

The Monday Minute

February 17, 2026

As we step into the Spring 2026 term, I feel both grateful and proud of our campus community. Receiving confirmation of our accreditation reaffirmation through 2031 is more than an institutional milestone. This accomplishment reflects the commitment, dedication, and hard work so many of you invested on behalf of our students. This achievement belongs to the entire campus community as it speaks to the strength of our relationships, our willingness to work together, and our shared belief in the importance of this work. As we celebrate this moment of community and connection, we are genuinely excited to begin the new term alongside you and to continue building on what we have accomplished together.

This *Monday Minute* includes:

- Accreditation and RSI Update
- Flex Day: Friday, February 20, 2026
- Admissions & Records Forms
- AB 1111 Common Course Numbering Update
- Important Dates and Information

Accreditation and RSI Accreditation and RSI Update: Great News!

We are pleased to share wonderful news with our campus community: we have received confirmation that Mt. San Antonio College has been reaffirmed



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for accreditation through 2031. The ACCJC notification letter and team report can be found on the [Mt. SAC Accreditation website](#).

This outcome reflects years of collective effort, campus-wide coordination, and a deep commitment to our students and continuous improvement. Reaffirmation is not the work of a single person or group; it is the result of collaboration, shared accountability, teamwork, and care demonstrated across our campus community.

We extend special appreciation to our Mt. SAC faculty whose advocacy, creativity, and engagement in high-quality professional development strengthened online pedagogical excellence in direct support of student success. We also thank the many individuals whose contributions were essential, though often unseen. Every effort mattered, and together, we made this success possible.

To celebrate this important milestone and to thank all who helped make it possible, we will be hosting a campus celebration luncheon on Friday, February 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Hall. The Recognition Ceremony will begin at 11:30 am. We invite you to [RSVP to join the celebration](#). Detailed information will be shared soon.

This is a moment to pause, celebrate, and recognize the strength of our campus community and what we can accomplish together in service of our students and each other.

With gratitude and much appreciation,
Kelly, Lianne, Allie, and Hong

Spring 2026 Flex Day [Spring 2026 Flex Day](#)

The Mt. SAC [Spring 2026 Flex Day](#), “All Together Now:



Building Compliance, Community, & Completion,” will be held virtually on Friday, February 20, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. This full day of professional learning will focus on accessible course design, AI integration, equity-driven Title 5 updates, program review best practices, restorative justice, dual enrollment pedagogy, and student support services.

The [Mt. SAC Spring 2026 Flex Day website](#) includes an overview of workshops and sessions along with registration information.

Please reach out to any member of the FLEX Planning Committee if you have questions:

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Thank you!

Admissions & Records Admissions & Records Forms Moving to Etrieve:
Live February 23, 2026 (Monday)



Beginning February 23, 2026, Admissions & Records will transition from Smartsheet to Etrieve, a secure, web-based platform for submitting and managing forms. While the forms will look different, the new process is more structured and easier to manage.

This change replaces a COVID-era process with a more efficient, guided workflow designed to reduce incomplete

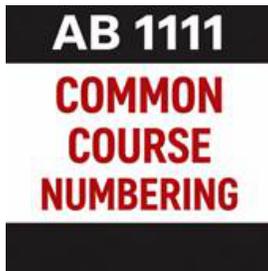
submissions and improve tracking for students, faculty, and staff.

Key Improvements:

- **Single-step form submission** with built-in validation
- **Auto-filled** student information pulled from Banner
- **Clear routing and workflow**, including faculty decision points when applicable
- **Email and in-system notifications** when action is required
- **Improved tracking** of requests from submission to completion

Watch this short video preview [New Admissions Forms Process on Vimeo](#) to get familiar with the new experience. For more information contact George Bradshaw at gbradshaw@mtsac.edu.

AB 1111 (CCN)



AB 1111 Common Course Numbering: Update from Kelly Rivera

I'm writing with an immediate Common Course Numbering (CCN) update from the Chancellor's Office. Phase III implementation has been paused, which means we will not be tasked with aligning local curriculum to the Phase III templates this spring. Let me say this again – we will not be moving forward with Phase III this spring. The Chancellor's Office shared that Phase III template development is complete, but the templates will not be released for local alignment until there is systemwide articulation assurance from our system partners.

Negotiation to this end is currently being worked on through the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) with our CSU/UC colleagues. It reflects resolutions and calls from the ASCCC (including one from Mt SAC) that this process should be articulation first. How

long will the pause be? That information has not been shared. My best read is that these negotiations can take time... months, and possibly longer. So, for now we are in a holding pattern, and I will keep you updated as I learn more.

Here is a link to the [ASCCC website with all courses listed](#) in each phase and attached you will find you will find the Chancellor's announcement regarding the Phase III pause.

In the meantime, feel free to reach out. Here to support your work.

[Kelly Rivera](#)



Important Dates and Information

- **Mt. SAC [Spring 2026 Flex Day](#):** Friday, February 20, 2026
- **First Day of Spring 2026:** Monday, February 23, 2026
- **Adjunct Professor [Student Office Hour Request Form](#) Due:** Friday, February 27, 2026
- **Last Day to Add Classes (16-week):** Friday, March 6, 2026
- **Cesar Chavez Day (Campus Closed):** Tuesday, March 31, 2026
- **Memorial Day (Campus Closed):** Monday, May 25, 2026
- **Summer 2026 Canvas Merged Requests Due:** Friday, June 5, 2026
- **Spring 2026 Finals Week:** June 8 – June 14, 2026
- **Mt. SAC Commencement:** Friday, June 12, 2026
- **Fall 2026 Final Grades (16-week classes):** Tuesday, June 16, 2026 (at 8 pm)
- **First Day of Summer 2026:** Monday, June 22, 2026
- **Fall 2026 Canvas Merged Requests**

Due: Thursday, August 6, 2026

- **First Day of Fall 2026:** Monday, August 24, 2026
- [Mt. SAC 2025 - 2026 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Mt. SAC 2026 - 2027 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Mt. SAC Calendar of Events](#)
- [Mt. SAC 2035 Education and Facilities Comprehensive Plan](#)

As we look ahead to the weeks to come, may we carry this momentum with us, not just the pride of what we have accomplished, but the strength and confidence that come from working side by side in service of our students. Thank you for the energy, thoughtfulness, and dedication you bring to this work every day.

Here's to a strong start and hopeful spring semester!

Thank you,
Kelly Fowler



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