

# Santa Monica College Academic Senate

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## Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2021

11:15AM – 12:35PM

Online Session

### I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with addition of GPS team presentation after public comments:

M/S: D. Nasser/S. Obsatz

Passed: 11:17AM

### II. Public Comments

None

### III. Approval of 03/16/21 Minutes

M/S: B. Antrim/D. Nasser

Passed: 11:19AM

### IV. Presentation

#### a. GPS Update

Members of the GPS team—including Stacey Jones, Kristin Lui-Martinez, Gina Jerry, and Jose Cue—provide a GPS refresher. They also offer a summary of updates to GPS, such as new “kudos” and referrals.

### V. Action Items

Curriculum (D. Nasser)

- i. New Courses (ECE 921, MUSIC 27/ECE 81)

**Approved as a bloc: 11:48AM**

- ii. Substantial Changes (CIS 40)

**Approved: 11:48AM**

- iii. Distance Education (ECE, GEOL)

**Approved as a bloc: 11:49AM**

- iv. Emergency Context (VAR PE)  
**Approved as a bloc: 11:50AM**  
Student Affairs (B. Magallon)
- v. [AR 5400 Associated Students 2nd Read](#)  
B. Magallon reviews changes to this regulation. Taken together, these changes will allow more students to participate in student government.  
**M/S: B. Antrim/C. Matheson**  
**Passed: 11:55AM**
- vi. [AR 5422 On-Campus Events by Student Organizations & Clubs 1st Read](#)  
This regulation is a greatly revised version of AR 4446. Senators raise questions about the meaning of “outside group” and control over who can serve as a primary advisor “designee.” Senators also raise free speech concerns.  
**The AR is sent back to the committee for clarification and revision.**
- vii. [AR 4000 Catalog Rights 1st Read](#)  
Changes to regulation, previously AR 4351, follow more closely with Title 5 and make it easier for students to maintain enrollment.  
**M/S: B. Antrim/C. Matheson**  
**Passed: 12:12PM**
- viii. [AR 4100.1 Number of Degrees & Certificates Awarded to a Student 1st Read](#)  
The language of this regulation has been updated to refer to “degrees and certificates,” rather than to specific kinds of degrees and certificates.  
**M/S: C. Matheson/B. Antrim**  
**Passed: 12:15PM**
- ix. [AR 4100.3 Recognition of Academic Excellence 1st Read](#)  
The language of this regulation has been finessed, and it now includes a definition of “academic excellence.”  
**M/S: B. Antrim/C. Matheson**  
**Passed: 12:19PM**

## VI. Discussion Items

- a. Safe Return to Campus Update (N. Donahue)  
N. Donahue notes concerns about crowd management, in general. Academic Affairs is working with individual departments. Some departments are remaining completely online, and some would like to bring all their classes back to campus. On-campus classes will be held Monday-Thursday, with no back-to-back classes in individual classrooms.
- b. Committee Membership for Ranking and Accreditation Committees  
Pushed for time

c. Open Discussion Questions and Answers

Senators discuss the return to campus and confusion surrounding how to plan for the fall. Senators express concern about potential for disruption if Covid situation worsens and in-person classes need to be moved fully online.

**V. Adjournment**

**M/S: B. Antrim/D. Nasser**

**Time: 12:41PM**

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**Next scheduled meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup> 11: 15AM – 12:35PM**