College of San Mateo – Finance Committee

September 21, 2026 2pm-3pm

Building 10 Room 421

Attendees

Name	Representation/Position	In Attendance
Gerardo Ramirez	Vice President of Administrative Services, Chair	Y
Steven Lehigh	Professor of Economics, Executive Committee Member selected by Academic Senate	Y
Makiko Ueda	Personal Counselor, At-Large Faculty Member selected by Academic Senate	Y
Daniel Keller	Professor, English, At-Large Member of IPC	Y
Edgardo Molina	Administrative Assistant for PRIE, Classified Staff Member selected by Classified Senate (approved by CSEA)	N
Vacant	Classified Staff Member selected by Classified Senate (approved by CSEA)	Vacant
Kingston Hua	Finance Director, ASCSM, Student selected by ASCSM	Y
Arielle Smith	Interim Dean of Enrollment Services & Support Programs Administrator selected by Management Council	Y

Non-Voting Attendees

Name	Representation/Position	In Attendance
Dr. Manuel Pérez	College President	N
Victoria Lin	Chief Business Officer	Y
Kim Lantz	Executive Assistant, V.P. of Administrative Services Office	Y

Action Items	Lead Responsible	Due Date
• Reach out to Classified Senate for additional CSEA representative	• Gerardo Ramirez	• 10/22/2026
• Review Response Letter from Chancellor Moreno at next meeting	• Gerardo Ramirez	• 10/22/2026

Minutes

Reviewed and approved minutes from May 2026 meeting.

Membership

Introduction of new committee members and reference to most current list on Finance Committee webpage. Committee still has one gap in membership for a CSEA member, suggesting a call for new membership and any recommendations be sent to CSEA. Membership appointments are for 2 years staggered.

Review of Bylaws

Committee reviews bylaws for benefit of new members and as a refresher for ongoing members.

General Updates

- President's Cabinet visited all College division meetings in September 2026 to engage in dialogue regarding finances or any other topic.
- A District Resource Allocation Taskforce was formed and going forward will provide updates regarding the Resource Allocation Model. CSM is represented in that taskforce by Steven Lehigh and Gerardo Ramirez.
- Offer from President Manuel A. Perez (April 30, 2026 Meeting) is still on the table to create a sub-committee of the Finance Committee for Faculty and for Classified staff if there is a desire to have more in depth discussions with him or with Cabinet. Makiko will take back to Academic Senate to determine if there is an interest. Edgardo has already reached out to Classified Senate but has not received a response.
- Chancellor Melissa Moreno recently sent response to CSM's budget questions (dated September 11, 2026) and it was addressed to President of Academic Senate, Daniel Keller, President of Classified Senate, Fauzi Hamadeh, and Chair of Finance Committee, Gerardo Ramirez. We will share a copy at the next Finance Committee meeting and also collect any feedback from respective senates and committees.

June 2026 Board of Trustees Decision

The Board of Trustees review of District and Campus spending at the June 24, 2026 meeting Agenda 13.21 Review of District and Campus Resource Spending shows a comparison of budgets and spending across the various District sites, a comparative review of efficiency metrics, staffing levels, and improvement activities at CSM. The Board approved recommendations and guidelines for future spending, including spending less on adjunct hours, increase instructional productivity, and to not add new net positions. The District will provide $84K per year to support CSM Coastside, and will cover CSM deficit for Fiscal years 2027-2029 as long as CSM continues to make progress toward goal its goal to not outspend the budget. CSM will provide the Chancellor with quarterly updates on the progress toward this goal. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and annual salary step increases were considered in these numbers. The District also set aside unencumbered money after last fiscal year to cover possible retroactive pay increase for AFT contract, which was recently agreed upon.

FY2026-27 Adopted Budget

Peter Fitzsimmons, Chief Financial Officer for District, provided and overview of the recently Board approved FY2026-27 Adopted budget for SMCCCD. Peter shared the September 9, 2026 Board of Trustees Slide Presentation.