



SDIC Community College Deans' Council Meeting

October 10, 2025

Grossmont College – Griffin Gate

9:00-11:00am

Minutes

Deans and Associate Deans Present: J. Ayala, G. Dowden, J. Lewis, A. Lucas, U. Maschke (*N. Roe Proxy*), J. Pena, A. Perman, M. Romero, V. Torres

Guests: S. Bradley, D. Brown, J. Edwards, E. Matthews, K. McMackin, T. Rodriguez

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes from [September 12, 2025](#), motion to approve with updates by M. Romero, second by A. Lucas, **unanimously approved**

- Updates – Remove floral design program for Grossmont College & change September LMI to August LMI

3. Program Informational Items

- None

4. Program Recommendations

- None

5. Region and State Action Items

- CCCAOE
 - D. Brown shared A. Berry will be sending out a request later today for raffle basket donations. Please venmo @Alex-Berry-8 your donation
- CCCCCO
 - [WEDD Program Updates](#)
 - D. Brown shared Erin Larson, former Dean in WEDD, has transitioned to a new position as Assistant Vice Chancellor, Strategic Educational and Workforce Initiatives. Cheri Fortin is covering dean responsibilities. Position is out for hire.
- Regional
 - [2026 CE Teach Flyer](#)
 - [2026 WBL PD Flyer: Faculty](#)
 - [2026 WBL PD Flyer: Counselor & Student Support Professional](#)

6. J. Edwards and Rodriguez shared the LMI & [COE Updates](#)

- [September LMI](#)
 - Completed Reports:
 - Palomar College
 - Forest and Conservation Technicians; Health and Safety Engineers, Except Mining Safety Engineers and Inspectors; Firefighters; Compliance Officers; Fire Inspectors and Investigators
 - San Diego City College
 - Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians; Mechanical Engineering Technologists and Technicians

- Requested Reports
 - Grossmont College
 - Medical Appliance Technicians
 - Palomar College
 - Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians; Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians; Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers; Industrial Machinery Mechanics; Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians
 - MiraCosta College
 - Accountants and Auditors; Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks
- J. Edwards shared a **Running List of Projects**: The COE is maintaining a running list of past, present, and future projects, including funding sources and calendar dates.
 - *Reminder*: The COE has specific requirements under their RFA from the Chancellor's Office, which may not always align with college activities.
 - **Action**: Add this list to the SDI RC website
- 2024–25 New Programs
- AI Augmenting Students for the Workforce:
 - The COE has been tasked by the Chancellor's Office to complete a report on AI as it relates to workforce development by April 2026.
 - Discussion included "Touring Tap," noting that AI can help close the skills gap faster than traditional training methods.
 - COE to develop questions for upcoming advisory meetings related to AI.
- T. Rodriguez shared details about Counselor Institute kickoff event happening October 17 @ San Diego Miramar College
 - Group parking pass will be attached to calendar invite
 - 106 participants across 7 participating college

7. [Regional Action Items](#) shared by D. Brown

- [Conference Tracking](#)
 - **Action**: The conference tracking sheet will be updated to reflect feedback received.
- Workgroup List
 - The first page of the Deans Council Rolling Agenda now includes a [link](#) to all Workgroup and Community of Practice (CoP) participants.
 - Please email [S. Bradley](#) to request additions or removals of participants.
- Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant Application
 - The RC Grant will be released Wednesday, October 15, with applications due December 15.
 - A completed version will be shared with SDICCCA at the December 1 meeting.
 - T. Cordova will lead a pre-conference session at CCCAOE on Wednesday morning.
- CTE Researchers – Future Funding (FY 2026–27)
 - CTE researches funding options for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 approx. \$700,000 (3 college do not participate, if they would like to it would increase the costs)
 - *Discontinue the CTE Researchers as of June 30, 2026*
 - *Reduce Round 10 RFAs and create a CTE Researcher RFA, with direct funding to the colleges*
 - *Reduce Round 10 RFAs and the region hires the CTE Researchers on the colleges' behalf*
 - ***Wait to see if \$60M is returned to SWP in the 2026-2027 Budget. Prioritize funding for local CTE researchers with back-fill in Round 11 – selected by deans to move forward with***
 - Have individual college conversation with colleges before this date to make January – full time/shared
 - IR & CTE Deans/associate dean – ask for which senior leadership
 - J. Lewis offered can we share or part time, instead of full time (share 50/50 between colleges)
 - Survey to colleges on what they need knowing the budget issue
 - Engage with IR deans for feedback
 - Look at the ERL structure as example for set up, and training opportunities to ensure RC/COE-

- led, college-customized reports are effectively utilized.
 - Emphasize an equitable, not necessarily equal, approach across colleges.
 - Consider multi-year contracts to retain strong performers and minimize turnover.
- CCCCC Regional Convening
 - The Chancellor's Office will contact college presidents' offices directly to assemble teams to review and share regional data.
 - The convening will focus on aligning regional projects with Vision 2030.
 - Day 2: The SDI Region will present to the Chancellor's Office on current efforts aligning with Vision 2030.
 - Mark Cafferty, CEO San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, Rachel Bereza, CEO San Diego Workforce Partnership will serve as panelists.
 - Request to add Priscilla Lopez, Executive Director, Workforce & Economic Development Imperial County and Tim Kelley, President, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation

8. Hot Topic Discussions – moved to later meeting agenda due to limited time

- Community Education/Contract Education
- Perkins & SWP Local Annual Report
- Perkins & SWP Local Operations Process

9. Roundtable

- J. Ayala shared Grossmont College will host a Career Expo on Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- J. Ayala provided an update on the AI server project and expressed appreciation to the Dean and regional team for approving the purchase. Installation is expected within 3–4 months.
- CLP
 - A. Perman shared SDCCD received a Regional Strong Workforce Accelerating Grant to advance CPL efforts.
 - Two faculty members are being hired to review military credit recommendations (ACE); one from noncredit (also a veteran) and one from credit, to strengthen equity-focused CPL implementation.
 - E. Matthews has been leading CPL workshops for counselors, admissions & records staff, and instructional faculty.
 - J. Lewis shared Southwestern College received a \$750,000 HRCC grant about a year and a half ago to support CPL infrastructure and technology, primarily focused on construction-related programs. They offered to share lessons learned and resources, noting Candace's continued involvement in statewide CPL work.
 - The Statewide Academic Senate launched "Pathways to Credit" regional discipline convenings (DC).
 - Mesa College's Tonga Whitfield now serves as the regional Senate liaison for Area D, collaborating with Candace and the statewide Senate to align CPL and credit initiatives.
- Grossmont Union High School District established an agreement with Mount Miguel High School and Cuyamaca College establishing Mount Miguel Early College High School
 - Southwest is in their first year of Options Middle College
- A session titled "Are You Really a Two-Year College?" was highlighted for its innovative dashboard analyzing student completion timelines, course sequencing, and program availability.
 - Discussion included exploring a regional approach to adult learner dashboards (similar to CRNA) given improved data sharing agreements.
 - Request presentation for our region
- Annual Reports and Dashboards:
 - E. Matthews developed new Perkins and Strong Workforce Annual Reports integrating video, student stories, and equity-focused data.
 - Members discussed sharing these as hot topics in future meetings, with a possible presentation during the November virtual meeting.
 - Colleges were invited to share their own annual reports or VARS tools for collective learning.

- Southwestern noted they are developing a static version of their annual report by J. Kropp.
- E. Matthews provided updates on VAR reporting, explaining that statewide direction remains unclear, with varying tools and approaches across colleges. Collaboration with associate deans was recommended to align regional reporting strategies.
 - Request by V. Torres for what people are doing VAR reporting with SWP
 - E Matthews will follow up, invite to share
- V. Torres shared IVC hosted an Adult Education Exploration Day, welcoming approximately 150 adult learners to explore CTE programs. The event was coordinated through CAEP.
- Regional 2026 PD Courses
 - [2026 CE Teach Flyer](#)
 - [2026 WBL PD Flyer: Faculty](#)
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- D. Brown provided clarification that J. Stark is conducting a regional apprenticeship scan, interviewing colleges to identify current efforts, common challenges, and opportunities for regional alignment.
 - Findings will be shared once compiled, with J. Preciado assisting in outreach to colleges.

Agenda Link: [Deans Council Agenda - Google Docs](#)

Next meeting: Friday, November 19, 2025, 9-11am, virtual