriculum to students. It will provide students with a set of clear course-taking patterns that promotes better enrollment decisions and prepares students for future success. Pathways is also intended to integrate support services in ways that make it easier for students to get the assistance they need during each step of their community college experience.

At Opening Day 2017, there was an objection about the term "major", since not all students enrolled at the college are there to earn a degree. A taskforce was created to explore options and bring them to the Senate; however, concerns of diversity of the taskforce were discussed, concluding that more faculty members from humanities and sciences were needed. More members will be added in the future.

**b. Faculty Hiring Update**

The College is not in a great position. Department chairs have no information on the numbers of the expected number of faculty hires and the pools are limited. President Jeffery has advised that she will announce the numbers once she has a complete list of faculty who will retire. P. Morse suggested that the president be encouraged to announce the number of positions before that; numbers can be updated as needed.

**c. Social Justice/Gender Equity Center Update**

After the recent DACA announcement made by Vice President Pence, the College will experience a stream of anxious students, justifiably worried about their future. We ask the administration to join the effort to support these students. The Senate needs a resolution, since this issue would affect their success. The College needs to stand behind our students. Donahue mentioned food insecurity being a major issue that students face and the options SMC currently offers, including the Corsair Market and Free Lunch Voucher (FLVR) programs.

**d. College Budget Update**

Donahue mentioned that he has been in communication with Fiscal Services Director, Chris Bonvenuto regarding the District budget. The College is experiencing a budget deficit because of lower enrollment numbers; new recruitment options need to be established. To assist in closing the deficit, a suggestion was made by P. Morse that decreasing the amount of administrators at the College would significantly help. Adjunct faculty numbers do not need to be decreased further. Fall classes were cut by 10% and it is anticipated that administration will cut more in spring 2018.

**V. Adjournment**

Motion: E. Meyer

Second: D. Javelosa

Passed unanimously at 12:37 p.m.