

# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## President's Cabinet

October 1, 2024 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

### 2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: President Ashanti Hands gave the following updates:  
1) Governor Newsome has signed/not signed different Senate Bills (SB). SB 895 – the Baccalaureate degree for the Nursing pilot program, did not pass. It was disappointing after all the advocacy and support in legislation. Governor Newsome stated he would put a pause on SB 895 and encouraged us to work within existing structures that allow us to partner with a 4-year or other institutions and focus on the independent programs that we are able to offer through our baccalaureate degrees. Dr. Hands stated the work will continue.

SB 1348 – the State Bill to create the nation's first state designation recognizing Black-Serving Institutions passed and will go into effect January 2025. To be eligible, the College must have at least a 10% population of Black students or 1,500 students. IE Dean Hoang stated we have about 2,000 black students (per year). The institution must also have a Black student success program (which Mesa College has), demonstrate the resources that will be used to ensure the student success plan can be implemented, certify a commitment to address Black and African American student success, and submit key performance indicators of Black student success the school will achieve during the designation period.

2) A group of faculty and administrators attended a Dreamscape Learn webinar – this is about virtual reality and things that they are doing at Arizona State University. There are opportunities for us to explore with them; we are planning to send a team of 24 people – throughout the District - to Arizona State University. As we get more information on how those teams will be developed, we will let everyone know so that we get faculty participation. In this week's *Weekly Updates from Prez Hands* we will include a link to the webinar.

3) The State Chancellor's office sent an email on AI Professional Learning Community "Playlab" – AI and UC Berkeley School of Education. They are looking for faculty, classified professionals, and administrators who want to engage with "Playlab". This is an AI-powered platform that allows users to create tailored solutions that will support students' needs, enhance educational outcomes, and support administrative efforts. This information will be shared in the *Weekly Updates*. There is no cost to participate.

4) VC Fischthal will host some AI Lounges which will be set up like Office Hours. Information will be sent via

Ashanti T. Hands, President

<p>email.</p> <p>5) Last week information was shared on testing and licensing fees that are covered through a program called <i>Ready to Work</i>. The Mesa College Allied Health programs and programs throughout the District have been key in helping to secure funds and establish a process so that our students will be eligible. Students who graduate from these programs have to pay testing and license fees, which run between \$250 - \$1,200. This is a reimbursement program so students are able to take the exams and then get reimbursed for their fees.</p> <p>6) Chancellor's Forum was held on September 24, 2024 – thank you to all that attended.</p> <p>7) VPI Isabel O'Connor will be returning to the campus tomorrow. Thank you to Linda Hensley and Monica Romero for their service and support.</p>	
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**3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE**

<p>a) Associated Students: Zora Williams, Associated Students President, gave the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Thank you for everyone that attended the Pep Rally last Wednesday.</li> <li>2) AS is now focusing on Hunger and Homelessness Week as well as the Thanksgiving Feast.</li> </ol>	<p>Zora Williams, President</p>
<p>b) Classified Senate: Ayana Woods, Classified Senate President, stated that they have sent out a call for committees who are seeking classified representation. Your committee can respond to Alison Mona.</p>	<p>Ayana Woods, President</p>
<p>c) Academic Senate: Andrew Hoffman, Academic Senate President, gave the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) President Hands attended the last Senate meeting and answered questions.</li> <li>2) The Senate needs to fill some faculty seats on committees. VP Veronica Gerace is working on this to get all of the spaces filled.</li> </ol>	<p>Andrew Hoffman, President</p>

**4) Institutional Reports**

<p>a) SDCCD 2024 Bond Measure: Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President of Administrative Services, presented on the SDCCD 2024 Bond Measure. Mesa College is sharing information about what the Bond Measure HH could mean for our campus. The Bond Measure would provide \$3.5 billion for facilities at all of the campuses and the District Office. The District has a group that is working on an offsite, nonpartisan, non-employee-run group that is campaigning for HH. Mesa College is ready to share our story and what a potential Bond could mean for us. VPA Legaspi shared a set of signs/posters and reminded all that as employees we cannot say whether or not to vote or which way to vote for our Bond, but we</p>	<p>Lorenze Legaspi, VP, Administrative Services Building Better Futures – Bond “Did You Know” Graphics: <a href="https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Building_Better_Futures_Did_you_Know_Bond_Graphics_10-1-24_Pcab.pdf">https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Building_Better_Futures_Did_you_Know_Bond_Graphics_10-1-24_Pcab.pdf</a></p>
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can say what it would mean for us. Six different graphics were presented and all can copy and paste these to your social media accounts; lawn signs can also be requested if you leave within the City of San Diego. VPA Legaspi stated to look for an email tomorrow.

Also, during election season we support *Get Out the Vote* and stress the importance of civic engagement. Austin Barraza helped create a series of events for our Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan. There is a Canvas page the faculty can distribute that states “Your Voice, Your Vote” and it gives information on Measure HH. This plan includes holding micro-sessions for faculty, staff, and students on Zoom. More information to be provided.

b) Single Sign-on Multi-factor Authentication (MFA): Acting Dean of Student Development, Cynthia Rico, presented on the Single Sign-on MFA. She met with the team in Admissions/Records who discussed their challenges with students who are facing difficulties in either signing on to Canvas or signing on to their portal. Students who have no mobile media are given a fob – called a safe token – but it takes a long time for them to receive that fob. The Admissions team asked for training on how to reset the MFA explaining they were receiving IT Help tickets and then they have to decipher if the student needs help to reset the password for the portal, or, do they need help to reset their MFA. Associate VC Peter Maharaj and the IT Director asked to meet with them and they discussed the delay in getting the key fobs. Cynthia stated they gave Associate VC Maharaj a list of eight staff from Admissions to receive training to reset the password to the portal and the MFA. The team of eight plus Director Fierro and Michael Davis will be trained tomorrow. They also asked if they could receive training to reset the key fob – but instead, the two Mesa College techs will program those key fobs so the turn-around time should be much shorter. Cynthia stated ERP single sign-on for classes will occur this November. Associate VC Maharaj will return on October 17 and meet with the same Admissions team to discuss the projected plan to ensure access to the SDCCD portal and also the possibility of creating a “tech bar” on the Student Services first floor to help students who need support with technology. Students can be directed to Admissions who will reset their email password. Cynthia will ask Communications department to help get this information out by October 7 to the students/campus.

c) Dual Enrollment Strategic Plan: Dean Linda Hensley and Professor Gina Abbiate presented the Dual Enrollment Strategic Plan process and the five strategic priorities of Effective Processes and Infrastructure, Partnerships, Fiscal Integrity, Excellence in Teaching, and Students. The effective processes and infrastructure

Cynthia Rico, Acting Dean, Student Development

Linda Hensley, Dean Humanities  
Gina Abbiate, Math Professor/CCAP Coordinator  
Dual Enrollment Strategic Plan 2024-2030:  
[https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/DE\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_2024-2030.pdf](https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/DE_Strategic_Plan_2024-2030.pdf)

included a Dual Enrollment Goal, Strategic Objectives, and College-wide Progress Measures (aligned with the 2030 Plan).

## 5) OPERATIONS

a) Instructional Updates / Mesa Pathways: Acting VPI, Monica Romero, gave the following updates:

- 1) We are at week 7; productivity is at 15.5% (highest in District) and headcount is 20,388. The second 8-week enrollment is going well with a 97% fill rate | 18.95%.
- 2) They are developing the intersession and spring schedule. The schedules are going live on October 16, 2024. Registration opens on November 4.
- 3) TAOs (tentative assignment offers) will be released on Monday.
- 4) Mesa Pathways: Student Success Coaches – fall to fall retention rates with students in the Mesa Success Coaches program is 76% compared to 54% for non-coached students. Shout out to Ian Duckles for his leadership and Nancy Cortés for her work for the data dashboards. *Full report of Mesa Pathways on President's Cabinet Documents webpage.*
- 5) Catalog review for 2025-2026; please make sure all are reviewing your sections – it is due October 3, 2024.
- 6) Associated Students held a great Homecoming event. Mesa football team won 40-14 against Grossmont. Mesa has a 4-0 record, ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the State, and 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Women's volleyball is also ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the State; Men's/Women's cross-country is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in the State, respectively.
- 7) Upcoming instructional events:  
Art Gallery – Beatles exhibit  
Theatre Company presenting Defying Gravity  
Hispanic Heritage Month is ongoing through Oct. 16  
Culinary Dinners: Wed./Thurs. nights  
AANAPISI week events led by Leland Simpliciano

b) Student Services Updates: Vice President of Student Services, Larry Maxey, gave the following updates:

- 1) Shout out to Dean Leticia Diaz, Acting Dean Cynthia Rico, and Dean Vicki Miller for supporting the VPSS office last week while Larry was on vacation.
- 2) Signing of the Black Student Service Institution is going to be huge for Mesa College and for institutions in California to be able to support our African American students in meaningful ways – similar to what we have seen with HSI.
- 3) VPSS Maxey appreciated the collaborated nature of the Admissions and Director Fierro's area on the single sign-on MFA issues and solutions.
- 4) CAL ISERS are being loaded for production for our Dream Act applicants. We have uploaded 221 Mesa Dream Act applications this week.
- 5) Mesa College will be hosting the California Association of Black School Educators' conference

Monica Romero, Acting VPI  
Mesa Pathways Committee Report:  
[https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Mesa\\_Pathways\\_Report\\_10.1.24.pdf](https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Mesa_Pathways_Report_10.1.24.pdf)

Larry Maxey, VPSS

attendees on November 7 with a discussion on C-CAP, Dual Enrollment.

6) Shout out to Leland Simpliciano and Trish Guevarra who coordinated the Stop AAPI Hate event. Thank you for your hard work.

c) Administrative Services Updates: Vice President of Administrative Services, Lorenze Legaspi, shared the following updates:

- 1) The Wellness Walkabout will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all to connect with our campus and each other. A flyer has been sent via email or you may contact the Administration office at [ccannock@sdccd.edu](mailto:ccannock@sdccd.edu).
- 2) College Technology Requests: Deadline for intersession and spring 2025 are October 21, 2024.
- 3) Open enrollment: the enrollment period is October 17-31, 2024 for all to review their benefits. If you have not evaluated your healthcare needs and the insurance plan which would best meet your needs, please review your coverage options.
- 4) Spirit of Mesa will be held on October 25, 2024 at the Quad. Lorenze will be the Master of Ceremonies.
- 5) Safety Fair: Scheduled for October 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Quad. Information will be in the Weekly Updates by Prez Hands.

d) Institutional Effectiveness: Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Hai Hoang, gave the following updates:

- 1) Kick-off for Program Review and Outcomes Assessment was held on September 6, 2024 – a link was provided for all to view the slides (see the IE handout document link for additional information).
- 2) We are currently in a training period through December 2, 2024.
- 3) ACCJC Compliance: One year from now is the deadline to submit our report to ACCJC; Dean Hoang states we will be sending it earlier – by September 2025. A meeting will be held today via Zoom following this meeting for those interested in participating in the work for ACCJC compliance.

Lorenze Legaspi, VP, Administrative Services  
Administrative Services Updates:

[https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Admin\\_Services\\_10-1-24.pdf](https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Admin_Services_10-1-24.pdf)

Hai Hoang, Dean Institutional Effectiveness  
IE Update:

[https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/IE\\_Update\\_Pcab\\_10012024.pdf](https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/IE_Update_Pcab_10012024.pdf)

All-Campus Events:

10/25/24: SD Mesa College – Spirit of Mesa Celebrating 60 Years of Impact, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mesa Quad

11/7/24: BOT Meeting at SD Mesa College, 4:00 p.m. Mesa Presentation; 5:00 Regular Business Meeting, MC 211 A/B

12/4/24: Holiday Reception, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

**Fall 2024 Semester Pcab Meetings: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19 (Pcab Retreat), 12/3**

\*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

9/3/24: Principles of Community (L. Maxey)

9/17/24: SDCCD Adopted Budget 2024-2025 (L. Legaspi), Spotlight AANAPISI (L. Simpliciano)

10/1/24: Dual Enrollment Strategic Plan (L. Hensley), Single Sign-On MFA (C. Rico), 2024 Bond Measure (L. Legaspi)

10/15/24: Library Update (L. Burgert); Safety Fair (J. Collins, M. Fay); DEIA Discussion Guide (H. Hoang, J. Sundayo)

11/5/24: First Reading – ESCALA Quince Committee (T. Parsons)

11/19/24: Retreat

12/3/24: Second Reading – ESCALA Quince Committee (T. Parsons); Common Course Numbering (I. O'Connor)

Note: The President's Cabinet full agendas with notes will be processed following each meeting and posted on the President's at: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/cabinet-documents.shtml>