

Minutes

ACADEMIC SENATE GENERAL MEETING

April 15, 2025, | Time 3:00-5:00

Flex ID: 36312

[Educational Cultural Complex](#), Room 188, 4343 Ocean View Blvd, San Diego, CA 92113 | In-Person Remote participants: ECC 129 & 186, Cesar Chavez 316

Maria Allan, Esteban Alvarado, David Anton, Nicole Austria, Oscar Aparicio, Linda Bautista, Carol Basilio, John Bromma, Sean Caruana, Ildifonso Carrillo, Elissa Claar, Isabel Cortes, Sheila L. Davis, Marne Foster, Richard Gholson, Tara Gilboy, Ingrid Greenberg, Carla Grossini-Concha, Leah Gualtieri, Aaron Iffland, Arch Ian Sy, Chinazom Iwuaba, Kirsten Lachenmayr, Diana Larsen, Megan Leppert, John Louie, Steve Major, Kelly Metz-Matthews, Eric Miller, Marina Monta, Shirley Pierson, Cat Prindle, Rachel Rose, Kim Salerno, Elizabeth Scanland, Juan Serrano, Linda Schmitz, Casey Simon, Stacy Surwilo, Lee Thompson, Anagit Traganza, Diana Vera-Alba, Jessica Varnado-Swall, Jana Westfall, Richard Weinroth, Becky Wilkins

Zoom Link available by request a minimum of 72 hours prior to meeting: email Senate Secretary

Call to Order

1. Dr. Tina King, President: Invited Presentation (15 minutes)
Discussion Included:
 - Assembly Bill 1433, which aims to equalize categorical funding for non-credit education for services such as disability accommodations and mental health care. The bill, supported by Assemblymember Sharp-Collins, seeks to expand non-credit education funding in CA Ed Code, enabling equitable access to critical services and funding.
 - President King also discussed the faculty hiring prioritization process, which recommended two new positions: one in Welding and one in Business Information Technology. A potential third position was pending. President King stated that the Faculty Hiring and Prioritization process had not changed.
2. Land Acknowledgment [Statement](#) | Alvarado
During the reading, an individual expressed concern that the wording of the statement made them uncomfortable, suggesting that the statement was discriminatory towards white individuals. It was suggested the concerns could be brought to the SDCCE Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism, and Accessibility (DEIAA) Committee. The AS President stated that the statement was a reading and if there was an interest in discussing the language, that the request would need to be agendized.
3. Approval of Agenda | All Motion: M/ Greenberg, S/Bromma, Approved
4. AS Executive Committee Reports

- a. Secretary | Aparicio: No Report
- b. Curriculum Chair | Gholson

Report Included:

Inactive Course Cleanup:

The college has been reviewing courses marked as active which haven't been offered since before 2019. Of approximately 170 such courses, 120 have been updated or removed. This project has been ongoing for a few years and is faculty-led.

CTE Code Alignment:

Career and Technical Education (CTE) program codes updates are underway to ensure accuracy. Program justification and continuance is supported by Labor Market Information (LMI) data.

- c. Treasurer | Surwilo

Travel Reminder

Stacy recommended confirming with her that Senate funds still remain before booking any travel.

- d. Chair of Program Chairs | [Rose](#)

Report Included:

- PD Survey Response Rate: 20% (higher than usual)
- Respondents: Faculty (contract & adjunct), classified professionals, NANCE
- Top barriers to participation: Time, workload, bandwidth, compensation
- Preferred PD Days/Times: Fridays and Mondays; mornings for administrators
- Topics of Interest: Culturally responsive teaching, multilingual learner support
- Next Steps: Data shared with PD Committee for further review
- Survey results: [Report Summary](#)

- e. Vice President | Varnado-Swall

Report Included:

Update on Taser Approval and Campus Safety:

- Last month's discussion focused on the approval or disapproval of Tasers for campus police officers, as well as significant interest in safety incidents and crime reporting.

District Governance Council Meeting Update:

- AS Vice President Varnado-Swall attended DGC in April in place of AS President. Reported AS SDCCE thoughts on District policing and use of Tasers including safety concerns.
- AS Vice President shared that President King had also been working on the safety concerns, particularly those related to the Chavez campus. After the DGC meeting, President King provided the following campus safety updates:

- The district is contracting with an external preferred vendor to support security across all campuses, with a particular focus on Chavez campus.
 - Lieutenant Hughes designed a yellow parking zone for a decoy police vehicle, but the city did not approve this request. However, a police vehicle will be stationed in front of the campus when an additional police vehicle is available. A police bike will also be stationed in front of Chavez during the CSO shift.
- CSO (Campus Safety Officer) Coverage
- More CSO Coverage at Chavez: CSOs will provide expanded coverage at Chavez Monday to Friday until 8:30 PM. Chavez will be the CSO's primary location. CSOs will be deployed to other campuses in case of an emergency.
 - No Campus Safety Coverage Friday-Sunday: Campus safety will no longer be provided at any campus Friday through Sunday. However, a CSO will be stationed at Chavez on Fridays to ensure safety for faculty and students.
 - CSOs will be at special campus events such as health fairs.
- f. President | Weinroth
- Encouraged faculty to attend:
- a. April 18, 2025, Friday 8:30-5pm: [SDCCD's first AI Day](#) at the North City Campus. (Lunch Provided). Register here: <https://bit.ly/InnovAltion2025>
 - b. May 5, 2025, Monday 12:30 – 2:00 SDCCE: ECC: [Faculty Appreciation Event](#)
 - c. June 6, 2025, Friday 5pm: SDCCE Commencement. [Event Flyer](#) and [Eligibility Guide](#)
 - d. April 23-26, he and Jessica will be attending AS Spring Plenary in Irvine, CA
5. SLO Committee Presentation | [SLO Survey](#) | Foster (10 minutes)
- a. [SLO Presentation](#)
 - b. [SLO- video clip](#)
 - c. [SLO - Email](#)
 - d. [SLO Assessment Week 2025](#)
- Report Summary
- Foster overviewed the purpose, value, and process for SLO Assessment. SLOs are based on best practices for SDCCE. Assessment cycle kicks off in the spring.
- Foster encouraged faculty to review their SLOs.
6. March 18, 2025, AS General Meeting [Minutes](#) | All M/Rose, S/Greenberg, Approved.
7. Action Items
- a. Academic Senate Election: President, Vice-President, Treasurer | 2025-2027 SDCCE AS Nominees | [Report](#) | Carillo
Nominees were each given 2 minutes to speak. Here are the [candidate statements](#)
 - b. [Resolution Noncredit AB 1433 \(SDCCE\)](#) and [Resolution to Support AB 1433 \(ASCCC\)](#) | Weinroth M/S/A.

- AB 1433 was presented at the start of the meeting by President Dr. King and reviewed by the AS President
 - Resource links: [AB-1433 Fact Sheet](#); Support Letter [template](#); [The CA Legislature Position Letter Portal](#)
- c. Confirm Faculty Representative for DDESC Committee (2025-2026) | Greenberg |
 - i. Greenberg recommended Johanna Gleason to be the committee representative. M/ Bromma, S/Varnado-Swall, Acclamation
 - d. Proposal for 11th Month Faculty Leadership Funds | [Request for Equitable SDCCE Faculty Leader Support](#) | Greenberg (10 minutes) Motion Postpone M/S/A.
8. Informational Items & Reports
- e. [IEPI Update](#) | Rose (10 minutes)
Rose presented [Key Points PD IEPI](#) update during her Chair of Chairs report.
 - f. Establishing a Collaborative Framework for Resource Requests | Tornsaufer
Creating a structured, transparent approach to Resource Requests to ensure consistency and faculty involvement. (10 minutes) Tornsaufer absent. Motion Postpone M/S/A.
 - g. Technology Committee | [Report](#) | Greenberg
Online Faculty Certification Program (OFCP) Renewal Course and Flex Hours
Greenberg shared that a new 4-module OFCP renewal course is in beta testing. Beta Testers may earn 2 flex hours. Content includes accessibility, legal topics, and effective online teaching. Program chairs are encouraged to share with faculty.
 - h. ASCCC OER Liaison | [Report](#) | Diana Vera-Alba (Time certain: 4:15)
Diana Vera-Alba shared upcoming PD on Open Educational Resources and highlighted a paid student fellowship opportunity focused on textbook affordability and digital equity; applications are due by May 6, and students can contact Marissa Martinez or herself for more info.
 - i. AS Constitution Committee | Surwilo
 - j. AS Distance Education Committee | Varnado-Swall
 - k. AFT Updates | Bromma
 - l. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Antiracism, & Accessibility | [Report](#) | Alvarado
 - m. Professional Development Committee | Grossini-Concha
9. Round Table
10. Upcoming Dates:
- a. Academic Senate General Meeting [Dates](#)
 - b. SDCCE Academic 2024-2025 [Calendar](#)
 - c. SDCCE Master [Calendar](#)
 - d. SDCCD Board of Trustees Meeting [Calendar](#)

11. Motion to Adjourn

To submit an agenda item, please email the agenda item with all necessary documents to both AS President Richard Weinroth rweinroth@sdccd.edu and AS Secretary Oscar Aparicio oaparicio@sdccd.edu at least one week prior to the next SDCCE Academic Senate Meeting.

Academic Senate Priorities

1. **Enhance Communication**
Foster stronger collaboration between the Academic Senate, SDCCE Administration, and Classified Professionals by implementing transparent, consistent, and accessible communication processes.
2. **Amplify Faculty Representation**
Strengthen faculty voice and influence within college and district participatory governance structures to ensure diverse perspectives are heard and valued.
3. **Increase Faculty Engagement**
Actively encourage and support faculty participation in all participatory committees and decision-making processes to promote shared governance and accountability.
4. **Ensure Constitutional Relevance**
Conduct regular reviews of the Academic Senate Constitution to ensure it reflects current practices, priorities, and the evolving needs of faculty and the institution.

Resource links

- AFT Adjunct Shared Governance: Committee Service [Payment Form](#)
- AFT [Licensure/Certification Reimbursement Form](#)
- Academic Senate Travel and Conference [Forms](#)
- SDCCE Updated [Travel Resource Links](#)
- SDCCE Shared Governance 2023 [Handbook](#)
- Committee Report [Template](#)
- Committees List and Membership [Directory](#)
- Institutional Important Dates 2024-2025 [Calendar](#)
- July 2022 – July 2029 [SDCCE Strategic Plan](#)
- November 2021 [CE Academic Senate Constitution](#)
- CE Re-branding Resources, Zoom backgrounds, and Email Signature [Webpage](#)
- Faculty Association of California Community Colleges [View and Track Legislation](#)
- The Past, Present, and Future of Noncredit Education in California (Nov. 2016) [Report](#)

Academic and Professional Matters ([10+1](#)):*

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites.	6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles.
2. Degree and certificate requirements.	7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes.
3. Grading policies.	8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
4. Educational program development.	9. Processes for program review.

5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.	10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
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11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.

(*) SDCCD Board of Trustees Policy [AP 2510](#) ~ The Board shall rely primarily on advice of the Academic Senate as the representative of the faculty body on matters 2-7 & 10, and reach mutual agreement on matters 1, 8, 9, and 11.

Academic Senate Executive Committee:

[Richard Weinroth](#) President \ [Jessica Varnado-Swall](#) Vice President \ [Rachel Rose](#) Chair of Chairs \ [Richard Gholson](#) Curriculum Chair \ [Stacy Surwilo](#) Treasurer \ [Oscar Aparicio](#) Secretary

Acronyms: AFT = American Federation of Teachers; APC = Assistance Program Chair; AS = Academic Senate; CE or SDCE = San Diego Continuing Education; DE = Distance Education; DGC = District Governance Council; EGC = Executive Governance Council; EXEC = Academic Senate Executive Committee; M/S/P = Motioned, Seconded, and Passed; PC = Program Chair; SDCCD = San Diego Community College District; VP = Vice President