

## Student Equity Success Committee (SESC) Minutes

Tuesday – October 22, 2025 - 3:30-5:00 pm

In-Person Meeting in Fairfield Room 437 “The Nest”

[Zoom Link](#) (Room# 846 8618 7222)

Members: Amanda Morrison (SESC Faculty Coordinator and Co-chair) and Heather Watson-Perez (Administration) Co-chair

| <u>Faculty</u>                              | <u>Administration</u>            | <u>Special Programs</u>                  | <u>Special Programs</u>           | <u>Students</u>                   | <u>At-Large</u>         |
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| Atticus Frey - Library                      | Patrick Scott - Financial Aid    | Maria Isip-Bautista - AANHPI             | Greg Natali-Sherman - ASTC        | Mikaela Mack – Student Ambassador | Ashlie Lawson - Faculty |
| Denise Martinez - Liberal Arts              | Brandon Carrera - Vallejo Center | Isabel Anderson - Puente                 | Matthew Schweitzer - Pride Center | Angelika Duculan - ASSC           |                         |
| Com St. Germain - Math & Science            |                                  | Christina Rodriguez – Basic Needs        | Michael Reilly - T4E              |                                   |                         |
| LaNae Jaimez - Social & Behavioral Sciences |                                  | Terri Martin - Ethnic Minority Coalition | Rei Leal - CSEA                   |                                   |                         |
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Present: Brandon Carrera, Mikaela Mack, Angelika Duculan, Greg Natali-Sherman, Maria Isip-Bautista, Gabi Ballesteros, Atticus Frey, Michael Reilly, Denise Martinez, Heather Watson-Perez, Amanda Morrison, Shilah Johnson, Jenny Gonzalez, Terri Martin, Isabel Anderson

1. Meeting called to order at 3:34pm
2. Maria moved to approve agenda. Angelika seconded.
3. Christina moved to approve Minutes. Greg seconded.
4. Comments from the Public: Shilah followed up on a question raised during the SEA Plan data discussion last meeting, confirming that Rising Scholars students are included in the data. Maria shared there would be a Brave Spaces gathering on Fri Nov 7, 12p-1:30pm in the LRC 113.
5. Native American Heritage Month planning is going well. Gabi will release the event calendar on Friday.
6. Michael R. and Amanda met to discuss Equity Success Stories idea. Still need to follow up with Heather to possibly have Student Ambassadors collaborate on collecting stories. Also need follow up with Isabel and *Solano Pulse* student journalists to see if they'd be interested in stories like these. Michael also suggested exploring a partnership with digital-arts instructors Rachel Smith and Sarah Wasley Smith to create storyboards of equity success stories. We could also build an event in the gallery to showcase these stories.
7. Antiracism and DEIA Statements are discussion items on the Nov 12 agenda for College Governance Council. Maria will attend to answer questions and help move the approval process along.
8. Update: VP Neeley proposed assembling task force to the management team to revise our Land & Labor Acknowledgement.
9. Angelika shared that ASSC is interested in pursuing a Sanctuary status with SCC Board again, and that they shared this at Academic Senate. ASSC is putting together a Sanctuary committee and are consulting with President Butler on this. We agreed it would be good for SESC and ASSC to partner to develop a “study session” on this issue, which hopefully Board members would take part in so they'd be well informed on the pros and cons before they voted on the issue again. In AY 2024-25, they approved “Promoting a Safe and Secure Campus for All” policy supporting undocumented students, but not an official “sanctuary” designation.
10. Of all the issues SESC has been discussing this semester, members and attendees present agreed that supporting undocumented students and other students vulnerable to the harmful impacts of the Trump administration's intensified anti-immigrant policies was the highest priority.
11. The rest of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming input for the new SEA Plan, which is currently being drafted. Attendees split into breakout groups, with 3 groups in Zoom and 2 groups in person. Each group was

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assigned a topic: enrollment; transfer-level math and English; persistence term to term; completion of certificates and degrees; and transfer to four-year institutions. Participants were tasked with identifying what is working, potential improvements, and barriers, with a focus on creating a more inclusive and supportive environment. The discussion touched on issues like financial aid processes, academic support systems, and the need for better communication and proactive outreach to students. Amanda requested that groups send their findings to her to compile and send to VP Neeley for inclusion in the SEA Plan.

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