

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

President's Cabinet

April 21, 2026 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

1) CALL TO ORDER:

2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Dr. O'Connor opened the meeting serving on behalf of President Hands.

Isabel O'Connor, Vice President, Instruction

Information Officer Anabell Pulido announced that VPI Isabel de los Angeles O'Connor, was honored with the 2025-26 Carter Doran Award by the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Offices (CCCCIO). Each year, the CCCCCIO Board presents the Carter Doran Award to an outstanding Chief Instructional Officer who demonstrates leadership from the heart, creativity, sustained commitment to instructional challenges, and a lasting impact on a professional organization. [click here for the Mesa Newsroom article.](#)

3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE

a) Associated Students: Associated Students representative Tonya Trusova gave the following updates:
1) ASG Elections for the 2026-2027 Academic Year: They have been promoting leadership opportunities. This is available through Canvas; encourage your students to check their Canvas announcements.
2) They continue to promote Timely Care, virtual health and wellness resources available to all actively registered Mesa students. It provides 24/7 access to medical care, mental health counseling, and wellness support.
3) AS talked with Jacqueline Collins about how to respond to ICE on campus and AS is preparing a flyer.

Tonya Trusova, Associate Students Representative

b) Classified Senate: Classified Senate President Ayana Woods gave the following updates:
1) Thank you to all who sent nominations for Classified Professional and Department of the Year. The Classified Professionals will now vote on these nominations. This will be announced at the Classified Awards Ceremony to be held on May 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mesa Quad.
2) Classified Professionals are currently voting on the entries sent for the T-Shirt Design Contest which will be announced at the Classified Awards Ceremony.

Ayana Woods, President

c) Academic Senate: Academic Senate President Mary Gwin shared the following updates:
1) The last AS meeting was April 13 and introduced two new resolutions for consideration for their next meeting on April 27. The first resolution was from the Counseling Faculty regarding their roles on campus; the other resolution is about allowing access to Canvas in specific cases. VPI O'Connor will attend their next meeting.
2) Results of the Executive Committee Elections:
President-Elect: Katlin Choi
Treasurer: Thekima Mayasa
Senator-at-Large: Irena Stojimirovic

Mary Gwin, President

4) INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

a) Classified Hiring Priority Committee (CHP): The Second Reading of the CHP list was presented. VPSS Maxey stated there was no feedback or changes made to the document from the first reading. A motion was held and the document was accepted and will now be sent to President Hands for final review.

Action Item: A motion was made to accept the CHP List by Ayana Woods; Second: Veronica Gerace. The motion was approved.

b) Roadmap First Reading (H. Hoang): Dean Hoang presented on the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan: Roadmap to Mesa2030, which included the institutional alignment, long-term goals, context/plan development, goals, implementation approach, Roadmap1 to Roadmap2, and planning/alignment framework. The second reading will be held at the May 19, 2026 President's Cabinet meeting.

c) Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Update: The presentation included committee goals, year highlights, district-wide collaboration, MIP intern work on STARS, and ESC focus for 2026-2027.

d) Committee for Diversity, Action, Inclusion, and Equity (CDAIE): Committee representatives presented on the year in review which included a reading of the land acknowledgment, CDAIE goals, voices of CDAIE, promotion of cultural proficiency and awareness, advancing equity, CDAIE collaborators and student voices, and DEIA initiatives at Mesa.

Larry Maxey, Vice President, Student Services
CHP List:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/CHP_List_Second_Reading_Pcab_4-21-26.pdf

Hai Hoang, Dean, Institution Effectiveness
Roadmap 2:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Roadmap2_PCAB_4-21-26.pdf

Michelle Rodriguez, Faculty, Political Science
Dean Leavitt, Associate Professor, Biology
Kyle Winnick, Student Intern
Environmental Sustainability Committee Presentation:
https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/ESC_Pcab_4-21-26.pdf

CDAIE Leadership Team
Edeama Jonah, Assoc. Prof., Equity/Engagement Librarian
Vicki Miller, Dean Student Affairs
Blythe Barton, Assoc. Prof., Dance
Leland Simpliciano, Prog. Activity Mgr., AANAPISI; Acting Prog. Activity Mgr., HSI
Leenoy Barkhordar, Associated Student Representative
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https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/CDAIE_Pcab_4-21-26.pdf

5) OPERATIONS

a) Instructional Updates: VPI O'Connor shared the following updates:

- 1) Common Course Numbering: Thanks to Cynthia Rico we have posters for pick-up in the Transfer Center. In Fall 2026 we are going to implement Phase 2a of Common Course Numbering. The faculty are still working on Phase 2b and it will be ready for Fall 2027. We are still on pause for Phase 3.
- 2) Bill AB2236 is going through the legislative process that aims to put a gentle touch on the transfer partners, especially the CSUs to make sure they can actually offer articulation based on the templates that faculty across the State have agreed upon.
- 3) There are a lot of bills on bachelors' degrees and we continue to work through those and look at the process and make sure our programs do not get stuck for years.
- 4) Summer and Fall schedules went live on April 20; this is the first semester that the District has moved to the new attendance accounting methods and we will see how things work in terms of apportionments.
- 5) Dr. O'Connor recognized Dean Ryan Shumaker who published a book: *Intentional Programming, Designed to Win: A Leadership*

Isabel O'Connor, VPI

Guide to Designing Systems, Programs, and Experiences that Build Winning Teams, Transform Culture, and Drive Results that is about intentionality.

b) Student Services Updates: VPSS Maxey shared the following updates:

- 1) A successful kickoff was held for the Black Student Success Week events. A District-wide event was held virtually which was followed up today with Path to Black Excellence library scavenger hunt, and the Umoja Campus Kickoff was held today in the Quad.
- 2) VPSS Maxey thanked Tonya and the students for advocating for Timely Care and sharing that information which is a fantastic resource that works collaboratively with the Mesa Mental Health Programs.
- 3) Dean Leticia Diaz and VPSS Maxey had the opportunity to present at the New Faculty Institute (NFI) last Friday.

c) Administrative Services Updates: Acting VPA Collins shared the following updates:

- 1) Jacqueline acknowledged Dean Miller and Associated Students for partnering in Admin Services to discuss the immigration response and opportunity to share information.
- 2) Thank you to the campus community as we closed out our purchasing cycle.
- 3) Business Services is developing the budget and have partnered with the various divisions across campus (instruction, Student Services, President's Office) to intentionally do it a bit different this year and documenting the steps we have taken to build this year's budget so those steps turn into the campus' budget development process. This will go to BARC for input, review, and approval and then be presented at a future President's Cabinet meeting for review and approval.
- 4) Nick Underwood, Acting Director of College Facilities and Operations, comes to Mesa from the District Service Center via facilities. Nick shared about the Safety Training Week May 12-14, 2026 (Fire Safety Training, First Aid Training, Breathless CPR and AED).

d) Mesa Comprehensive Campaign Update: Presentation included extended focus group dates of May 14 and May 15, 2026 with a link to register.

Larry Maxey, VPSS

Jacqueline Collins, Acting VPA
Nick Underwood, Acting Director, College Facilities/Operations

Krista Stellmacher, Director of Dev. / Entrepreneurship

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Comprehensive Campaign Presentation:
https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Comprehensive_Campaign_Updates_4-21-26.pdf

All-Campus Events:

Mesa College Scholarship Awards: Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 4:30 p.m. Check-In, Mesa Gym
Honors Celebration, Thursday, April 30, 2026: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., D-101
Raza Graduation, Friday, May 1, 2026, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Mesa Quad
DSPS Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, May 5, 2026: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., LRAS 110
Speech & Debate Showcase, Tuesday, May 5, 2026: 5:00 -7:00 p.m., G-101
Veterans' Recognition Ceremony, Wednesday, May 6, 2026: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B
Mesa Research Conference: Friday, May 8, 2026: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., M+S building
Rite of Passage: Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., City College, A Patio
EOPS & Special Programs, Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Quad
Transfer Recognition Luncheon: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B
AAPI Recognition Ceremony: Friday, May 15, 2026, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Mesa Quad
Lavender Celebration: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m., D-101
Classified Service Awards: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Mesa Quad
Golden Scissors Fashion Show, Friday, May 22, 2026, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mesa Quad
PTA Pinning Ceremony: Friday, May 22, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

Spring 2026 Semester Pcab Meetings: 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5 Pcab Retreat, 5/19

*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

2/3/26: Veterans' & Records Department & Veterans Success Center (J. Agrícola)

2/17/26:

3/3/26: Mesa DE Committee (K. Palacios; K. Lacher); AI Update (A. Gurganus); BARC First Reading (L. Legaspi)

3/17/26: FHP First Reading (I. O'Connor); BARC Second Reading (L. Legaspi); Real College (L. Maxey; J. Aleman, P. Vang)

4/7/26: FHP Second Reading (I. O'Connor); Sustainability (W. Ray); ACCJC 7-year Framework First Reading (H. Hoang); CHP First Reading (L. Maxey)

4/21/26: ESC Update (M. Rodriguez); CDAIE (J. Villalobos); Roadmap First Reading (H. Hoang); CHP Second Reading (L. Maxey)

5/5/26: President's Cabinet Retreat: 2:15 – 5:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

5/19/26: CEL Presentation (J. Johnson); Roadmap Second Reading (H. Hoang); ACCJC 7-year Framework Second Reading (H. Hoang); Survey Results (K. Stellmacher)

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