SDIC Community College Deans' Council Meeting
April 17, 2026
virtual
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Deans and Associate Deans Present: A. Perman, B. Dorschel, C. Estrada-Howell, B. Gamboa, S. Knox, J. Kropp, J. Lewis, J. Lopez, W. Nelson, A. Ngo, J. Pena, N. Roe, M. Romero

Guests: A. Andersen, H. Alzate, M. Ash, S. Bradley, D. Brown, S. Cox, J. Edwards, E. Matthews, T. Matthews, K. McMackin, T. Ngo Bartel, J. Stark

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1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes from March 6, 2026 motion to approve by B. Dorschel, second by W. Nelson, **unanimously approved**

3. Program Informational Items
   - Program Modifications
     - none

4. Program Recommendations
   - SD Mesa College
     - Applied Artificial Intelligence; New; CoA
       - Motion to open by W. Nelson, second by J. Lopez, **unanimously recommended**

5. Region and State Action Items
   - CCCAOE
     - Conference is next week and have ~39 attendees from the San Diego and Imperial Valley Region.
     - Regional Meeting Reminder scheduled for Wednesday at 10:00 AM
       - Guest speaker: Taylor Dunn
   - CCCCCO
     - WEDD April 2026 Program Updates
   - Regional shared by D. Brown
     - Professional Development Survey
       - Survey distributed to Associate Deans
       - Results to be reviewed by Implementation Committee
       - Feedback to be presented at May meeting
     - Program Finder Update (CareerEd.org)
       - Colleges will receive update requests
       - Deadline: End of May
       - Refresh of platform planned; emphasis on updated and accurate data
     - Summer Retreat Discussion
       - Potential early June timing
       - Topics may include:
         - New RFA requirements
         - Chancellor's Office expectations
         - Decision to be finalized at May meeting

6. T. Ngo Bartel shared the LMI & COE Updates

- March LMI
    - Completed Reports
        - San Diego Mesa College
            - Food Processing and Related Technologies: Food Scientists and Technologists; Food Science Technicians
            - Human Services; Social and Human Services Assistants
        - San Diego City College
            - Other Fine and Applied Arts: Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators
            - Cosmetology and Barbering: Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists; Barbers
        - Southwestern College
            - Tax Studies: Tax Preparers
            - Floriculture / Floristry: Floral Designers
            - Turfgrass Technology: First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers; Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products; Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
        - San Diego Miramar College
            - Tax Studies: Tax Preparers; Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents
    - Requested Reports:
        - San Diego City College
            - Other Fine and Applied Arts: Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators
            - Cosmetology and Barbering: Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists; Barbers
        - Palomar College
            - Construction Project Management: Construction Managers
        - Southwestern College
            - Tax Studies: Tax Preparers
            - Floriculture / Floristry: Floral Designers
            - Turfgrass Technology: First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers; Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products; Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
            - Optical Technology: Opticians, Dispensing; Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians
        - San Diego Mesa College
            - Human Services; Social and Human Services Assistants
        - San Diego Miramar College
            - Tax Studies: Tax Preparers; Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents
- Informational
    - Reminder - April 27 @ 12:00 - 1:30 pm - IR & CTE Leads Quarterly Meeting
    - Program Recommendation Process Training will be given by T. Ngo Bartel
        - New Deans/Associate Deans - April 28 @ 2:00 - 3:30 pm via zoom
        - Open to the region - May 6
    - N. Ngo Bartel will be presenting the COEs Apprenticeship Report WDC on May 1 @ 10:30 am
        - Apprenticeship Report will focus on high-retirement occupations and AI-resilient occupations
    - Reminder - Counselor Institute Wrap Up: May 8, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm taking place at SD Miramar College
    - TOP-to-SOC Conversion: Deadline extended
    - Perkins V CLNA: Recommendation to wait for updated data release before finalizing

7. Hot Topic Discussions

- Supply Chain and Logistics Report
    - J. Kropp presented a regional Supply Chain & Logistics report developed based on input from the Community of Practice (CoP).
    - The report highlights significant regional growth in programs since 2020, with expanded offerings across colleges, including stackable credentials and industry partnerships.
    - Despite growth, a continued supply gap remains, presenting opportunities for further program development.
    - Key Findings:
        - A major barrier identified is low program visibility, with many programs difficult to locate on college websites.
        - Students often struggle to find clear information on career outcomes and pathways.
    - Recommendations:
        - Improve program visibility and website navigation
        - Align messaging with how students search for careers
        - Clearly communicate career outcomes and pathways
        - Enhance employer engagement and storytelling
    - Next Steps:
        - Report will be shared with the Community of Practice
        - Colleges encouraged to review findings and implement improvements
        - Regional collaboration to continue to support program growth and student access
- Internships A. Perman lead discussion on Regional Collaboration on internships
    - A. Perman provided an update on SDCCD efforts to develop internship commitments, including readiness, academic alignment, employer engagement, on-campus opportunities, paid experiences, and cohort-based models.
        - Noted challenges in opportunities include limited resources, reduced capacity, and the need to better structure internships versus student worker roles.
    - Discussion Highlights:
        - Colleges shared challenges with on-campus:
            - Creating meaningful internship experiences vs. task-based student employment
            - Limited staff capacity to supervise interns
            - Cultural and operational barriers to expanding on-campus internships
        - Emerging practices include:
            - Aligning student employment with work experience or internship coursework
            - Exploring non-credit work experience models
            - Leveraging internships to support financial aid eligibility and student access
    - Regional Considerations:
        - Interest in developing a regional approach to internships/work-based learning
        - Alignment with K-16 Collaborative efforts to establish a regional vision
        - Need to improve tracking, coordination, and identification of roles supporting internships

8. Roundtable

- None shared.

Agenda Link: Deans Council Agenda - Google Docs
Next meeting: Friday, May 8, 2026; in person at San Diego Miramar College.