

SUMMARY: OCTOBER 1ST MEETING

Below is a summary of the key items discussed at our recent Academic Senate meeting, including action items and discussion points to be addressed in upcoming meetings.

For the full slideshow from the meeting, [click here](#).

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1. Second Read: Seeking Formal Support for the Puente Project

The Puente Project, which does not require students to be of Latinx background to participate, seeks to establish itself at Miramar College. A workgroup is being formed to discuss funding and logistics. The motion to formally support bringing the Puente Project to Miramar College passed unanimously. [Carrasquillo/Parelman]

5.2. Second Read: Clarifying and Updating ASC&B Language Regarding ASRE Committee

A vote to update the ASRE Committee language in the ASC&B passed unanimously. This includes new verbiage on retention. [Everhart/Johnson Shipman]

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Report – Darren Hall

Hall presented the 2024-2025 Initiatives and Legislation Implementation Plans, including the timeline for AB1111 (Common Course Numbering) implementation. Six courses across the state are part of Phase I, with more courses to follow in Phase II. Faculty are encouraged to participate in surveys and statewide discipline input groups. Deadlines for the 2025-2026 online catalog were also shared. Links to these surveys can be found in our [resource document](#). The exact catalog submission deadline will be provided in the next A.S. meeting.

6.2. Introducing the Institutional Innovation & Effectiveness Emerging Technology Team

The IIEETT introduced two faculty specialists—Alison Gurganus from Mesa College and Rodrigo Gomez from Miramar College—who will be surveying faculty for feedback. Gomez is also working on a resolution for integrating AI in the classroom. Send comments or questions to Gomez or Martin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The **Equity Summit** will be held this Friday, but concerns were raised about its overlap with Rosh Hashanah and school holidays, which might prevent attendance.
- **AFT Union meeting**: Thursday, October 3rd, 3-5pm at Mesa and on Zoom.
- **Neil Kendrick's "talking comic book"**: Faculty member Neil Kendrick has published a comic book called *We The People, Sing Our Song*, connected to QR codes that lead to podcasts on topics like democracy and the Constitution. Link to [related article](#)

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

The next meeting will be on October 15th. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate

3:30-5:00pm **Oct 01, 2024** Location: M-110 and [Zoom](#)

(*See [agenda](#) for remote locations)

[Associated Documents](#)

[Meeting Slideshow](#)

Senators Present: Pablo Martin, Carmen Carrasquillo, Rodrigo Gomez, Dawn Diskin, Olivia Flores, Desi Klaar, Darren Hall, Adrian Arancibia, Amy Alsup, Anne Gloag, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Channing Booth, Cyndie Gilley, Dan Smith, David Halttunen, Dawn DiMarzo, Donnie Tran, Eloy Guerra, Julia McMenemy, Leslie Marovich, Mardi Parelman, Marian Edelbrock, Martin Gonzalez, Otto Dobre, Patti Manley, Scott Moller, Stefanie Johnson Shipman, Wahid Hamidy, Erin Smith, Kristen Bonwell, Kristen Everhart, Najah Abdelkader, Natalie Bickett

Absent: Kandice Brandt, Michael Lopez, Kevin Petti, Alex Sanchez (proxy: L. Marovich), Ali Gonzalez (proxy: C. Carrasquillo), Mary Kjartanson (proxy: D. Hall), Randy Claros (proxy: O. Flores), Mike Colafrancesco (proxy: D. Klaar), *Valerie Chau

*attended as a guest

Other Attendees: Mara Sanft, Robert Sojourn, Juli Bartolomei

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order when quorum was reached at 3:40pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 9/17/24](#)

- The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections after a change to postpone item 7.2.1 and to move item 6.2. to approximately 4pm. [Booth/Carrasquillo]

3. Land Acknowledgment

- Sept 30th was a national holiday in Canada for National Truth and Reconciliation Day and there was a ceremony at Miramar on the same day around Native American issues.

4. Public Comments

- Carrasquillo: The Equity Summit is on Friday, and it is also Rosh Hashanah. Recommended that all sacred holidays be taken into consideration during event planning in the future, so people who observe those holidays will be able to attend. Another attendee mentioned that children have that day off, which could also prevent parents from being able to attend.

5. Action Items (*this includes second reads*)

5.1. (Second Read) Seeking Formal Support for the Puente Project – Ali Gonzalez and Martin Gonzalez

- The Puente Project does not require students be of Latinx background to participate.
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for funding information. The workgroup will be discussing funding sources.
- Motion to formally support bringing the Puente Project to Miramar College passed unanimously. [Carrasquillo/Parelman]

5.2. (Second Read) Clarifying and Updating ASC&B Language regarding ASRE Committee – ASRE Co-Chairs

- A vote on this item requires 2/3 approval, since it is a change to the ASC&B.
- Martin read a statement from the committee regarding the addition of retention verbiage and shared the updated language.
- Motion to approve the updated ASRE Committee language in the ASC&B passed unanimously. [Everhart/Johnson-Shipman]

6. Discussion Items (*this includes first calls and first reads*)

6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Report – Darren Hall

- Presented the 2024-2025 Initiatives/Legislation Implementation/Goals.
- Shared the AB1111 (Common Course Numbering) Implementation Plan timeline. Noted that “faculty are strongly encouraged to limit the information in Part 2 (Local).”
- Six initial courses across the state will have common course numbering in Phase I: ENGL 101, ENGL 205, POLI 102, PSYC 101, COMS 103, and MATH 119. There will be 20 more in Phase II. Asking faculty to watch for and complete the survey and/or participate in statewide discipline input groups.
- Shared the [SDCCD Policies and Procedures Flowchart](#).
- Provided the CurrIQnet Meta/Online Electronic Catalog Update. Meta [Open Lab](#) starting Sept 6th (Fridays from 10:30-11:30am). Noted that the 2025-2026 catalog will be completely online.
- Sanft reminded Senators that the catalog deadline has changed. Hall will update faculty on the exact date at the next A.S. meeting.
- See [slideshow](#) for details, as well as links for Constituent Review Policies and Procedures. The Curriculum Committee will meet and discuss on Oct 26th and bring anything significant forward to the A.S. Send feedback to [Hall](#) by the end of October so it can be at the District by Dec 1st.

6.2. Introducing the Institutional Innovation & Effectiveness Emerging Technology Team – Michelle Fischthal and Members of the IIEETT

- Survey coming out in a couple weeks for faculty feedback.
- Two faculty specialists: Alison Gurganus (Mesa) and Rodrigo Gomez (Miramar).
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for details.

- Discussion ensued.
- Motion to extend time by two minutes passed with no objection. [Manley/Koch]
- Gomez is working on a resolution for AI in the classroom at Miramar College.
- Send questions or comments to [Gomez](#) or [Martin](#).

7. Reports

7.1. Committee Reports

7.1.1. ASRE Committee – ASRE Co-Chairs

- Martin presented the report on behalf of Smith.
- The committee is proposing that Miramar uses “contingent” rather than “adjunct,” as neither “adjunct” nor “part-time” properly reflect those faculty.
- The committee would like to report a vacancy. They are particularly interested in an adjunct from MBEPS.

7.2. Special Reports

7.2.1. Introducing the Specialized Counseling & Services Department – Kandice Brandt & Ali Gonzalez

- Postponed.

7.3. Executive Committee Reports

7.3.1. President – Pablo Martin (State, District, Campus, and Senate Issues)

- Announced Valerie Chau as adjunct senator by acclamation.
- Reminders on remote attendance at A.S. meetings: The [AS Senator Remote Attendance Info Sheet](#) outlining this process asks Senators to submit this form no later than 3:30pm on the Thursday before the next meeting. The Brown Act has very strict/particular guidelines, hence the guidance provided in the [SDMC Academic Senate Resource Doc](#) (see #1).
- The [2024-2027 PROA Functional Plan \(Updated\)](#) will be coming back to the A.S. for a vote on Oct 15th.
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for information about workgroups/taskforces in need of participants.
- [Invest in Success](#): Sat, Oct 26th, 4-8pm at Bali Hai Restaurant.
- If you would like to assist in the planning for Miramar’s Board of Trustees Spring meeting, contact [Malia Kunst](#).
- See [meeting slideshow](#) and [resource document](#) for full report and details, including updates from College Council and the State.

7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- Committee on Committees: Very few vacancies left to fill. Reminder: After the third call, a school designee can be filled by faculty from any school.

7.3.3. Secretary – Rodrigo Gomez

- No report.

7.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin

- The current balance is \$768.97. The student who had yet to cash a scholarship check has come forward, so the balance is accurate.
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for details on A.S. dues, automatic payroll deduction, and the SDMC Foundation Update.

7.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large – Olivia Flores

- AFT Union meeting at Mesa and on Zoom on Th, Oct 3rd from 3-5pm.

7.3.6. Part-Time Member-at-Large – Desi Klaar

- Reminder to turn in Sept committee hours to department administrators and Martin.

7.3.7. Chair of Chairs – Kevin Petti

- No report.

7.3.8. Curriculum Chair – Darren Hall

- Gave report during agenda item 6.1.

8. Announcements

- Requesting more than four days notice to make changes to the catalog (request to bring this to College Council).
- Carrasquillo: Neil Kendricks (faculty member) has published a “talking comic book” called “We The People, Sing Our Song.” There are illustrations that are connected to QR codes that lead to a podcast where people discuss things like the future of our democracy, our Constitution, and the Presidential election. Contact [Carrasquillo](#) for more information. [[Related article](#)]

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

The next meeting will be on Oct 15th. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli Bartolomei and Rodrigo Gomez