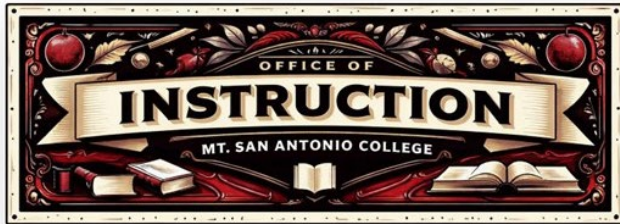

Welcome to this week's *Monday Minute*!



We hope you're having a great start to the fall semester—welcome back!

You may notice that the *Monday Minute* has a new look and format this semester. Based on your feedback, we've made some changes to make updates easier to review and the information easier to find. We would love to hear what you think, so please take a moment to share your feedback through the brief survey link: take the [Monday Minute Survey](#)!

Here is what is in this week's *Monday Minute*:

- Fall 2026 New Faculty are Here!
- Dropping No Show Students
- Withdrawal Deadline
- Census Date Calculation: Update

- Inaugural State of the College (October 29 at 4 pm)
- You're Invited! Common Course Numbering & Department Chair Celebration and Recognition Ceremony
 - Friday, August 28 in Heritage Hall.
- Important Dates, Information, and Reminders

The Monday Minute – August 23, 2026

CELEBRATION – NEW FACULTY ARE HERE!

We are delighted to welcome our newest faculty members to the Mt. SAC community!

This year, we welcome 24 new faculty colleagues representing disciplines and programs across the college. As they begin their first year at Mt. SAC, I hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself, say hello, and help them feel at home in our campus community. We are so glad they are here and look forward to the many ways they will contribute to our students and to Mt. SAC.

Please join me in giving our newest faculty a warm Mt. SAC welcome!

- Eva Wang, Accounting
- Joseph Davoust, Aeronautics
- Richard Fornaca, Aircraft Maintenance
- Priscilla Holguin, Astronomy
- Sarina Wang, Communication
- Janiella Eshiett, Communication
- Mireya Graciano, Counseling, ACCESS
- Selene Roman, Counseling
- Dulce Cobian, Counseling
- Belle Cuevas-Arella, Counseling
- Cecilia Leung, Culinary Arts
- Omid Bagheri, Economics
- Johnina Grozav, English
- Danelle Huggett, English
- Robert "Xach" Williams, Ethnic Studies
- Pōmaika`i Gushiken, Ethnic Studies
- Demeturie Gogue, Ethnic Studies
- Brandon H. Burrill, Fire Technology (Wildland)
- Arianna Browne, History (African American)
- Michael Fenison, Kinesiology
- Nicholas Catt, Library Science
- Michael Haines, Respiratory Therapy

- Christina McDonald, Registered Veterinary Technology
- John Favreau, Technical Theater



IMPORTANT: DROPPING NO SHOW STUDENTS

As a reminder, Mt. SAC has two Administrative Procedures (APs) that also address dropping No Show students:

- [AP 5075 Course Adds and Drops](#) states that “an instructor may drop a student who has not arrived within the first 30 minutes of the first course meeting of an in-person or synchronous online course. For asynchronous online courses, students must complete the No Show activity designated by their professor within three days to demonstrate attendance or they will be dropped from the course for nonattendance.”
- Additional information in [AP 4105 Distance Learning](#) states (bottom of page 3), “faculty will drop, as a No-Show, any student who has not actively participated in the course or has not completed the faculty-determined check-in activity. Faculty members have discretion to establish any date between the official start of the term and the third day of the term.”

Per [Title 5 Section §58004](#), professors have the responsibility to clear their rosters of inactive students who are considered “No Show” students in online, hybrid, and face-to-face courses. For in-person courses, attendance is determined by physical presence, while in online courses, participation is measured through participation as

defined in policy and on the professor's syllabus. These policies apply regardless of course waitlists. To provide clarity for students, professors are encouraged to include a statement in their syllabus outlining their course-specific drop policy, including how and when No Show students will be dropped.

Please continue to reach out to your [Dean or Division Office](#) if you have any questions.

DEADLINE TO WITHDRAW

The deadline to withdraw from a course with a "W" is now set at the **75% point of each class**, in accordance with [AP 5075: Course Adds and Drops](#), which was recently updated to align with Title 5 ([§ 55024](#)) regulations on withdrawals. If you viewed or printed your schedule prior to Wednesday, August 20, it may still display the withdrawal deadline at the 60% point. Please review your schedules carefully to ensure that the section dates reflect the updated deadline.

COURSE CENSUS DATES: UPDATE DUE TO STANDARDIZED ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING METHOD

Beginning in 2026 – 2027, California community colleges are transitioning to the new [Standardized Attendance Accounting Method \(SAAM\)](#), which changes how the "census date" is calculated for most credit courses. Mt. SAC has started this transition to SAAM this fall. One of the impacts of this new process is the calculation of the census date. The census date is the point in a course when enrollment is recorded for state attendance accounting purposes and, for most courses under SAAM, is established at approximately 20% of the course length.

As we implement SAAM this fall, census dates will follow [Chancellor's Office guidance](#) and may change slightly from past census dates:

- **Full-Term Classes:** All full-term classes, whether face-to-face, hybrid, or online, will have one census date: Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) of the third week of instruction. **For Mt. SAC, this is Tuesday, September 8.**
- **Short-Term Classes:** Census dates for face-to-face, hybrid, and online

classes will be based on the length of the course (including all weekdays, holidays, and weekends) and will be calculated at the 20% census point (or Census day). Faculty will be provided the census date for their class in their [portal](#).

Please remember to clear inactive enrollments before census. We appreciate everyone's patience as we adjust to these new processes. Please reach out to [Loralyn Isomura](#) or me (kelly.fowler@mtsac.edu) if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: INAUGURAL STATE OF THE COLLEGE

Mt. SAC: Inaugural State of the College with Dr. Garcia

Save the Date:

- October 29, 2026 (Thursday)
- 4 p.m.
- Summit Event Center (3rd Floor)

Join us for Mt. San Antonio College's first State of the College, highlighting our institutional progress, student success, community impact, strategic priorities, and vision for the future.

Registration: [Register Here!](#)

YOU'RE INVITED! COMMON COURSE NUMBERING & DEPARTMENT CHAIR CELEBRATION CEREMONY

Meghan and I are excited about the **Common Course Numbering & Department Chair Celebration and Recognition Ceremony** on **Friday, August 28 in Heritage Hall**.

This gathering is an opportunity for us to pause, celebrate, and say thank you. Whether they have helped lead the implementation of AB 1111 Common Course Numbering, served as a Department Chair, or both, they have brought their expertise and commitment to work that makes a real difference for our students, faculty, and the Mt. SAC campus community.

We look forward to celebrating and honoring their contributions alongside those of

everyone who helped make this work possible.

We invite you to join us at the **Celebration and Recognition Ceremony:**

- **Friday, August 28, 2026**
- **Heritage Hall**
- **11:30 am – 1:00 pm**
- **Lunch will be provided**

Please **RSVP (if you haven't already)** by completing [this very quick survey](#) (only 3 questions) by **Wednesday, August 26, at noon.**

We hope you will join us. We are looking forward to recognizing your contributions and enjoying this time together!

Thank you,
Meghan and Kelly

Important Dates, Resources, and Reminders

Here is a list of important dates, resources, and reminders

- First Day of Fall 2026: **Monday, August 24, 2026**
- Labor Day (Campus Closed): **Monday, September 7, 2026**
- Last Day to Add a Class (16 week): **Friday, September 4, 2026**
- Inaugural State of the College: **Thursday, October 29, 2026** ([registration link](#))
- Veteran's Day (Campus Closed): **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**
- Thanksgiving Holiday: **November 26 and 27 (Thursday and Friday)**
- Last Day of the Semester: **December 11, 2026**
- Grades Due (full-term classes): **Tuesday, December 15, 2026 (8 pm)**

- [Mt. SAC Faculty Center for Learning Technology website](#)
- [Mt. SAC Student Services Resources](#)
- [Canvas Student Support Hub](#) (log in to access this resource)
- [Mt. SAC 2026 - 2027 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Fall 2026 Credit Course Section Cancellation Protocol](#)
- [Mt. SAC Calendar of Events](#)

We are here to help and support you throughout the semester. Please continue to reach out to your [Instructional Division](#), [Student Services Office](#), or [School of Continuing Education](#) if you have questions or need assistance. You can also contact the [Office of Instruction](#) if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a successful and inspiring first week as we begin the Fall 2026 semester together. Have a wonderful week!

Thank you,
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