



SANTA MONICA COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC  
SENATE  
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

11:15am-12:35pm, Business Building Room 144

[Attendance and Voting Sheets](#)

**I. Call to Order 11:19 am**

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Accept: Jenny Resnick

Second: Stephen Londe

Passed unanimously at 11:21 a.m.

**II. Public Comments**

Alan Buckley announced that Georgia Lorenz will be out of town. Sabbaticals are due Nov. 20 so he will advise applicants to get her signature before the close of business on Wednesday.

**III. Major Items of Business**

**A. Student Success Plan, S. Bradford**

Sherri and Melanie Bocanegra reported on SMC's current activities for student equity, which are tied to African American, Latino, Veteran, disabled and foster students.

New guidelines for measuring student success came down from the Chancellor's office in Aug. 2015. This year all measures have been changed to a percentage point gap. Intervention and student support, including Chemistry/Math Boot Camps, Black Collegians and Adelante research partnership with Loyola Marymount University, the English Academy last summer, restoration of EOPS winter counseling are all important steps. The report will be available online.

**B. Recognition of Contribution, F. Chandler**

Estela Narrie was recognized for her valuable contributions and general helpfulness to our coalition of colleges at the State Senate Plenary session. Our resolution to modify the GE units for the BA degree GE failed, but it was a valiant effort. Fran encouraged senators to attend the Spring Plenary.

**C. [Second Read: AR 4331 Academic Renewal](#), A. Tower**

Motion to approve from Committee

Second: Brenda Antrim

Nos: Andrew Nestler

Abstentions: Janie Jones

Passed at 11:45 a.m.

**D. Second Read: AR 4342 Standards of Student Success Probation & Disqualification, A. Tower**

Questions arose about why SMC 's standard is more stringent than many other colleges.

Motion to table and invite Esau to attend the next meeting: Donna Davis-King

Second: Michael Strathearn

Nos: Brenda Antrim, Lesley Kawaguchi, Andrew Nestler, Alexandra Tower

Passed at 12:01 p.m.

**E. Approval of 2015-2016 Budget, M. Lu, Treasurer**

Fran Chandler and Dalia Cortes met with HR representatives in an attempt to resolve the issues related to the inability of the District to collect about \$600 of contributions from part-time faculty not teaching in the winter session. A discretionary line item was added, because the Senate President needs flexibility for occasional awards, for entertaining Board members, etc. A budget report will be made in the spring.

Motion from Committee

Second: Mitra Moassessi

Passed unanimously at 11:28 p.m.

**F. Resolution Affirming Credit ESL, K. Graziadei**

Correction: add apostrophe after Colleges, in last paragraph. Other committees such as CTE may issue a separate but similar resolution.

Noncredit courses are generally less expensive to offer yet districts are given the same funding for enhanced noncredit courses. Some colleges are losing credit programs. At Plenary, the clause regarding working with the Chancellor's Office was removed.

Motion from Committee

Second: Stephen Londe

Passed unanimously at 12:10 p.m.

**G. Approval of Curriculum Items, G. Davis Del Piccolo**

Motion from Committee  
Second: Nate Donahue  
Nos: Craig Hammond  
Abstentions: Fariba Bolandhemat  
Passed at 12:23 p.m.

**H. Pulled Consent Agenda Items –none**

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**A. [Minutes for November 03, 2015](#)**

**B. [Second Read: AR 4111.7 Enrollment Overlap & Time Conflicts](#), A. Tower**

**C. [Second Read: AR 4440 Field Trips](#), A. Tower**

Motion from Exec to pass all of the above consent items  
Second: Michel Strathearn  
Passed unanimously at 12:25 p.m.

**V. President's Report/Information Items**

**A. Department Chair Election Administrative Regulation in Practice**

Fran reported on a specific department chair election that resulted in a tie vote twice. It was reported that the president appointed another faculty member other than the two on the ballot, but that the AR was followed and the Senate President and the Department were consulted.

**B. ASCCC Resolutions**

Sent to Faculty All via email.

**C. Textbook Adoption Task Force—Call for volunteers**

Michelle Scholefield and Moya Mazorow volunteered. Work to be done by April.

**D. Presidential Search**

Videos of the interviews are now available for viewing at Library.

**E. Other as needed --none**

**VI. Announcements from Floor –none**

**VII. Adjournment 12:37 pm**

**Next scheduled meeting, December 1, 2015, 11:15-12:35, in B144**