

**College of San Mateo**

**Campus Safety Committee Meeting Summary**

**Thursday, July 26, 2021**

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/89844226282?pwd=cGtUMGR1YlErTFViVUhDN3UzaHprdz09&from=addon>

**Members Present:** Micaela Ochoa, Brian Tupper, Emily Barrick, Robert Gutierrez, Jose Bonilla, David Lau, Cynthia James, Joseph Puckett, Viji Raman, Tania Farjat

**Staff:** Stephanie Martinez

**Guests Present:** See attached list

**Chat:** Available upon request

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 the EMT program, communitad 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:

	No.	%
Total attendees at the time of the poll	115	100%
Total individuals who voted	105	91%
Total individuals who did not vote	10	9%
Of those who voted, total from another campus	2	2%
Of those who voted, total from CSM	103	98%
<b>Total CSM votes in support of vaccination</b>	93	89%
Total votes in support of vaccination (2 from SKY)	95	90%
<b>Total CSM votes against vaccination</b>	5	5%
<b>Total CSM "I don't know"</b>	5	5%

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 Diaz  
Jessica Damian  
Jia Chung  
Jill Haberlin  
Jose Bonilla  
Jose Rocha  
Joseph Puckett  
Joshna Pratap  
Juanita Celaya  
Karen Chadwick  
Karen Suple  
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