

# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## President's Cabinet

December 5, 2023 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | LRC 435

<b>1) CALL TO ORDER: Ashanti Hands, President</b>	
<b>2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT</b>	
<p>a) District and Campus Updates: President Ashanti Hands shared the following updates:</p> <p>1) Congratulations to the Mesa athletics program for successes such as the women's volleyball CCCAA state championship, as well as men's volleyball, women's basketball, and men's football winning the Strawberry Bowl.</p> <p>2) The SDCCD Chancellor search is now down to three finalists. Site visits are occurring today and the committee hopes to announce the final candidate before the December 14, 2023 BOT meeting.</p> <p>3) SDCCD seeks to become a "living wage" District to finalize an agreement to raise the minimum salaries in our District to meet the living wage estimates for the San Diego region. The proposed minimum hourly salary for all contract employees is at least \$30.00 per hour; short-term, temporary workers minimum hourly rate to be at least \$22.00 per hour. This will help every employee in our District afford to live in San Diego and also puts our values into action. A full announcement will be made from the District office.</p> <p>4) Uriel Ornelas was recognized for holding the French Job Career Fair. 30+ employers participated and the event had over 225 attendees which was noted to be larger than the fair held by UCLA.</p> <p>5) The Holiday Reception will be held tomorrow.</p>	<p>Ashanti Hands, President</p>
<b>3) STANDING REPORTS - GOVERNANCE</b>	
<p>a) Associated Students: Associated Students President Ixchel Diaz shared the following updates:</p> <p>1) The Associated Students is working on the legislative retreat for student leaders to include workshops.</p> <p>2) AS will have a table in the LRC during finals week to provide snacks and treats for students during finals.</p>	<p>Ixchel Valencia Diaz, President</p>
<p>b) Classified Senate: Class Senate Acting President Ayana Woods shared the following updates:</p> <p>1) Ayana thanked all who participated in their fundraiser; 220 orders and funding will go to the classified professionals scholarships.</p> <p>2) This month they will have a volunteer opportunity for the Children's Center. They will send an email asking for supply donations.</p> <p>President Hands thanked Ayana for serving as Acting President this semester and was gifted a Mesa College jacket.</p>	<p>Ayana Woods, Acting President</p>

<p>c) Academic Senate: Academic Senate President Andrew Hoffman shared the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Andrew missed the last Pcab meeting while participating in the Chancellor’s search.</li> <li>2) The Statewide fall plenary was held a few weeks ago; 26 resolutions were passed. Most of the resolutions were non-controversial. There were resolutions about things that are already being done in our District. One resolution that did not pass which may be brought back the desire to link attendance and grading again. The State Chancellor made an appearance at the plenary and spoke on climate change and an emphasis on the environment.</li> <li>3) At their AS meeting, they passed the Generative AI report that was created by the Academic Affairs Committee. Also approved was the new local GE requirements.</li> <li>4) At their AS meeting they debated a resolution that was tabled which will go back to the author to be reworded. This resolution is to support Jewish faculty on campus and have more of a presence in DEI. Three students spoke during the public comments portion and Andrew was impressed by how they conducted themselves and they comments and felt the discussions were a positive experience and looks forward to seeing the revised resolution.</li> <li>5) AS will be offering three \$500 student scholarships in spring 2024.</li> </ol>	<p>Andrew Hoffman, President</p>
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**4) Spotlight on Illuminating Paths**

<p>Sustainable Food Futures and Strengthening Our Roots. The presentation highlights included grant updates, spring 2023 cohort researchers. expanded food sovereignty through TerraMesa and Garden 31, and fall 2023 activities.</p>	<p>Waverly Ray, Professor, Geography Paula Cantú, SD Mesa College student / intern</p> <p>Presentation: <a href="https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Sustainable_Food_Futures_presentation_Pcab12-5-23.pdf">https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Sustainable_Food_Futures_presentation_Pcab12-5-23.pdf</a></p>
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**5) OPERATIONS**

<p>a) Instructional Updates: Vice President of Instruction, Isabel O’Connor, shared the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The French Job Fair was amazing and Dr. O’Connor enjoyed hearing French being spoken and Uriel and Katlin did a great job.</li> <li>2) Yesterday work-based learning student projects were on display.</li> <li>3) Katie Palacios announced that M.O.S.T. is expanding and will have two new coaches who will start in the spring: Jason Kalchik (English) and Tonya Hall (Philosophy).</li> <li>4) The M.E.S.A. Project Activity Manager, Robert Monroy, will begin this Friday.</li> <li>5) This Thursday will be the last Task Force meeting</li> </ol>	<p>Isabel O’Connor, VP, Instruction</p>
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(AB-11). The final report will be sent to the field early in 2024.

6) Enrollment: Intersession is very strong, 213 FTES was initially planned, they are currently at 300 FTES as of today. Mesa College short-term courses do very well.

Spring enrollment was just opened; the drop for non-payment will be January 15, 2024. Dr. O'Connor and the Deans will be looking at what happens following the drops and course decisions that will need to be made.

Next year, District allocation for FTEF and FTES target. We are engaging in the process earlier than usual but the emergency allocation and hold-harmless will be going away and now we are going to see a reduction in our FTEF allocation. To clarify this information, in the past we have received 905 FTEF as our annual allocation. We have not had as much demand as in the past and our actual FTEF usage is around the 860 mark. Right now will have a little more than that loaded; the District has proposed as FTEF allocation for next year is 833; which is a reduction of 73 (but in actuality, because we were not using all of the FTEF allocation, it is a smaller reduction). This year, for every single term, Mesa College earned a higher returns of FTES than projected (2-2.5% above the projection). The projection based on how we have performed, for this spring, which is usually smaller, if spring follows Dr. O'Connor's projection, we will be about 490 FTES for the year, which is above what the District asked Mesa to do. The original FTES target for Mesa was 12,012, for spring we project to be at 12,500. President Hands has been advocating for us to more FTES because our projections show that we will earn above the target. Isabel stated they had a two-hour Deans' Council meeting this morning and focused on how to proceed as a College to address these issues.

Dr. Hands stated she appreciated the advocacy from Isabel and working with the Deans and how closely they all monitor this work so that we can make a compelling argument to get an adjustment. This will be presented next week at Chancellor's Cabinet. Acting Chancellor Greg Smith will be invited to attend an Administrators' meeting.

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

- 1) Dean Leticia Diaz introduced the new Director of EOPS, Karla Trutna.
- 2) Dean Diaz shared they are several activities and events for different programs for the end-of-year. Flyers for these will be sent via email to the campus.
- 3) VPSS Maxey shared that the fall drops report which has all of the student drops within the portal to help address the student needs moving forward to try to

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impact some of the reasons the students are dropping classes. The data included there were more than 13,000 drops; the class dropped the most as English 101 (466 students dropped 497 courses). Among the various modalities: 49% of those classes dropped were online; 44% in-person, and 7% hybrid. The #1 reason was “enrolled in a different course”, the #2 reason was “other” – 2,300 students selected this reason. #3 was “scheduling conflicts” (2,100 students), #4 “a better time found” (1,100 students), #5 was “family personal commitments” (1,047 students), #6 “job” (999 students), #7 was “course was too challenging” (753), #8 “financial hardships (722). They will work with this data to get more fields so that students who chose “other” can be more precise so that the reason may be something that can be addressed.

4) VPSS Maxey thanked Deans Ailene Crakes, Vicki Miller, and Leticia Diaz for a great semester.

c) Administrative Services Updates: Vice President of Administrative Services, Lorenze Legaspi, shared that the WIFI rollout is about halfway complete; Android users have had difficulty logging in. The work should be completed this month for all access points.

d) Accreditation / Program Review: Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Hai Hoang, shared the following updates:

1) Program Review: Yesterday was the due date for the draft Program Review from the lead writers who should now let their manager know they are ready for review. The manager feedback period is December 5 – January 12 (a training will be held December 8); and final edits must be made by February 5, 2024. February 5 is the strict deadline, at that time, the Resource Committees will be doing their prioritization processes.

2) Accreditation: The ACCJC Visiting Team has responded to inquiries. Draft 1 is due next Monday.

e) Mesa Pathways Committee (MPC): MPC Co-chair Marisa Alioto shared the following updates:

1) At the beginning of this semester there was discussion on acquiring Program Mapper and that is still in the planning for the upcoming semester. Mesa Pathways will present at Pcab early next semester about what is next to implement the Program Mapper. They will also have updates on some of the outcomes of the Mesa Success Coaches.

f) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Updates: Dean of Student Success and Equity, Leticia Diaz, shared the following updates:

1) The Kickoff for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is January 31, 2024, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Mesa Quad. The Music Department will open up for us at 9:45 a.m. and activities will be held through 1:00 p.m. to include a Resource Fair.

Lorenze Legaspi, VP, Administrative Services

Hai Hoang, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness

Marisa Alioto, Howard Eskew, MPC Co-Chairs

Leticia Diaz, Dean, Student Success & Equity

2) There will be a specific website to list additional events.

Calendar:

12/6/23: Holiday Reception, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

1-31-24: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff event, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Mesa Quad

**Dates for the 2024 Spring Semester President’s Cabinet meetings:**

February 6, February 20, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7 (Retreat), May 21

Contact Sara Beth Cain at [scain@sdccd.edu](mailto:scain@sdccd.edu) to schedule a Committee presentation at the 2024 Spring Semester President’s Cabinet meetings.

**Fall 2023 Semester 2023 Pcab Meetings: 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 11/7, 11/14 (Pcab Retreat), 12/5**

\*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

9/5/23: SD Mesa College Technology Plan (D. Fierro); New Classified Institute (E. Parrill, T. Le, J. Park, D. Di Pierro)

9/19/23: AANHPI- SAP (Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program ( A. Crakes);  
New Test Proctoring Center (L. Diaz, E. Higginbotham); Spotlight: Affinity Space Process (L. Legaspi)

10/3/23: HSI Grant (T. Parsons); Strong Workforce (A. Berry); Spotlight: Zero Textbook Cost/Degree Pathways/Grants (L. Burgert)

10/17/23: CCAP (L. Hensley, G. Abbiate); Spotlight: Treobytes Summer Camp; Innovation Grants (K. Stellmacher)

11/7/23: Creating Space in the LRC (M. Manasse); Mesa’s Online Success Team MOST (K. Palacios); Spotlight: Child Dev. Center and Enrollment Updates (C. Gosser)

11/14/23: Retreat, 2:15 – 5:00 p.m. Special Guests – FamilyU Executive Visit (J. Aleman)

12/5/23: Spotlight: Strengthening Our Roots and Sustainable Food Futures grants (W. Ray)

Spotlight on Equity and Excellence presentations may be view at the Mesa College YouTube Channel at:

<https://youtu.be/q95DGNu2ZZM>

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