

SUMMARY: DECEMBER 3RD MEETING

Here's a summary of key discussion points and actions from the most recent Academic Senate meeting. **Note that there will be one vote at the first meeting of the Spring Semester, see item 7.2.1. UMOJA/BSU Presentation below.**

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

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1. A.S. Bylaws Update: Mid-Term Elections for A.S. President

The motion to update the bylaws, allowing the Vice President the option (rather than requirement) to step into the role of A.S. President for an incomplete term, passed unanimously. [Edelbrock/Marovich]

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6.1. Curriculum Committee Updates – Darren Hall

Faculty are reminded to submit proposals for Fall 2026 to the Curriculum Committee by February 14, 2025.

6.2. GAIA Presentation on Campus Safety – Amy Alsup & Carmen Carrasquillo

Recommendations for improving campus safety were presented, emphasizing the need for collaboration at the campus and District levels.

Recent safety concerns at Miramar have been elevated to the Chancellor's Cabinet.

Miramar's safety processes will be audited to identify areas for improvement.

Alsup and Carrasquillo are engaging with students on gender equity issues.

For details, see the meeting slideshow.

REPORTS:

7.2.1. UMOJA/BSU Presentation

Presenters advocated for bringing the Umoja Program to Miramar College, highlighting the program's potential to create a sense of belonging and community for African American students.

Actions for A.S.:

Support forming a task force to review the application process for an Umoja Program.

Recommend that the task force include Administration and Faculty in discussions on Umoja guidelines.

Pass a motion of support to bring Umoja to Miramar College.

This will return for a second read at the next meeting.

7.2.2. Work-Based Learning (WBL) at Miramar – Melanie Baeza

WBL integrates career skills into campus activities and classroom assignments.

Funding comes from Strong Workforce funds, and reporting WBL activities is key to securing future funding.

Faculty can receive pay for completing WBL professional development courses. Registration opens February 17, 2025.

See slideshow for faculty resources and contact information.

7.2.3. Academic Success Center (ASC) Updates – Donnie Tran

Miramar has four centers plus online and embedded tutoring.

Tran called for support in reimagining the ASC, with goals including standardized hours of operation, updated resources, and greater collaboration.

See slideshow for data and plans.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

7.3.1. President – Pablo Martin

Faculty interested in participating in the Resolution on Technology and Planning Issues workgroup should contact Martin or Adrian Arancibia.

The CGH Change Taskforce has approved several minor changes, which will be voted on at College Council on December 10.

The ASCCC Hayward Award nomination process is open; contact Martin for details.

Faculty concerned about AB 1705's impact on foundational pre-transfer courses can attend the Reclaim Student Access to Foundational Courses webinar on December 10.

7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

The International Education Committee will officially become a participatory governance committee. Vacancies will be announced in Spring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements were shared.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.

The next meeting will be on February 4th. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate

3:30-5:00pm **Dec 03, 2024** Location: M-110 and [Zoom](#)

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

[Associated Documents](#)

[Meeting Slide Show](#)

Senators Present: Pablo Martin, Carmen Carrasquillo, Desi Klaar, Kevin Petti, Alex Sanchez, Ali Gonzalez, Amy Alsup, Anne Gloag, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Cyndie Gilley, Dan Smith, David Halttunen, Dawn DiMarzo, Donnie Tran, Julia McMenamin, Kandice Brandt, Laura Marin, Leslie Marovich, Mardi Parelman, Marian Edelbrock, Martin Gonzalez, Mary Kjartanson, Michael Lopez, Otto Dobre, Scott Moller, Stefanie Johnson Shipman, Erin Smith, Kristen Bonwell, Kristen Everhart, Mike Colafrancesco, Najah Abdelkader, Natalie Bickett, Valerie Chau

Absent: *Dawn Diskin, Rodrigo Gomez, Olivia Flores, *Darren Hall, Adrian Arancibia, Channing Booth, Eloy Guerra, Patti Manley, *Randy Claros, *Wahid Hamidy

*attended as a guest

Other Attendees: Dan Igou, Melanie Baeza, Judy Patacsil, Tarlease Jones, Shaneeka Thomas, Dawn Joves, Lionel Remesha, Juli Bartolomei

1. Call to Order

– The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 11/19/24](#)

– The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections following a change to move item 7.2.2 to follow Public Comments and removal of Claros' remote address from the agenda. [Carrasquillo/Alsup]

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Public Comments

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

5.1. A.S. Bylaws Update: Allowing for Mid-Term Elections for A.S. President – Pablo Martin

– Motion to approve passed unanimously. [Edelbrock/Marovich]

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

6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Updates – Darren Hall

– Send proposals for Fall 2026 to the Curriculum Committee by Feb 14th.

6.2. Gender Advocacy, Inclusion and Advancement (GAIA) Presentation on Campus Safety – Amy Alsup & Carmen Carrasquillo

– See [meeting slideshow](#) for details, recommended actions for improving campus safety, and resource links.

– Campus safety requires collaboration across the campus and across the District.

– There have been recent incidents of concern at Miramar. President Lundburg elevated GAIA's concerns to Chancellor's Cabinet. The SDCCD Chief of Police is very interested in doing better when looking at victims and how to interact with them.

– Need to audit Miramar's process: What do we do now and how can we do it better?

– Goal is to be proactive so people know they will be safe in our community.

– Carrasquillo and Alsup will be meeting with students who want to work on gender equity issues.

7. Reports

7.1. Committee Reports

7.1.1. NA

7.2. Special Reports

7.2.1. UMOJA/BSU Presentation – Judy Patacsil, Tarlease Jones, Shaneeka Thomas, and Dawn Joves

- Action for the Academic Senate:
 - Support the formation of a task force to review the application process to establish an Umoja Program.
 - To recommend that the task force begin meetings to include Administration and Faculty to discuss guidelines provided by the Umoja Community Education Foundation.
 - Pass a motion of support to bring Umoja to San Diego Miramar College.
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for background and details.
- Jones: “I know for a fact that, if there is a sense of belonging, community and connection for African American students, they will achieve at higher rates. I know that the enrollment of African American students exists here at Miramar College; however, we are not able to reach them, because there is nowhere for them to go and have that sense of belonging here. We talk about making the invisible visible here at Miramar College, and how can we do that if there is nowhere for the voice to be heard and the needs to be seen?” “A program like Umoja would allow for mentorship. It would provide opportunity for student leadership, growth, personal and professional development. It would give that sense of diversity.”
- This will come back to the next meeting for a second read.

7.2.2. Work Based Learning (WBL) in the Miramar Classroom – Melanie Baeza, WBL Director

- See [meeting slideshow](#) for details.
- “Work-based Learning (WBL) at Miramar is any campus activity or classroom assignment that teaches essential career or workplace skills that prepare students for their future careers.”
- Funding: Strong Workforce funds. “Apportionment will be based on past data and will be an ongoing measure; funding will be determined by how well we report Miramar’s WBL activities.”
- WBL can support with out-of-classroom pay for up to 10 faculty for WPL professional development course completion (some limitations apply). Next course registration begins Feb 17th.
- [WBL Website: Faculty Resources](#)
- WBL Coordinator Contact: [Melanie Baeza](#)

7.2.3. Academic Success Center Updates – Donnie Tran

- Currently four centers, plus online and embedded tutoring: ASC (L-101), Math Lab (M-210), STEM Center (S6-110) and Writing Lab (H-103).
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for student traffic data.
- Asking for support for the reimagination of ASC, to include: the same hours of operation at all centers, anatomy models at the STEM Center, and collaboration with other service areas in ASC’s space.
- [ASC Webpage](#)

7.3. Executive Committee Reports

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

- See [meeting resource document](#).
- Faculty interested in participating in the workgroup to review and refine the [Resolution on Technology and Planning Issues Fall 2024](#), please read that document, as well as “[Lisa Munoz Context re. Technology Resolution](#),” and contact [Adrian Arancibia](#) or [Pablo Martin](#).
- There will be an election for A.S. President for a one-year term (July 1, 2025, through June 20, 2026) in the Spring.
- The CGH Change Taskforce has approved a number of minor change requests from various committees. Please see “[Fall 2024 CGH Change Request Summary](#)” and contact [Martin](#) or any A.S. Executive Officer with questions or concerns. The vote to approve these changes will take place at College Council on 12/10/24.
- Everyone on campus is encouraged to reach out to any VP, the College President, or [Martin](#) with interest in having a space for their affinity or other group or other need in the Kaleidoscope or any future multi-cultural center.
- The ASCCC is accepting nominations for the [Hayward Award for “Excellence in Education”](#). This award honors community college full-time and part-time faculty who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to their students, college, and profession. Contact [Martin](#) with interest.
- Concerned about AB 1705’s impact on students and restoring access to stand-alone foundational pre-transfer courses? Then attend FACCC’s Reclaim Student Access to Foundational Courses Webinar, which takes place on 12/10/24 at 6pm. [Register here](#).
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for links for updates and notices for comment from the CCCC, as well as ASCCC webinars.

7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- The International Ed Committee will be an official participatory governance committee for anyone who wants to volunteer. See the next call to fill vacancies in the Spring.

7.3.3. Secretary – Rodrigo Gomez

- No report.

- 7.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin
 - The current balance is \$515.
- 7.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large – Olivia Flores
 - No report.
- 7.3.6. Part-Time Member-at-Large – Desi Klaar
 - Reminded adjuncts to report their committee hours.
- 7.3.7. Chair of Chairs – Kevin Petti
 - No report.

8. **Announcements**

9. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.

The next meeting will be on Feb 4th. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli Bartolomei and Rodrigo Gomez