

Student Access and Support Leadership Council

Mar. 23rd, 2026, 3 – 5 pm

Minutes

1. Call to order (3:00 pm)
2. Approval of Minutes (Feb. 23rd, 2026)
 - a. Postponed until April meeting
3. Approval of Agenda (Mar. 23rd, 2026)
4. Land Acknowledgement
5. New Business
 - a. Student Equity Committee Updates (Lorena Newson)
 - i. The SEC designed a 90-day roadmap for closing equity gaps around key metrics; work is underway within subgroups towards these goals.
 - ii. An analysis is being conducted around student success in transfer level Math and English courses across different instructional modalities, with the plan to reach out to instructors with high success rates and compile high impact practices and strategies.
 - iii. BSI Subgroup and HSI Equipo: the BSI subgroup is working towards a statement / mission statement and the HSI subgroup (Equipo) is working towards the Seal of Excellencia.
 - iv. The Equity mini-grant application due date has been extended to 4/30. Awards for up to \$5000 for interdisciplinary projects to close equity gaps for disproportionally impacted student groups. The SEC co-chairs can answer questions and assist with applications.
 1. There was a question about the early alert and Herb English clarified that Element 451 will notify the student and the Ed Advisor in the case of early alert.
 - b. Priority Registration for UMOJA Students (Herb English and Corey Timberlake)
 - i. MVC and NC Umoja students have priority registration
 - ii. MOU with chancellor's office agrees to priority registration, but it has not been approved at RCC yet
 - iii. Motion to approve priority registration for UMOJA students, in accordance with the state MOU (Worsley, Gilbert). Vote passes: 9 yes, 1 did not vote.
 - c. BEST Plan and the role of SASLC (Brandon Owashi and Melissa Harman)
 - i. Project planner was discussed. All SAS members have access (contact Melissa for assistance).
 - ii. SAS is responsible for overseeing the execution of the plan goals that relate to the charge of that leadership council. They will help track progress and provide feedback to EPOC.
 - iii. Discussion will continue at next meeting.
6. On-going Business
 - a. SAS Sub-committees Update (Melissa Harman)
 - i. The goals of guided pathways are woven into the new strategic plan. Thus, the GP committee will likely become a workgroup that meets occasionally and will no longer be listed as a subgroup of SAS. However, SAS will still need reports from Dean English and others as part of its role in overseeing execution of the new strategic plan.
 - ii. The Student Equity committee will no longer be listed as a subcommittee of SAS or TLLC. The SEC will report directly to EPOC but the co-chairs will continue to report to SAS to support our strategic planning work.

- iii. Updates pending on Student Life, Integrated Academic Support / Promise, and CCAP subgroups.
 - b. Late Start Classes (Michael McCracken)
 - i. Discussion postponed to April meeting

7. Open Forum & Announcements

- a. Liz Lecona: there are new Federal Accessibility requirements – all documents must be accessible; pdfs must be accessible no matter how you get it to students; this applies to all social media as well (must have alt text, acceptable color contrast, no strobing videos, etc.). Any external websites must be accessible as well as information posted to Canvas. This applies to student clubs and anything coming out of the college and is effective April 24, 2026.
- b. Harman: LC meetings will be 3-5pm on Wednesdays in AY 26-27
- c. Sharon Walker: The student Job Fair, 4/8 (virtual), 4/9 (in person – Terracina) – peer mentor jobs and other on-campus jobs.

8. Reporting and Recommendations

9. Adjourn (5:00 pm)

10. Next Meeting: April 27th, 2026 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Committee Members (Voting)	
○ Thomas Cruz-Soto*	○ Nancy Carranza (LHSS, 6/2026) P
	○ Alex Gilbert (LHSS, 6/2026) P
○ Lorena Franco* P	○ Daniel Topete (LHSS, 6/2026)
○ Lilia Acevedo P	○ Laneisha (LJ) Judon (CTE, 6/2027) P
○ Liz Lecona P	○ Skyler Murdoch (CTE, 6/2027)
○ Manny Gray	○ Adriana Arias (STEMK, 6/2026) P
○ Lizette Tenorio	○ Suzan Youssef (STEMK, 6/2026) P
○ Lily Martinez	○ Michael McCracken (CLASS, 6/2026)
	○ Margaret Worsley (FPA, 6/2027) P
○ ASRCC Representative P	○ Marquetta Booker (NE, 6/2027) P
Additional Members and Guests (Non-voting)	
○ Lorena Newson P	○ Melissa Harman* (6/2027) P
○ Herb English P	○ Rudy Arguelles
○ Kyla Teufel P	○ Corey Timberlake P
○ Wendy McEwen	○ Huda Aljord
○ Sharon Walker P	○ James Ducat
○ Brandon Owashi P	○