

Upcoming Votes and Highlights from the March 18, 2025 Miramar College Academic Senate Meeting

Upcoming Votes

Please see Item 6.1.: "The Upcoming A.S. President Election, July 2025 through June 2026 Term" below and in the Minutes themselves. Senators are encouraged to discuss options and variations as to the details of potential changes to the ASC&B with their constituents.

Highlights

Item 5.1.: "Proposed GEs for SDCCD Bachelor's Degree Programs" was approved with 30 yays, 11 nays and 2 abstentions.

Item 5.3.: "Interpretation of the Brown Act Regarding Teleconferencing and Attendance" was approved unanimously.

Item 6.1.: "The Upcoming A.S. President Election, July 2025 through June 2026 Term" updates:

- There have been no nominations and nominations will reopen for a third call.
- If no nominees have been received by the 4/8/25 A.S. meeting, **there will be a vote on changing the Constitution and Bylaws to allow tenure-track faculty to be A.S. President at the next meeting.** Senators were encouraged to discuss options and variations as to the details of those changes with their constituents so they could come back to vote on the specifics of those changes on 4/8/25.

Item 6.2.: "Budget Process Cross-Constituency Workgroup Update and Live Q&A" updates:

- The plan is for the college to provide a number of helpful resources to provide guidance and information for our constituents around the budget process. These would be posted to a webpage connected to either the Administrative Services; Budget, Purchasing & Travel Support; or the BRDS page.
- One document will be an "FAQ Page": faculty were invited to share their questions now as well as via this form:

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Draft Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate

3:30-5:00pm

March 18, 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, 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, Eloy Guerra, Julia McMenamin, Kandice Brandt, Laura Marin, Leslie Marovich, Mardi Parelman, Marian Edelbrock, 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: *Desi Klaar (proxy: R. Gomez), *Darren Hall (proxy: M. Kjartanson), Martin Gonzalez (proxy: L. Marin)
*attended as a guest

Other Attendees: Brett Bell, Isabella Ela, Shelly Hess, Michael Odu, David Mehlhoff, 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 3/4/25](#)

– The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections after a change to push item 5.1 until Hall arrives and to move item 6.2 to immediately follow Public Comments. [Booth/Koch]

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Public Comments

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

5.1. Proposed GEs for SDCCD Bachelor's Degree Programs – Isabella Ela and Shelly Hess

– [Baccalaureate Degree GE Proposal](#)

– [Summary Baccalaureate Degree GE Proposal](#)

– [SDCCD GE and CalGETC Chart](#)

– [Q and A for GA and BS Degrees](#)

– Hall presented the history of this item: The deadline is March 27th. Miramar's CRC rescinded their virtual vote and had further discussion. They voted again at their last meeting and it passed. It is being brought to the A.S. so Ela and Hess could address issues.

– City has already passed it and it is expected to pass at Mesa this week.

– Hess shared further history and details.

– Ela walked senators through the GE. They are not removing any GE, just adding to what is already in existence.

Students would be graduating with an Associates as well. It will affect nine degrees at Miramar. This is to compensate for Miramar students who, unlike their counterparts at Mesa and City, are not being grandfathered into their existing Associate Degree GE requirements.

– Discussion ensued.

– Motion to extend time by five minutes passed with no objections. [Carrasquillo/A. Gonzalez]

– Discussion continued.

– Motion to extend time by five minutes passed with no objections. [Carrasquillo/Parelman]

– Discussion continued.

– The motion that was approved at Miramar's CRC: Approve the establishment of a local, SDCCD lower-division general education pattern for baccalaureate degree programs and approve the addition of SDCCD associate degrees that lead to an SDCCD baccalaureate degree to SDCCD General Education Option 4.*

*Consider adding language to ensure that all of the students in local B.S. degree feeder AA/AS programs but don't plan to enroll know they will need to take more classes if they want to get into a CSU or UC.

– Motion to approve passed with 30 yays, 11 nays and 2 abstentions. [Arancibia/Moeller]

5.2. [Public Art Procedure](#) – Hannah Pierce

– Facilities Committee decides what is "art."

– This is City College's procedure that was adapted to Miramar College (see red font).

– Motion to approve the Public Art Procedure passed unanimously. [Booth/Carrasquillo]

5.3. Interpretation of the Brown Act Regarding Teleconferencing and Attendance – Pablo Martin

– Motion to approve the following motion passed unanimously. [Booth/Kjartanson]

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

6.1. The Upcoming A.S. President Election, July 2025 through June 2026 Term – Pablo Martin

- There have been no nominations.
- Nominations will reopen for a third call.
- Martin presented various options for departments to consider.
- If no nominees have been received by the 4/8/25 A.S. meeting, there will be a vote on changing the Constitution and Bylaws to allow tenure-track faculty to be A.S. President at the next meeting. Senators were encouraged to discuss options and variations as to the details of those changes with their constituents so they could come back to vote on the specifics of those changes on 4/8/25.
- Discussion ensued.
- Motion to extend time by two minutes passed with no objections. [Booth/Kjartanson]
- Discussion continued.
- Motion to extend time by one minute passed with no objections. [Petti/Kjartanson]

6.2. Budget Process Cross-Constituency Workgroup Update and Live Q&A – Pablo Martin and Brett Bell

- Update: The plan is for the college to provide a number of helpful resources to provide guidance and information for our constituents around the budget process. These would be posted to a webpage connected to either the [Administrative Services](#); [Budget, Purchasing & Travel Support](#); or the [BRDS](#) page.
- Proposed documents for “The Budget Process” webpage include a number of documents (please see the [meeting slideshow](#) for details.)
- One document will be an “FAQ Page”: faculty were invited to share their questions now as well as via this form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MWAMBLs6NUizDJ2IIVtMaV5zZTkcuU1NOtjY39sHzxH9UNVFFNFVLRZUVzFDV1NYTFZKS1IXQVZQWSQIQCN0PWcu>
- Bell was at the meeting for big picture topics of concern for the FAQ and stated that very narrowly focused questions should go to the department chair, dean, supervisor or manager.
- Discussion ensued.
- Bell emphasized the importance of collegial, working-together participatory governance and effective management of the college.
- Martin: Caps are an AFT/CBA item. Talk to department chairs.

6.3. Specifying Guidelines for Adjunct Committee Service Payment – Pablo Martin

- This effort is designed to encourage SDCCD contingent (part-time) faculty to participate in shared governance and ensure they are paid a reasonable hourly rate.
- See [meeting slideshow](#) or contact [Martin](#) if you have input.

7. Reports

7.1. Committee Reports

7.1.1. NA

7.2. Special Reports

7.2.1. NA

7.3. Executive Committee Reports

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

- See [resource document](#) and [meeting slideshow](#) for full report and details.
- The VPI has been working with Department Chairs on revisiting class caps. Please contact the department chair for details. [Here's](#) an interesting read on this.
- College Council approved the development of a small workgroup to explore the feasibility of implementing a Puente Program at Miramar. They are looking for three participants per constituency group. Please contact [Martin](#) with interest.
- Committee chairs: Check out Dean Miramontez’ email about new agenda requirements for accreditation compliance.
- Let students know that March is the best time to schedule counseling appointments.

- ASCCC is seeking faculty for a statewide Common Course Numbering implementation effort. There will be a \$150 stipend. Deadline is April 15th.
- Share the [2025 Miramar Campus Resource Guide](#) with students.
- Share concerns about proposed CGH changes with [Martin](#).
- ASCCC Area D meeting on March 21st. All are welcome to attend.

7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- On behalf of GAIA: The full schedule of events for Miramar’s first ever Women’s Empowerment Week (March 24-27) was sent out. Please come out on March 26th from 12-2pm for a street tacos lunch, tables and exhibits.
- On behalf of the LEAD Office: There will be an equity forum in April and they invite participation to contribute towards the '25-28 Student Equity Plan. Be on the lookout for a registration flyer for the April 11 CREATE symposium. The district-wide Black Student Success Summit is April 18 and will be virtual. Come out and support students at the May end-of-year celebrations: AAPI (May 7); Lavender (May 6); La Raza (May 8); NASSSP (May 9); Rite of Passage (May 14). There will be a new Puente Workgroup led by VP Gonzales with three people from each constituency group.

7.3.3. Secretary – Rodrigo Gomez

- April 18: AI Day for the District
- April 5-7: Free event! The ASU+GSV Summit will be held in San Diego April 5-7, register for free at <https://www.asugsvsummit.com/show/registration-2025>. II&E is hosting a [virtual get-together](#) (via Zoom) after the experience on April 10th at 3:30.

7.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin

- The current balance is \$577.47.

7.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large – Olivia Flores

- No report.

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

- Adjuncts: Turn in your time for March.

7.3.7. Chair of Chairs – Kevin Petti

- No report.

8. **Announcements**

- Booth: Live salsa band on March 28th at 8p at Dizzy’s Jazz Club.

9. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

The next meeting will be on Apr 8th. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli Bartolomei and Rodrigo Gomez