

**Minutes**

**ACADEMIC GENERAL MEETING**

January 21, 2025, | Time 3:00-5:00

Flex ID: 36178

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

Oscar Aparicio, Nicole Austria, Lee Blackmore, John Bromma, Sean Caruana, Kirsten Lachenmayr, Diana Larsen, Kirsten Lollis, Carolyn McGavock, Steve Major, Kelly Metz-Matthews, Eric Miller, William Olmstead, Kenny Parker, Shirley Pierson, Reem Putrus, Kim Salerno, Juan Serrano, Stacy Surwilo, Lee Thompson, Claudia Tornsauer, Anagit Traganza, Jessica Varnado-Swall, Richard Weinroth, Becky Wilkins, Caroline Gonzalez, Ingrid Greenberg, Aaron Iffland, Tara Gilboy, Richard Golson, and Marne Foster

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

**Called to Order**

1. Land Acknowledgment [Statement](#) | Alvarado
2. Approval of Agenda | All –

Two additional items added:

1. Windfall Elimination Provision (Lachenmayr).

2. Committee Membership (Jessica Varnado-Swall).

Agenda approved with additions. 1<sup>st</sup> Sean and 2<sup>nd</sup> Claudia

3. Approval of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 AS General Meeting [Minutes](#) | All  
Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Kenny and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Varnado-Swall
4. Action Items
5. Informational Items & Reports

- a. SD Advance Initiative: Noncredit and Credit Alignment | [SD Advance](#) | Weinroth  
Shared details about a new website facilitating student transitions from non-credit to credit courses.
- b. Tenure Promotion Review Committee (TPRC): | Weinroth  
Weinroth outlined TPRC's role in ensuring procedural compliance for tenure and promotion packets.  
No decisions are made by the committee; its role is oversight and fairness  
First-year SDCCE TPRC went smoothly. Weinroth thanked all chairs and especially Stacy Surwilo for shepherding the process.
- c. Manager Screening Committee Composition [AP 4200.6 Proposed Revision](#) Update  
Update provided on AP 4200.6 revisions presented to District Governance Council.
- d. Technology Committee | [Report](#) | Greenberg
  - i. HyFlex Professional Development schedule  
HyFlex survey discussed; faculty urged to participate.

Training schedule shared for campuses (Mid City, North City, ECC).  
Standardization of hybrid classrooms emphasized.

- A. ASCCC OER Liaison | Diana Vera-Alba | [Report](#)
- B. AS Constitution Committee | | Surwilo
- C. AFT Updates: | Bromma
- D. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Antiracism, & Accessibility (DEIAA) Committee | Alvarado
- E. SLO Committee | Foster
- F. Professional Development Committee | Grossini-Concha
- G. Windfall Elimination Provision Lachenmayr

Overview of potential changes through the Social Security Fairness Act

- H. Committee membership Varnado-Swall

**Motion:** Adjust meeting times for ARC Committee to accommodate faculty schedules to host Meetings after 1 PM. Motion to Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> Ingrid 2<sup>nd</sup> John

**Motion:** To provide reassigned time for co-chairs and tri-chairs serving on governance committees of a minimum 0.1 reassignment time for each faculty that serves.

Motion to Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ingrid

## 2. AS Executive Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum Chair | Gholson
- b. Secretary | Aparicio
- c. Treasurer | Surwilo
- d. Chair of Program Chairs | McGavock
- e. Vice President | Varnado-Swall
- f. President | Weinroth

## 6. Round Table

Roundtable Reports

Counseling Department:

Workshop series on scholarships, educational planning, and transitioning to college announced.

Virtual Welcome Center:

Updates shared on online student support services. I Greenberg

Faculty Acknowledgments:

Gratitude expressed for faculty participation in SLO assessments. I Foster

## 7. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Academic Senate General Meeting [Dates](#)
- b. SDCCE Academic 2024-2025 [Calendar](#)
- c. SDCCE Master [Calendar](#)
- d. SDCCE Important Dates 23-24 [Calendar](#)
- e. SDCCD Board of Trustees Meeting [Calendar](#)

## 8. 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](mailto:rweinroth@sdccd.edu) and AS Secretary Oscar Aparicio [oaparicio@sdccd.edu](mailto: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

- Land Acknowledgment Statement [Link](#)
- Academic Senate Travel and Conference [Forms](#)
- SDCCE Shared Governance [Handbook](#)
- Committee Report [Template](#)
- Committees List and Membership [Directory](#)
- July 2022 – July 2029 [SDCCE Strategic Plan](#)
- November 2021 [CE Academic Senate Constitution](#)
- CE Re-branding Resources, Zoom backgrounds, and Email Signature (Communications and Creative Services) [Webpage](#)
- Faculty Association of California Community Colleges [View and Track Legislation](#)
- The Past, Present, and Future of Noncredit Education in California [Report](#)

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

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites.</li> <li>2. Degree and certificate requirements.</li> <li>3. Grading policies.</li> <li>4. Educational program development.</li> <li>5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles.</li> <li>7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes.</li> <li>8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.</li> <li>9. Processes for program review.</li> <li>10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.</li> </ol>
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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 \ [Carolyn McGavock](#) 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