

**Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate**  
3:30-5:00pm      **May 06, 2025**      Location: M-110 and [Zoom](#)  
(\*See [agenda](#) for remote locations)  
[Associated Documents](#)  
[Meeting Slide Show](#)

**Senators Present:** Carmen Carrasquillo, Rodrigo Gomez, Olivia Flores, Desi Klaar, 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, Mary Kjartanson, Michael Lopez, Otto Dobre, Randy Claros, Scott Moller, Wahid Hamidy, Erin Smith, Kristen Bonwell, Kristen Everhart, Mike Colafrancesco, Najah Abdelkader, Natalie Bickett, Valerie Chau

**Absent:** Pablo Martin, Dawn Diskin (proxy: D. Short), Darren Hall (proxy: M. Palma-Sanft), Stefanie Johnson Shipman (proxy: A. Koch), Martin Gonzalez (proxy: L. Marin), Eloy Guerra, Patti Manley

\*attended as a guest

**Other Attendees:** Duane Short, Jordan Omens, Dan Igou, Mara Palma-Sanft, Juli Bartolomei

**1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm.
- Gomez ran the meeting in Martin's absence.

**2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Calendar**

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 4/22/25](#)

- The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections. [Kjartanson/Carrasquillo]

**3. Land Acknowledgment**

**4. Public Comments**

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

5.1. URGENT: E.C. Seeking Direction on A.S. Officer Election - Carmen Carrasquillo

- Carrasquillo read a statement from Martin sharing the background on this issue.
- As of the deadline, only 26 of 44 senators have voted. Since there was confusion about the voting process due to a change in modality, the A.S. body is being asked to vote on either:
  - Option 1: The E.C. tallies the votes that were submitted by the deadline and will announce the winners via email to the campus DL.
  - Option 2: Extend the vote for 48 hours for those senators who did not vote before the deadline. The election would then be closed on Thurs, May 8, at 5pm. The E.C. will send the ballot email to each of those senators at the conclusion of this A.S. meeting. Once voting closes and the ballots are counted, the E.C. will announce the winners via email to the campus DL.
- Motion to extend time to allow for a roll-call vote passed with no objections. [Petti]
- Senators voted on the two options, and Option 2 passed with 2 votes for Option 1, 37 votes for Option 2, and 0 abstentions.

5.2. Process Review: [Ongoing Discretionary Resource Prioritization](#) (and [Excel file](#)), [One Time Resource Prioritization](#) (formerly RFF), [Facility Resource Prioritization](#), and [Classified Hiring Resource Prioritization](#) - Brett Bell

- This was a second read.
- Motion to approve passed unanimously. [Booth/Carrasquillo]

5.3. [Program Viability Process](#) - Patti Manley

- This item was postponed because Patti Manley wasn't able to attend and neither could the folx she asked to represent this item.

5.4. [AP 7211](#) - Rodrigo Gomez

- [Current/Final Revision to AP 7211](#) (4/30/25)
- [Earlier Revision to AP 7211](#) (4/16/25)
- [Current AP 7211](#)
- [Version Comparison \(to earlier version\)](#)
- Short shared that the vague language (see [meeting slideshow](#)) was probably removed because each college is going to establish its own committee, so the authority is already embedded in the college policy.
- Discussion ensued.
- Motion to table the item and take it to Chairs for discussion and a vote before bringing it back to the A.S. passed unanimously. [Petti/Arancibia]

5.5. [Resolution Supporting Part-Time Faculty in Governance](#) - Kristen Everhart

- This was a second read.
- Everhart reiterated that this is to help alleviate burden. She also made the point that full-time faculty get priority, which makes it more difficult for part-time faculty to serve on "on demand" committees.

- Carrasquillo clarified that there was a misunderstanding regarding a hiring committee and that adjuncts and contract are treated the same for search committees.
- Discussion ensued.
- Motion to add two minutes passed with no objections. [Carrasquillo/Abdelkader]
- Motion to not pass the resolution passed with 9 votes in support of the resolution, 26 votes in opposition to the resolution and 5 abstentions. [Petti]

5.6. [Student Evaluation Draft for SDMC A.S. Approval](#) - Rodrigo Gomez

- As of 5/5/25, City College's A.S. Exec. shared that they are not amenable to any of Miramar's three recommendations, so the A.S. body can choose to:
  1. Vote on the form as it is (i.e. without any of the changes we recommended), or
  2. Postpone the vote until the form has been revised by an intra-district workgroup (rather than each A.S. working independently), or
  3. Choose another option discussed by the body today.
- Discussion ensued.
- Motion to go with Option 2, to table and bring the item back, passed unanimously. [Short/Booth]

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

6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Updates - Darren Hall

- No report.

6.2. [Resolution in Support of a Mutual Academic Defense Compact – an Alliance for IDEAA](#) - Rodrigo Gomez

- Gomez summarized that this resolution is essentially fighting for academic freedom.
- This is a first read and will come back to the next meeting.

6.3. First Read: [Black Student Success Workgroup Recommendations](#) - Jordan Omens

- The district-wide workgroup has a representative from each of the colleges, and they put together five recommendations that they believe will increase student success. They are looking for A.S. support on those recommendations.
- They will share feedback from the A.S. with the Board of Trustees.
- This is a first read and will come back to the next meeting for a vote.
- Send questions to [Omens](#).

6.4. First Read: [Budget Process Cross-Constituency Workgroup Recommendations](#) - Rodrigo Gomez

- This is a recommendation to create a web page to house materials, to keep folks informed about Miramar's budgeting and allocation process.
- The work has already been done and this is the recommendations from the workgroup.

6.5. First Read: [Adjunct Strategic Support & Equity Taskforce \(ASSET\) Recommendations](#) - Rodrigo Gomez

- This is just a recommendation, not a resolution or anything that would need to be enforced by the AFT.
- Petti clarified that many of the things being recommended are already occurring and that the AFT does send a survey soliciting input on things at which they need to look.
- Everhart explained that ASSET was formed and tasked by the A.S. body with coming up with a list of recommendations for issues brought up in the adjunct survey.
- This is a first read and will come back to the next meeting for a vote.

6.6. Faculty Feedback on [Student Success Committee and Committee Coordination](#) - Carmen Carrasquillo

- The charge of the Student Success Committee is to look for ways to coordinate the different things the college does better and to improve communication.
- The SSC's proposed plan will come back to the next meeting.

6.7. Professional Development Committee: Seeking Input on Funding Faculty PD Requests - Olivia Flores

- This is just an informational item.
- The committee is accepting requests for summer travel (from July 1 to Sept 15). Those requests are due by May 8 and will be reviewed on May 9.
- Flores reminded faculty of the PDC travel reimbursement process and guidelines.
- Since they ran out of travel funds this Spring, the PDC has allocated funds for Summer, Fall and Spring, so there will sure to be money for faculty who want to travel in Spring.

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's Report – delivered by Rodrigo Gomez (State, District, Campus, and Senate Issues)

- See [meeting slideshow](#) and [resource document](#) for report. Contact [Martin](#) with any questions.

- Marovich shared that all of the Biology faculty who have gone to trainings or explored Dreamscape (the virtual reality way to teach Biology) do not support it.

7.3.2. Vice President - Carmen Carrasquillo

- No report.

7.3.3. Secretary - Rodrigo Gomez

- No report.

7.3.4. Treasurer - Dawn Diskin

- No report.
- From the slideshow: The current balance is \$761.07.

7.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large - Olivia Flores

- No report.

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

- Not present.

7.3.7. Chair of Chairs - Kevin Petti

- No report.

8. **Announcements**

9. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

The next meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please submit agenda items to both Paul (Pablo) Martin and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juli Bartolomei and Rodrigo Gomez