

SUMMARY: MARCH 4TH ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

Action Items for 3/18/25:

1. Public Safety Baccalaureate Degree GE Proposal:

- a. The Curriculum Review Committee met on 3/11/25 and voted as a body to approve the [PS Baccalaureate Degree GE Proposal](#). The vote was 5 for, 2 against, 1 abstaining—the CRC Chair.
- b. The CRC is bringing it back to the Academic Senate for a second read on 3/18/25. If approved, this proposal will go into effect for the first cohort of the degree program. The language will also be included in the SDCCD Catalog in time for publication (for the 2025-26 academic year catalog).
- c. The proposal is also being shared with the other colleges—they are expected to vote soon.
- d. To help Senators get a better understanding of this proposal, Isabella Ela and Shelly Hess (experts on this proposal and this aspect of curriculum from the CRC and District respectively) will be hosting a Zoom forum tomorrow, Thursday 3/13/25, from 4:30 to 5:30: <https://sdccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87995449102>, Meeting ID: 879 9544 9102.**
- e. If you still have questions, or are unable to attend the forum and wish to learn more, please contact Darren Hall dmhall@sdccd.edu, Isabella Ela iela@sdccd.edu, or Shelly Hess shess@sdccd.edu.
- f. One or both of them will also be present at our 3/18/25 A.S. meeting to answer questions. CRC Chair Darren Hall will be attending the meeting remotely as well.

g. There are more details to consider, but the crux of the issue, as I understand it, are as follows:

- i. This proposal seeks to provide students in any of Miramar's 10 feeder Associate Degree programs with a GE option that would level the playing field for them.**
 - Students transferring to CSU and UC programs are not required to follow the new CALGETC GE pattern but are "grandfathered" into their Community College's existing GE pattern. However, this is not the case for Miramar's current CTE students who would funnel into the program, requiring them to fulfill the CALGETC GE pattern (Mesa and City College already had these programs and thus have catalog rights or are "grandfathered" in with their AA programs.)
- ii. Students who earn any of those 10 associate degrees at Miramar but don't go into Miramar's B.S. degree program but want to transfer to a CSU or UC would need to complete more courses before they can transfer.**

2. Second read (and vote) on the [Public Art Procedure](#): This has gone through multiple drafts based on discussion at the Facilities Committee as well as College Council. The body had no concerns with the procedure at the last A.S. meeting.
3. Second read (and vote) on our interpreting of the Brown Act regarding teleconferencing and attendance: Since the Brown Act is not entirely clear on this, the body will vote on whether to approve the following interpretation that we discussed at our last A.S. meeting (see legal analyses here: [BBK Law](#) and [Legal Clarity](#)):
 - a. Senators who attend an Academic Senate meeting at a remote location that is not listed on the agenda will be considered technically absent.* They will be listed as "attending as a guest" in the minutes for that meeting.
 - b. Senators who attend an Academic Senate meeting in person but listed a remote location on the agenda and do not post the agenda at their remote location along with a note informing the public they will need to find another location from which to participate in the meeting will be considered technically absent.* They will be listed as "attending as a guest" in the minutes for that meeting.
 - c. Because technically absent Senators have made a good faith effort to attend that A.S. meeting, their absence should not count toward the three absences that would result in a Senator being replaced by another member of their constituency group.

Please see the minutes for other items that we've voted on and discussed at the last A.S. meeting.

Draft Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate

3:30-5:00pm

March 04, 2025

Location: M-110 and [Zoom](#)

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

[Associated Documents](#)

[Meeting Slide Show](#)

Senators Present: Pablo Martin, Carmen Carrasquillo, Rodrigo Gomez, Dawn Diskin, Olivia Flores, Desi Klaar, Darren Hall, Kevin Petti, Adrian Arancibia, Alex Sanchez, Ali Gonzalez, Amy Alsup, Anne Gloag, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Channing Booth, 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, Patti Manley, Randy Claros, Scott Moller, Stefanie Johnson Shipman, Wahid Hamidy, Erin Smith, Kristen Bonwell, Kristen Everhart, Mike Colafrancesco, Najah Abdelkader, Natalie Bickett, Valerie Chau

Absent: Eloy Guerra

*attended as a guest

Other Attendees: Valentino Navarez, Robert Scott, Lisa Munos, Andrew Lowe, Meggie Morris, Mara Sanft, Judy Patacsil, Shaneeka Thomas, Hannah Pierce, Juli Bartolomei

1. Call to Order

– The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 2/18/25](#)

– The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections after moving item 6.3 to be the first Discussion Item. Martin also noted that he made minor changes to the minutes. [Koch/Gomez]

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Public Comments

- Carrasquillo suggested the A.S. bring back the recognition of the most inspirational faculty as a positive way to acknowledge the efforts of colleagues in various areas.
- Sanft: At the District CIC last week, one of the members brought up the topic of acceptance of courses from states who have changed their Ethnic Studies curriculum- thinking about how or if we accept courses from other states.
- Flores: Statewide A.S. was on campus last week to give a presentation on 10+1 using a counselor lens and they had a good turnout.

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

5.1. Seeking A.S. Support for UMOJA– Judy Patacsil and Shaneeka Thomas

- This was a second reading.
- Action requested from the A.S.:
 - Support the formation of a task force to review the application process and logistics involved in establishing an Umoja Program here at Miramar.
 - Recommended that the task force begin meetings to include Administration and Faculty (they also want to add students, so that all relevant constituent groups would be present) to discuss guidelines provided by the Umoja Community Education Foundation.
 - Pass a motion of support to bring Umoja to San Diego Miramar College.
- Motion to support passed unanimously. [Alsup/Flores]

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

6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Updates – Darren Hall

- Changes were made to the proposed [SDCCD CCC Baccalaureate Degree GE Requirements](#), so there will be another vote by the Curriculum Committee. In the interest of time, it is being brought to the A.S. as a first read. This will be adopted by the District, so they are getting feedback from all campuses. Discussion ensued and a number of questions were asked. A GE expert from the Curriculum Committee will speak at the next A.S. meeting to answer questions. Share concerns with the Curriculum Committee, [Hall](#), [Sanft](#) or [Martin](#).
- Gainful Employment update: "We have made sure that our programs lead to employment."
- Career Technical Education Code Alignment Update: [CTE Code Alignment](#)
- AB1111 – New Designators: Eight templates are being sent to Deans for Phase II.
- Designator workgroup: New workgroup being established for offering certain disciplines at multiple colleges within the district. Will report more as it is formed.
- 2025-2026 Catalog Draft: Make sure to closely review the catalog draft.

6.2. [Resolution on Technology and Planning Issues, Spring 2025, Third Draft](#) – Pablo Martin

- Martin shared A.S. feedback with the workgroup and they removed wording, as recommended.
 - Despite efforts to work with the Technology Committee and VPI Odu on these concerns, the College Council also needs to have a chance to address them before coming to the A.S. as a resolution. Faculty Technology Liaison (FTL) Martin and Technology Committee Co-Chair and former FTL Muñoz will share these concerns at the upcoming College Council meeting.
 - The resolution may or may not come back to the A.S. body. If it does, it will likely be in a different form.
- 6.3. Review [Public Art Procedure](#) – Hannah Pierce, Facilities Co-Chair
- This has gone back and forth between the Facilities Committee and College Council a number of times, with changes made based on feedback from all constituencies.
 - This is a first reading and will come back to the next meeting for a vote.
- 6.4. The Upcoming A.S. President Election, July 2025 through June 2026 Term – Pablo Martin
- Martin explained the importance of and need for an A.S. President.
 - No nominations have been received. Martin presented options on how to proceed with filling the position for the final year of his term and discussion ensued.
 - There was as discussion to get a sense of how senators feel about potentially opening the election to tenure-track faculty, which is currently prohibited by the A.S. Bylaws. Several senators shared concerns about allowing tenure-track faculty to be A.S. President and the consensus seemed to be not to allow it. A link for a straw poll was provided, but was not implemented due to technical concerns. (It was clarified that this would not have been a formal or official vote.)
 - Motion to extend time by one minute passed with no objections and discussion continued. [Martin/Pareلمان]
 - Motion to extend time by one minute passed with no objections and discussion continued. [?/Flores]
 - Motion to extend time by two minutes passed with no objections and discussion continued. [Booth/Pareلمان]
 - Recommendations were made for things to include in the next callout. Send all ideas to [Martin](#).
 - Discuss with departments, as this will come back to the next meeting.
- 6.5. Interpreting the Brown Act Regarding Teleconferencing and Attendance – Pablo Martin
- A senator shared a concern with Martin about the interpretation of the Brown Act concerning remote attendance and absences and felt the body should vote on any such interpretations.
 - Martin noted that A.S. meeting proceedings would only be nullified by “technically absent” (see [slideshow](#) for details on who is considered “technically absent”) senators if their number prevents reaching quorum.
 - Online legal analyses: [BBK Law](#) and [Legal Clarity](#)
 - Discussion ensued.
 - The body agreed to vote on the following, formal interpretation on 3/18/25:
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 - Because technically absent Senators have made a good faith effort to attend that A.S. meeting, their absence should not count toward the three absences that would result in a Senator being replaced by another member of their constituency group.
 - Discuss with departments and share thoughts with [Carrasquillo](#) or [Martin](#). This will come back to the next meeting for a vote.
- 6.6. Specifying Guidelines for Adjunct Committee Service Payment – Pablo Martin
- AFT President Mahler is concerned with the sudden increase in adjunct service hours and adjuncts not being get paid adequately for their service. He asked the A.S. Presidents to make a plan to address this. ASPs will be meeting to do so and will bring a proposal back to their Senates for approval at a future meeting—likely in April.
 - There has been a big increase in hours for committee service. There are so many hours that the amount of pay has plummeted. Possible solutions include:
 - Limit pay for service on specific committees.
 - Limit pay for service for committee work that is 10+1 focused.
 - Cap number of hours per adjunct or per committee they serve on per semester.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Recommendation made to create more oversight.
 - Senators expressed concern about adjuncts not knowing how much they will be paid for committee service at the beginning of the year. Martin shared that they have a process now that asks for initial projected hours so they can give an idea of how much they will be paid.
 - Martin will talk to the other A.S. Presidents about this.
 - Send feedback to [Martin](#).

7. Reports

7.1. Committee Reports

7.1.1. None

7.2. Special Reports

7.2.1. None

7.3. Executive Committee Reports

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

- Updates on question from our last A.S. meeting: Exploring better dates for student deadlines, e.g. ones that don't conflict with holidays (the class drop deadline) or land on Saturday (commencement deadline), etc.
 - The overarching position at College Council is that we do a better job of ensuring people are aware of these deadlines and their modality (in person or online only).
 - Add/Drop Deadlines: This is based on the Census Date, in Ed. Code (but we may need to ensure these are accurate and consistent).
 - Petitioning to Graduate with an ADT: District Evaluations Office sets this deadline--contact them if you have interest in modifying it or ask [Martin](#) to send it on your behalf.
 - Commencement: Executive Cabinet at the District sets the dates, but the deadline is set locally in Student Services to be two weeks before the commencement.
- Update on question from last A.S. meeting: Faculty would like some discussion on what's driving the start date/academic calendar. (It doesn't fit with other schools and there are a lot of unforeseen impacts.)
 - This is overseen by the AFT. People should contact their AFT representative to get involved. (See also Member-at-Large, Olivia Flores', report in today's meeting.)
- Update on question from last A.S. meeting: Will Miramar continue offering 4-week courses?
 - VPI Odu shared that this is a local decision, not a District-wide mandate. Talk to VPI Odu or your dean if you have concerns about the decision not to offer them.
- See [resource doc](#) for more details, other items, and upcoming events.

7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- Save the date for Miramar's first Women's Empowerment Week, March 24-28. Zine-making workshops, music, film, a safety fair, a Title IX presentation, student clubs and groups, free food and music, more to come!

7.3.3. Secretary – Rodrigo Gomez

- Reminded both remote and in-person attendees to sign in.

7.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin

- The current balance is \$511.97.

7.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large – Olivia Flores

- AFT Professional Development monies have been spent for this year. PDC Committee is exploring various avenues for next year and will do a larger presentation in April.
- Monday, March 17: Union Reps will present "Don't Press Your Luck! Know Your Contract Q&A" from 11:45am to 1pm in H-105. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP.
- See [meeting slideshow](#) for AFT events.

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

- No report.

7.3.7. Chair of Chairs – Kevin Petti

- The website is up to date with agendas and minutes, so check them out to see what the committee is doing.

8. Announcements

- Gomez via the Zoom chat: "Be sure to check [this](#) out, sign up, and share with students for some AI fun!"

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next meeting will be on March 18th. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli Bartolomei and Rodrigo Gomez