



Santa Monica Community College District

District Planning and Advisory Council

MEETING –OCTOBER 28, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. This meeting was conducted via Zoom Conference.

I. Call to Order -3:03 p.m.

II. Members Present

Mike Tuitasi, Administration, Chair Designee
Nate Donahue, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Lisa Rose, 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

Matt Hotsinpiller

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 –October 14, 2020: *Unanimously approved.*

IV. Reports – Nate Donahue reported that the DPAC subcommittee created to discuss videos to inform the college community about DPAC met, and a first draft of a script has been developed. He also reported that he shared the DPAC Quarterly Report with the Academic Senate. The videos and the Quarterly Update will improve communication of DPAC activities with college constituencies.

V. Superintendent/President’s Response to DPAC Recommendations.


The following motion was approved unanimously by DPAC.

It is recommended that the Superintendent/President establish a broadly-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.

Superintendent's Response

I approve the recommendation to create a Task Force. However, I will add that the task force's review and assessment include identifying ways college services and operations were less effective. What operations, programs, services, academic disciplines worked well/better or did not work well/could have worked better. I will identify participants/areas/departments for the task force, objectives/charge, timeline for action/recommendations with fiscal impact.

I have been working on a review strategy and appreciate this recommendation from DPAC.



Superintendent/President

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. The SMC Vote Center in the Pavilion is operational and is going very well.

Chris Bonvenuto reported that the Budget Committee is developing a recommendation on the use of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)-Minority Serving Institution in the amount of \$803,053 to present at the next DPAC meeting.

Nate Donahue reported that there has been less discussion about faculty having access to campus facilities/offices. There has been dialog about getting some office equipment out of the offices for use remotely. A survey will be conducted in the spring to determine what is needed.

2. Academic Senate Goals and Objectives: Nate Donahue provided an overview of the Academic Senate Goals and Objectives, 2020-2021.
 - Close the gap in student outcomes for black and brown students by centering their needs according to the Santa Monica College Equity Plan, and promote a culture of equity in the classroom and workplace in order so that staff will best be able to help Black and Brown students achieve their self-stated goals.
 - Make Santa Monica College the most innovative and equitable provider of high quality Distance Education in the California Community College System.
 - Implement the long-term full-time faculty hiring plan that achieves, in a timely manner, the goal of the 75-25 ratio.
 - Help guide the reorganization of the College Planning Process so that Program Review is firmly connected with the DPAC and budget planning process. Help ensure that Accreditation is a faculty driven process which is grounded in long term planning and committee work. Plan for the future academic and fiscal viability of Santa Monica College in the 2020's.
 - Create a campus wide community of Collegiality, Informed debate and action and joyful camaraderie.

3. Review of Annual Action Plans for 2021-2022: DPAC reviewed three new 2021-2022 Annual Action Plans as follows:
 - ACTION PLAN 1: Reduce racial equity gaps and increase completion of Academic and Career Paths through critical review and revision of each path's required curriculum
 - ACTION PLAN 2: Reduce racial equity gaps in course success for largest gateway courses via professional development in equity-minded teaching practices
 - ACTION PLAN 3: Increase persistence, retention, and completion among racially minoritized students via the SMC GPS (Gateway to Persistence and Success) technology tool

Additional 2021-2022 Annual Action Plans may be submitted related to the Redesign Implementation Team, Student Care Teams and Distance Education.

VIII. Adjournment – 3:53 p.m.

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

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 November 30, 2020.

The agenda will include the following:

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Program Review Planning Summary
3. Vision for Success/IE Dashboard, Institutional Effectiveness Observations