Micaela called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Welcome and Review Agenda
Micaela welcomed the committee members and guests, and asked the committee for agenda approval.

The CSM Safety Committee Members in attendance and present approved the agenda as presented with no requested changes or modifications.

Micaela communicated that the recommendation that the committee members would vote on today would be submitted to CSM’s President, not to the District Safety Committee.

It was explained that during the meeting, a poll would be conducted regarding requiring a mask mandate. The poll would be for everyone at the meeting to submit their vote on requirement a mask mandate. It would be for information only. Following the poll, the committee would vote on a recommendation to require a mask mandate. The recommendation would be submitted to the CSM President.

Requiring Masks Indoors and Inside Buildings at College of San Mateo, Discussion
Micaela introduced the item and explained that the reason for the Special Session (meeting) was to provide the CSM community the opportunity to present their thoughts, ideas, and feedback regarding the recommendation to require masks indoors, and to provide the committee the opportunity to vote on the action. The agenda was posted on Thursday, July 22, following the prior committee meeting.
Micaela opened the discussion to the participants and members to express their thoughts, ideas, suggestions.

Juanita Celaya said that during the CSEA meeting, it was understood that the only body that could create a mask mandate is the Board of Trustees and wanted clarification behind today’s vote. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza explained that she would recommend to the Chancellor and that Wednesday’s Board meeting would include a conversation about mask mandates.

Wendy Whyte gave her experience with masks and the protection level. She recommended following the Health Department mandates as she has seen mask misuse and disagrees with mask mandates on campus. She also believes students in close proximity should wear masks; however, students in a classroom setting should not be required to wear masks as they are distanced.

Elnora Tayag restated her comments from Thursday. The Library staff wants to recommend wearing masks as they interact with students in high-traffic areas. Ellie reminded the committee and guests that the Peninsula Library System requires visitors to wear masks.

Jennifer Yang stated her recommendation for universal masking as the covid virus is spread through respiratory droplets. She stated that now, with the delta variant becoming the dominant strain that may be spread by aerosol, there are still many unknowns with the variant. Dr. Yang believes that our duty as an institution is to protect students, staff, and staff.

Janis Wisherop shared that she is sick and fully vaccinated with Pfizer but is worried. Janis agrees with Dr. Yang as there are still unknowns about the new variant. Janis stated that the vulnerable and unvaccinated are at risk, and it is a concern of hers. She recommends everyone mask up and believes that the Nursing department experienced no contaminations and relates it to the masks.

Emily Barrick shared that on July 16, the seven Bay Area counties recommended masking for everyone. She reached out to the County of San Mateo that said the policy would come out and follow the Health Department’s recommendation for a mask mandate.

KR, who runs to EMT program, communiated that they did not have a single COVID outbreak. She shared that the program has followed protocols before COVID, and would like the flexibility of running the program as she has in the past. She understands the risk but does not want to impose the requirement on the instructors. She does not feel that masks are productive for
long-term use as there have been issues with the masks and agrees with Wendy’s statements.

Nancy Mullins believes everyone should be very cautious that you are protecting yourself and others by wearing a mask. Nancy shared that you cannot measure how others respond, how the virus will react or affect others, or enter your system. The CDC has spent years studying masks and infections and deaths over the past year and believes masking should not be taken lightly. Nancy mentioned that the State of California would soon be requiring vaccination for all state employees and would not be surprised if the State imposed a universal mask mandate. Nancy respects everyone’s opinions but thinks we should follow the guidelines of the health officials.

Jackie Santizo asked how long the recommendation would be instituted. Micaela shared that currently, there is no timeline but welcomed suggestions from all in attendance for the committee members to hear. Micaela clarified that today’s vote would be given to the President to share with the Chancellor.

Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza shared that an agenda item was added to Wednesday’s Board meeting for discussion on masking and suggested that anyone interested to attend the meeting to be part of the conversation.

Cheryl Navarrete asked if the attendees would be able to see the poll results during the meeting. Micaela confirmed that yes, we would share the poll results with attendees.

Joseph Puckett shared that requested modifications for return have been completed. As the AFSCME President, Joseph recommends everyone wear a mask as an extra layer of protection, especially considering Facilities members enter areas where they are not aware of the vaccine status of those present.

Stephanie opened the poll for all attendees present.

**Recommendations to Require Masks Indoors and Inside Buildings at College of San Mateo**

Following the poll of all interested in submitting a vote, the committee will take action on a recommendation to President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza for a universal mask mandate regardless of vaccination status.
Below are the results of the poll:

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Following the poll, Micaela asked Committee members to vote on their recommendation to President Taylor-mendoza requiring masks indoor facilities, regardless of vaccination status. CSM committee members unanimously voted in support of the recommendation to require masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

**How to Submit Vaccination Status Via WebSmart**

WebSmart was down for ITS maintenance and this item was postponed.

**Adjourn**

Based on no further feedback and discussion, Micaela adjourned the meeting at 2:47 PM.

**Attendees (alpha order by first name):**

Ada Delaplaine, Charles Phan, Deborah Nguyen
Alex Kramer, Cheryl Navarrete, Dianne Fernandez
Alicia Frangos, Chris Weidman, Edna Letran
Allie Fasth, Christina Arenas she/her, Elizabeth Magana
Andrea Flores, Christine Su, Elnora Tayag
Angela Zepeda, Claudia Menjivar, Emily Barrick
Audra Fernandez, Cynthia James, Erica Renee Griego
Brian Tupper, David Lau, Erica Reynolds
Carol Newkirk-Sakaguchi, David McLain, Estela Garcia
Carol Ullrich, Deborah Laulusa, Geoff Balton
Gina Arrospide
Godfrey Watson
Hanns Ullrich
Heidi Pereira
Helia Ying
Hirania Gonzalez
Irma Betancourt
Jackie Santizo
Janis Wisherop
Jennifer Yang
Jesenia Damian
Jia Chung
Jill Haberlin
Jose Bonilla
Jose Rocha
Joseph Puckett
Joshna Pratap
Juanita Celaya
Karen Chadwick
Karen Sukle
Karenrose Naval
Kathy McEachron
Kay Hunter
Keira Travis
Kevin Sinarle
Kim Lopez
Kim Meyer
Kim Roderick
Krystal Duncan
LaShonda Kennedy
Lena Feinman
Linda Allen
Linda Ma
Lori Lisowski
Lori Pilster
Lu (Lydia) Chen
Ludmila Prisecar
Maggie Barrientos
Maggie Li
Manying (Emma) Wu
Margaret McGugan
Marisol Quevedo
Mary Valenti
Max Ullrich
Micaela Ochoa
Michelle Schneider
Nancy Mullins
Nicole Salviejo
Olivia Viveros
Owen Yoch
Paola Mora Paredes
Patrice Reed-Fort
Paul Sacomano
Priscilla Menjivar
Rachel Cunningham
Remi Harada
Robert Dean
Robin Lee
Roxana Rugliancich
Samantha Vargas
Shelvina Singh
Silvana Grima
Tania Farjat
Tarana Chapple
Teresa Morris
Thanh Pitetta
Tiffany Zammit
Valerie Tyler
Viji Raman
Vince Garcia
Virna Rodas
Warren Shelby
Wendy Whyte
Yovanka Crossley