

OVERVIEW

I've included a lot more information on Discussion Items and Reports in this summary than I did last time. There just seemed to be a lot of important information in those that seemed pertinent for so many of our departments. Slides from the PPT shared at the meeting are referenced in each section. Slideshow link: <https://sdmiramar.edu/sites/default/files/2022-09/SDMC%20AS%2022-23%200920%20POST.pdf>

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING VOTES FOR NEXT MEETING (Oct 4th)

We did not have any first readings in the Sept. 20th meeting, so there are no upcoming votes for the Oct 4th meeting. Eventually there will be a summary here! 😊

ACTION ITEMS

5.1 (Slides 4-5): Another round of voting for adjunct senators concluded on Friday, Sept 23rd. There were three new nominees put forward

- Crystal Rodriguez
- Kristen Everhart
- Natalie Bickett

Results from that election should be announced in the upcoming meeting. And we will then have full representation of Adjunct Senators.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 (slides 6-16): Web Academy

- Kurt Hill shared a lot of information with us about the process of getting content onto the school's webpage. One of the bits that he shared with us was about the college calendar on the school's homepage. We were asked to be mindful of the categories we use to label items that are included in the calendar. He asked that we not label things as "Important Events" without getting that okayed first by Steve Quis.
- For our individual departments/majors, he let us know that Program Pages have to stick to a specific template which aligns with the catalog. However, there is a sidebar on each Program Page called "Program Information" and we are able to add pages there that allow us to include more information that don't have to stick to the same rigid style guide.
- If you find any errors on the website, please let Kurt Hill know!

6.2 (slide 17) Faculty Representation

- If you have any ideas on how to aid our Adjunct Senators in better representing all their constituents, please let Pablo know. We've created the voting sheet for Contract Faculty Senators to take back to their departments to tally votes and better represent the voices of their colleagues. It's a little more difficult to do that with adjuncts since they are spread out across all the schools/departments and represent so many more faculty. So, we are requesting suggestions on how to better help our Adjunct Senators to be able to connect with and represent the large adjunct body.

6.3 (slides 18-22): Potential Scheduling Conflicts with College Hour

- A number of STEM faculty members shared with us concerns they have with scheduling issues and College Hour. For STEM, a typical course includes a lecture followed by a lab. Traditionally, there is a small break in between those. But with classes scheduled around College Hour, that break between lecture and lab has increased to an hour. Enrollment in those particular classes were very low this semester. Students in general, want to take the class and have the lab immediately after. They don't seem to want the large break provided for College Hour. So, it has been proposed that we have an open forum to come up with ideas and solutions. There is not a date yet for the forum, but please be on the lookout for that. And also come up with ideas that might help with this concern for scheduling conflicts with lecture/labs and College Hour.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1.1 (slides 24 and 25): Senators, please review the process for making motions and voting. For those that are new, this can all be a little confusing. Pablo's slideshow includes information on how to make a motion/vote.

7.1.2 (slide 31): If you are serving as a committee chair, make sure to reply to the email that Carmen Carrasquillo has or will send you about your committee's plan for committee composition and staggering term limits. As Senators, it would be good to pass this along to your departments in case some committee chairs are there.

7.1.4 (slide 31): Amy Alsup gave a reminder to adjuncts to send in their committee service hours to their Dean's office for compensation. At the beginning of the semester, you filled out a Shared Process Guidelines form with your committee chair. In that, you should have estimated the number of hours you would serve on that committee. So, now at the end of the month, you should provide the Dean's office with a summary of the hours you actually served. And if the hours are more or less than what you had estimated, just make sure to clarify that when submitting your hours.

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.2.1 (slide 32): Accreditation Steering committee. Draft 2 of the institutional self-evaluation was completed. An open forum will be held on 11/2 to get feedback from the campus.

7.2.2 (slide 33): AO Report: AB 928

In the meeting, we were told that more information on AB928 would be provided and sent out to us. The links are listed below. And hopefully, this helps give more information on AB928 and the impacts it will have on our departments. Mara Palma-Sanft said she is willing to come speak to individual departments about the new guidelines that need to be implemented by Fall '25. She also shared with us that the District Articulation Council is having discussions on concerns with the proposed CalGETC. And she asked that we individually participate in a survey by 9/30:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AB928_GE_Survey

Here is some more information on AB 928 that we were provided by counseling faculty:

- AB 928 Single GE Pathway Overview Presentation:
 - https://sdmiramar.edu/sites/default/files/2022-09/ab_928_singular_pathway_.pptx
- Considerations and Chart re. AB 928 Single GE Pathway:
 - https://sdmiramar.edu/sites/default/files/2022-09/ab_928_considerations_tcd-chart_03-14-22.docx
- Email re. AB 928 Single GE Pathway:
 - https://sdmiramar.edu/sites/default/files/2022-09/ab_928_singular_transfer_ge_pattern_email.pdf
- Letter re. AB 928 Single GE Pathway:
 - https://sdmiramar.edu/sites/default/files/2022-09/tcd_ab928_letter.docx

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Slide 4: Public Comments

- Kurt Hill will be sending out an email about an upcoming IT Security Presentation by the District. It will be on Oct 13th. The main speaker is from law enforcement and will be addressing issues associated with cybersecurity.
- Be careful with your Zoom meetings! The IDEA committee had an incident of a Zoom bombing in there last meeting. Because of that, they are asking for someone to act as a tech moderator on Sept 30th (9:30-11am) during an online LatinX Heritage Month presentation. They will need someone to monitor incoming zoom guests. If you are willing to help, please get in touch with Mardi Parelman. If you are not able to help, please just spread the word. Mardi said that the person doing the moderating could be a student.

Slide 34: More Announcements

- Najah Abdelkader made an announcement about the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. I'm sure you have seen the many emails about this topic this last week. Najah shared this with us: "The Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset threaten secure retirement for many teachers and public employees. These provisions substantially reduce or eliminate the earned Social Security benefits of millions of retired educators and public employees who contributed to Social Security through other employment. Help us tell Speaker Nancy Pelosi to repeal the WEP and GPO" and shared this link

for those interested in signing the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/repeal-wep-gpo-2022>

- Adrian Arancibia shared a link to a book called *The Costs of Completion: Student Success in Community College* by Robin G. Isserles: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/repeal-wep-gpo-2022>