

Professional Development Committee

Minutes

San Diego Miramar College

March 8, 2024, • Zoom • 1 p.m.

Members Present: David Buser; Olivia Flores; Nessa Julian (Kapitzke Proxy); Denise Kapitzke; Leslie Marovich; Alanna Milner; Laura Pecenco; Angela Smith; Dana Stack (Kapitzke Proxy); Elizabeth Whitsett

Members Absent: Allen Andersen; Dennis Clay; Kayla Deleon

Guests: Laura Gonzalez

Vacancies: Classified (2); Faculty (1); Students (1)

Call to Order at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Motion to approve the agenda for March 8, 2024, meeting. MSC Marovich, Milner.
- Motion to approve the minutes for February 23, 2024, meeting. MSC Buser, Milner

Old Business:

#	Item
1	Increase PD Funding for Faculty – Moved to New Business to discuss with PDC Budget Update

New Business:

#	Items
1	<p>Motion to approve the following AFT fund professional development requests. MSC Marovich, Flores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mara Palma-Sanft - \$412.00 • Mary Hart - \$488.12 <p>Classified Block Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>BRDS Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
2	<p>Professional Development Coordinator Update & Committee Discussion</p> <p>Pecenco shared information about new and on-going professional development on campus. Community Day is April 5th and will include a presentation by Rodrigo Gomez - “Writing in the Age of AI” series, Dr. Dan Stacy – Restorative Practices speaker, and other workshops tailored for the Miramar College community. Also shared was the “Light the Fire Series”, District-offered training workshops, and a Mental Health Series. The Campus Read Books are on order and facilitators are welcome to join in the discussion. Suggestions for campus professional development can be emailed to Laura Pecenco.</p>
3	<p>PDC Budget Update</p> <p>The committee continued the discussion to increase the PD funding for faculty from \$1000 to \$1200 to help cover the expenses for travel to professional development events. Marovich will reach out to the AS President, Pablo Martin, to inquire about the idea and the process to approve an increase. This topic will be included on the next PDC meeting agenda on March 22nd, to make a recommendation for action.</p>

Announcements: Laura Gonzalez, as the International Education Faculty Coordinator, shared information about an international professional development opportunity for a Global Studies Program. The event is in Spring 2025 in Ireland and is open to faculty, administrators and others who are interested.

Leslie Marovich shared information about a STEM faculty and staff retreat at the VEBA Resource Center taking place on May 10th at 9:30 a.m. The event offers breakfast, lunch, teaching demonstrations, acupuncture, sound healing and meditation.

Adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting on March 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.