



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –OCTOBER 14, 2020
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. This meeting was conducted via Zoom Conference.

I. Call to Order -3:06 p.m.

II. Members Present

Jennifer Merlic, Administration, Chair Designee
Nate Donahue, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Mike Tuitasi, Administration Representative
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Dionne Carter, Management Association Representative
Jamar London, Academic Senate Representative
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
Dee Upshaw, CSEA Representative
Tafari Alan, Associated Students Representative
Joshua Elizondo, Associated Students Representative

Others Present

Kiersten Elliott
Matt Hotsinpiller
Lee Peterson
James Powei
Grace Smith

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and dated March 17, 2020, members of the District Planning and Advisory Council participated in the meeting by Zoom Conference.

III. Minutes of DPAC Meeting –September 23, 2020: *Unanimously approved.*

IV. Reports - None

V. Superintendent/President’s Response to DPAC Recommendations -None

VI. Public Comments - None

VII. Agenda

1. COVID-19 Update: Santa Monica College remains in Phase 2, and there are currently no discussions at L.A. County for colleges to bring back any programs except for essential personnel.

Nate Donahue reported that some faculty have expressed a desire to come to their on-campus offices on a very limited basis or have access to the campus. He agreed to bring this information to DPAC and suggested that perhaps it would be appropriate to bring it to the DPAC Facilities Committee. In response, it was pointed out that bringing staff back on campus in any capacity would be challenging, and it was suggested that Vice-Presidents Chris Bonvenuto, Mike Tuitasi and Jenny Merlic be invited to the next Academic Senate meeting on October 27th to provide information and answer questions. It was agreed that the Academic Senate (Nate Donahue) partner with the Faculty Association (Peter Morse) to develop a survey so there can be some data to present.

2. Discussion: DPAC Quarterly Report (see attached draft) and Introductory Video: A draft of a DPAC Quarterly Report was discussed at the last Council of Presidents meeting, and it was suggested that an introductory video be developed to accompany the written report. The goal is to better communicate what DPAC does to the college community. It was suggested that a social media component such as Instagram be considered. A subcommittee comprising Kiersten Elliott, Grace Smith, Cindy Ordaz and Nate Donahue will convene to discuss the target audience and ideas for a video.
3. Recommendation to Superintendent/President: It is recommended that the Superintendent/President establish a broad-based Presidential Task Force to assess impacts of the remote environment on the SMC student experience, identify practices that generated benefits, and develop plans to integrate beneficial practices into SMC's post-pandemic environment.

DPAC approved the recommendation with the following vote.

Administration: Yes

Management Association: Yes

Academic Senate: Yes

Faculty Association: Yes

Associated Students: Yes (2)

CSEA: Yes (2)

4. Continue development of 2021-2022 Annual Action Plans which are due October 28, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment - 4:15 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2021 (second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 3 p.m.)

October 28

November 30

December 9

January 13, 27, 2021

February 10, 24

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

Meeting of the Council of Presidents (COP)

The Council of Presidents discussed the agenda for the DPAC meeting on October 28, 2020. The agenda will include the following:

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Academic Senate Goals and Objectives 2020-2021
3. Submission of Action Plans for 2021-2022

Revision to DPAC Schedule of Meetings, as follows (revisions in yellow)

October 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID-19 Update• Academic Senate Goals and Objectives• Submission of Action Plans for 2021-2022
November 11	No meeting - Holiday (Veterans Day)
November 25	Cancel
November 30	Program Review Planning Summary Vision for Success/IE Dashboard Institutional Effectiveness Observations
December 9	Continue development of Action Plans for 2021-2022 Board Goals and Priorities
January 13, 2021	Finalize Action Plans for 2021-2022 Governor's Proposed Budget for 2021-2022