

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

President's Cabinet

February 4, 2025 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

1) CALL TO ORDER: Ashanti Hands, President

2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: President Ashanti Hands gave the following updates:

1) The Chancellor sent an email on January 29, 2025 on the recent developments in the Federal Government that address Title IX, Executive Order recognizing two sexes, Federal immigration enforcement, and Federal funding uncertainty. A special Cabinet meeting was called to update our policy to be very clear on communications to the colleges. Changes were made to AP 3415 to designate the Chancellor and General Counsel as the only two individuals that could respond to a subpoena or warrant should there be activity on campuses related to immigration enforcement. Dr. Hands stated we have California law and board policies that state that educational institutions are non-participants in these types of activities. Clarification in this policy also states that immigration officers cannot intimidate and that employees can call college police if they are being harassed. Also, employees that release information can be subject to discipline, including termination. Information cards with the message of non-participation in immigration enforcement have been printed and will be distributed for employees to have a written statement to read to immigration officers. The District is sending additional information and the chancellor has recorded a video.

2) The District Office and Chancellor's Cabinet have been reviewing all of the Federal grants; SDCCD has built up a healthy general fund and reserve and there would be commitment to protect those programs and services that have been federally funded until at least the remainder of the year.

3) Vice Chancellor Susan Topham will be notifying students with the above information.

4) Federal data access: the government is shutting down a lot of the data sites but we are not using Federal data from their sites so we have access to our information. Dr. Hands noted that CCC Apply collects gender information and if it was subpoenaed we would have to turn that information over.

There is discussion on what we do with that information for undocumented students and employees; the information is a snapshot of a point-in-time and it is not updated so we would never be able to state we have an accurate list. We are being mindful of the information we collect. There will be conversations with the Pride leads and Dreamer leads; some students may not want to go into spaces where they may be identified and there is discussion on creating other safe spaces and means of communicating that information.

5) President Hands' attended the Legislative Conference, California Community College League, including student trustee Zora Williams. SDICCCA spoke to the legislators and main talking points were:

Access and push for 1.5 enrollment growth and to cover last year's enrollment growth,
Importance of investing in Strong Workforce and the categorical groups not receiving COLA,
Deferred maintenance and instructional equipment,
Student Success, basic needs, housing,
Student Support and institutional resiliency block grant,

Ashanti Hands, President

Data integrity especially to eliminate fraudulent student activity,
 50% Law that should be updated to account for the role of counselors and librarians.
 6) New policy for District List Serves: there are hundreds of DLs for SDCCD. An approval system will be established for the campus-wide DL for Mesa College. All would submit the DL they want to send to the Mesa campus and then five individuals has been identified that will serve as approvers. If approved, the DL is sent as is. If denied, there is a list of reasons why it was denied (such as file too large, DL notice is not related to campus.) The process for DLs to Mesa groups (such as Academic Senate) will not be reviewed. This is expected to go live on March 1, 2025. DLs to Mesa College should be sent at least 24 hours in advance to allow for the review time. It was suggested to include accessibility training, such as images having text description. Dr. Hands stated that this is a group of the Information Officer, Anabell Pulido, to make sure the Mesa community is in compliance with accessibility.
 7) Commencement will be held Friday, May 30, 2025, 2:00 p.m. Email has been sent to faculty and administrators' which is to RSVP and/or if you need regalia before the deadline of March 17, 2025

3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE

a) Associated Students: Associated Students President, Zora Williams, gave the following updates:
 1) AS met on January 28, 2025 for a student leadership retreat at Marina Village.
 2) AS is holding a pop-in for popcorn in the Quad during Welcome Week, 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
 3) Zora will be going to Washington, D.C. next week, February 9 – 12, 2025 to speak with legislative and assembly members.

Zora Williams, President

b) Classified Senate: Classified Senate President, Ayana Woods, gave the following updates:
 1) Ayana shared it was a wonderful Convocation. CS hosted a session to get to know each other and what their job is on campus.
 2) CS will hold their first meeting next week.
 3) Classified Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B. A save-the-date will be sent to the campus.

Ayana Woods, President

c) Academic Senate: Academic Senate President, Andrew Hoffman, gave the following updates:
 1) AS has not met yet; Executive officers will meet on February 10, and then AS will meet on February 24. A big push is outcomes and getting the word out and help to people/departments/programs and emphasize that the time is now to get that work completed.
 2) AS has upcoming elections.
 3) AS has a taser resolution that was tabled and it will come back.

Andrew Hoffman, President

4) Institutional Reports

<p>a) Grant Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Our Roots (San Diego Foundation-funded, ended December 2024) • Sustainable Food Futures (USDA-funded, SDSU subaward, year 3 of 4) • SEEDS Scholars: Awareness, Preparation, and Training Program (USDA-funded, year 1 of 4) • Climate Literacy @ Mesa (National Audubon Society-funded, semester 2 of 2) • Garden Manager (Block grant-funded, ends June 30, 2025) <p>b) HSI E-3 Curriculum Work Group: Success of AB 1705 Advocacy Effort</p> <p>c) Accreditation Update: Dean Hai Hoang distributed a handout with the timelines for BARC/CHP/FHP, requirements for the ACCJC compliance and status of 2/4/25, and the ACCJC Outcomes overall timeline.</p>	<p>Waverly Ray, Professor, Geography Grant Updates Presentation: https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Grant_Updates_2-4-25_Pcab.pdf</p> <p>Paula Gustin, Donna Budzynski, Juan U. Bernal HSI E-3 Curriculum Faculty Work Group Lead Faculty https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/AB1705_Advocacy_Efforts.pdf</p> <p>Hai Hoang, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/IE_UPDATE_Pcab_2-4-25.pdf</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"> 1) VPI O'Connor shared that enrollment is going well. 2) The percentage of class by modality: 53% fully on campus 32.25% fully online The rest are a variety of online, synchronous, offline, and hyflex. 3) VPI O'Connor will be presenting to a statewide committee of the Cal State Chancellor's Office on Thursday on the progress we will have made on Common Course Numbering and working with us on articulation. <p>b) Student Services Updates: Vice President of Student Services, Larry Maxey, shared the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Congratulations to Cynthia Rico on being named Dean of Student Development. 2) SDICCCA recruitment will begin for internship fellows. 3) Scholarship deadline is February 13, 2025 for students to apply. 4) Affinity spaces: furniture is going in; they will be holding a grand opening for all of the centers around April. 5) Rosa Parks Celebration event is tomorrow; meet at the G building at 11:30 a.m. and then a processional will go to the transit center. <p>c) Administrative Services Updates: Vice President of Administrative Services, Lorenze Legaspi, shared the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Parking will switch to the new permits on February 8; all need to go into their portal and update their information. If you are using a different car on campus you will need to go in and update the system. 2) The range reallocation and reclassification is underway. Lorenze will send an email to managers and supervisors this week about the process. 	<p>Isabel O'Connor, VPI FTEF 24-25 Projected Actuals by Term: https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/24-25_FTEF_projected_actuals_by_term_02032025.pdf</p> <p>Larry Maxey, VPSS</p> <p>Lorenze Legaspi, VPA</p>
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All-Campus Events:

Rosa Parks Birthday Celebration, Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. (starts at Osani Circle and ends at Transit Center)

Chancellor's Forum, SD Mesa College, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, MC 211 A/B, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., MC 211 A/B

District Town Hall, SD Mesa College, Wednesday, February 26, 2025, MC 211 A/B, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., MC 211 A/B / Zoom

Spring 2025 Semester Pcab Meetings: 2/4/25, 2/18/25, 3/4/25, 4/18/25, 4/15/25, 5/6/25 (Pcab Retreat), 5/20/25

*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

2/4/25: Grants (W. Ray); HSI E-3 Curriculum Work Group: Success of AB 1705 Advocacy Effort (P. Gustin, D. Budzynski, J. Bernal)

2/18/25: 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan (L. Maxey; C. Rico)

3/4/25: BARC: First Reading (L. Legaspi); HSI Grant Report (T. Parsons)

3/18/25: BARC: Second Reading (L. Legaspi); FHP First Reading (I. O'Connor); AANHPI Student Achievement Program and Kapwa Learning Community (P. Guevarra)

4/15/25: FHP Second Reading (I. O'Connor); CEL/LOFT (J. Johnson, T. Williamson, K. Palacios, L. Howell); ACCJC Workgroup Draft First Reading (H. Hoang)

5/6/25: Pcab Retreat

5/20/25: Grants Update (K. Stellmacher; M. Lettieri); CDAIE (J. Sundayo); Accreditation Update / Operations Updates

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