



District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) Quarterly Update July through September 2020

The purpose of this quarterly update on DPAC activities is to provide the Santa Monica College community with a better understanding of the planning process at SMC. As authorized via Board Policy 2515, SMC's institutional planning process – both long term and annual – is coordinated by the District Planning and Advisory Committee (DPAC) and makes recommendations to Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn Jeffery. All college constituent groups (students, faculty, classified staff and administrators) are represented on DPAC. Outlined below is a summary of the activities undertaken by DPAC over the last quarter. If you have questions about the planning process or actions undertaken by DPAC, please contact your constituent group's DPAC representative:

- DPAC Chairs: Jennifer Merlic (Chair Designee) and Nate Donahue (Vice-Chair)
- Academic Senate Representative: Jamar London
- Faculty Association Representatives: Peter Morse and Elaine Roque
- CSEA Representatives: Cindy Ordaz and Dee Upshaw
- Associated Students Representatives: Tafari Alan and Joshua Elizondo
- Administration Representative: Mike Tuitasi
- Management Association Representatives: Christopher Bonvenuto and Dione Carter

[Link to DPAC Website](#)

Summary of DPAC Meetings

For more detailed information, go to [DPAC Meeting Website](#) for minutes of meetings.

July 8, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- 2020-2021 Tentative Budget
- DPAC reviewed the draft [2020-2021 DPAC Scope and Function](#)
- DPAC received and reviewed the [Equal Employment Opportunity Plan](#) developed by SMC Human Resources Subcommittee

July 22, 2020

- DPAC approved the [DPAC Annual Report 2019-2020](#)
- COVID-19 Update
- International Students Update
- DPAC approved the [2020-2021 Annual Action Plans with Fiscal/Budget Committee input](#) to be forwarded to the Superintendent/President

August 26, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- DPAC received responses from the Superintendent/President on the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plans
- [Responses to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plans](#) were reviewed by DPAC
- DPAC had an initial discussion on the development of Annual Action Plans for 2021-2022

September 9, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- [The Information Technology Master Plan for 2020-2025](#) was presented
- DPAC reviewed the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plans to determine if any of them should be carried over to 2021-2022 in some form

September 23, 2020

- COVID-19 Update
- Recommendation: It is recommended that the Superintendent/President establish a Presidential Task Force to assess the positive impacts on the student experience of the COVID-19 remote learning environment. *No action - this item was deferred to the next DPAC meeting.*
- Response to 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan #4: Implement the STEM Area of Interest (AoI), Student Care Teams
- [Accreditation Mid-Term Report](#)
- [2020-2021 Budget Report](#)
- Continue development of 2021-2022 Annual Action Plans: Due by October 28, 2020