

SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE Associated Student Government



Meeting Minutes | August 29th, 2025, 9:00 AM

*Supplemental Materials Can Be Found Here: https://sites.google.com/view/asgmiramar/official-documents

Meeting Location

San

Diego Miramar College 10440 Black Mountain Rd, K1-202 San Diego, CA 92126

- I. ORDER OF BUSINESS | 5 minutes
 - A. Call to order
 - a. President Ariella called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

B. Roll Call

Executive Council Members	Attandanas		
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President Ariella O'Garro	P		
Vice President David Yang	P		
Secretary Anchal Verma	P		
Treasurer Vacant			
Senate Representative Vacant			
Senate Members	Attendance		
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	P		
Senator Bridget Cunningham	P		
Senator Kristine Huynh	P		
Senator Ryan Pacheco	P		
Senator Kshitij Pete	P		
Senator Tien Pham	P		
Senator Suhana Suman	P		
Senator David Smith	P		
Senator Vacant			
Club Representatives	Attendance		
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Art Haus Club	
Biology Club	
Black Student Union (BSU)	
Computer Science Club	
Diesel Skills Club	
Filipino American Student Association (FASA)	
Game Development Club	
General Transfer Association (formerly called	
Students for Successful Transfers)	
Health & Fitness Club	
International Student Club	
Latinx Con Voces	
Math Club	
Miramar Badminton Club	
Miramar Business Club	P
Miramar College Engineering Club	P
Muses Club	
Music Club	
Muslim Student Association (MSA)	
Native American Indigenous Students (NAIS)	
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)	
Pre-Med Club	
Psychology Club	
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)	
SPECTRUM	
Student Veterans Organization (SVO)	
Sustainability Club	
Women in STEM	

C. Recognition of Visitors

- a. Roger Jennings shared that there are some "structurally wrong" things on campus he wants to fix and that's why he's attending today's meeting.
- b. Claudio Nevelles introduced himself saying that he's a current Miramar student, an alumni of ASG from last year, and the current VP of Communication of Region X
- c. Christopher Ruiz introduced himself as a current Miramar student and an alumni of ASG from last year, and the current VP of Region X
- d. Adrian Gonzalez (VP of Student Services) introduced himself and told ASG members that they're more than welcome to talk to him in his office
- e. Angela introduced herself as a second-year Miramar student who is interested in joining ASG during the special elections on 9/5/25

D. Public Comment:

- a. This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the San Diego Miramar College Associated Student Government (ASG) on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda for two minutes.
 - VP Gonzalez stated that his office is located in the student services department. He will direct students to the dean of student services who may be able to offer them more help. He attended the board of trustees last night (8/28) and shared that ASG is an amazing opportunity for students to represent the student voice of the campus and all are welcome to chat with him in his office.
 - Joseph thanked the clubs who are present because the club packets are due next Friday (9/5) and yet, some clubs still attended today's (8/29) meeting.
 - Donnie from ASC shared information about the tutoring services offered

on campus. There are 4 areas on Campus (including the writing lab and STEM center) and ASC offers help with online and in person tutoring. They are open until 1 pm today and if anyone has additional questions, they should reach out to Donnie via email, which can be found on the ASC website.

- Senator David Smith motioned to extend time for public comment and Senator Kshitij Pete seconded.
- Roger Jennings commented that he didn't know about today's ASG meeting until the night before, and wanted to confirm that there's a website that has accessible meeting minutes and agendas

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

a. Senator David Smith motioned to approve the 8/29/25 agenda and Senator Ryan Pacheco seconded.

F. Approval of Minutes

a. Dean Barnard commented that ASG does not have to approve any minutes during today's meeting since it's the first one and the minutes from the very last meeting from the Spring 2025 semester was already approved.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ASG Goals | 20 minutes
 - a. President Airella O'Garro and VP David Yang presented an ASG Overview presentation to introduce the structure and logistics of ASG. They provided information about Region X; SSCCC; the Treasurer, SSCCC Delegate, and Senate Rep positions; motions and how to create motions; and senator responsibilities and expectations. Dean Barnard stepped in to explain what SSCCC and Region X is. Secretary Anchal emphasized that the motions process may be difficult at first, but it will get easier through practice.
- B. Budget Creation & Approval | 15 minutes
 - a. Senator David Smith motioned to postpone the Budget Creation and Approval agenda item indefinitely and Club Rep (Business Club) Michael seconded.
- C. Voting for funds for the Advocacy Academy in Riverside (12/5-12/7) | 15 minutes
 - a. Advisor Joseph shared information about the Advocacy Academy coming up in December. The academy's main purpose is to learn how to be a leader on campus and in the community, how to talk to congress leaders and other authority figures to get your voice heard, and how to create resolutions. A group of students from a past year wrote a resolution to get menstrual products in community college restrooms, which eventually became law after the resolution was passed. Joseph used this example to emphasize the importance of advocating for change on campus.
 - b. There's a lot of planning involved for the trip (including early bird registration, reserving the best hotel designated for the conference, and transportation). The funding comes from another budget (the advocacy funds) that are separate from the daily spending allowance that ASG has.
 - c. Miramar ASG is taking 10 students and 2 advisor (the student delegate, who we will be electing later in the Fall semester, will be required to attend)
 - d. In the budget breakdown, Joseph added the cost for 2 additional students in case more students want to go (2 extra is the most we can go)
 - e. Joseph requested a motion to spend up to \$17,000 for the Advocacy Academy in Riverside from 12/5-12/7. The request for up to \$17,000 allows for wiggle room for

- unpredicted budget changes that might happen in the future.
- f. Senator David Smith motioned to spend up to \$17,000 for the Advocacy Academy in Riverside from 12/5-12/7 to take 10-12 students and 2 advisors, and Senator Bridget Cunningham seconded the motion.
- g. Senator David Smith comments that the trip will be free for all who go (it will cover the hotel room, conference fee, transportation, and food). Joseph adds on to share that all expenses (necessities of the conference) will be covered.
- h. Roger Jennings brought up a question about why each student/individual attending the Advocacy Academy has their own separate hotel room. Joseph explains that the reason why we need a separate room per person is to follow Sexual Harassment Prevention standards.
- i. Joseph says that club reps and senators are able to attend.
- j. Senator David Smith motions to extend time for another 2 minutes for this agenda item and Senator Ayann Bhatkar seconded.
- k. Senator David Smith brings up the point that all the budgeting has been forecasted and planned out by Advisor Joseph. He was answering Roger Jenning's concern that we were spending too much money on the trip.
- 1. Secretary Anchal Verma initiated a roll-call vote for the approval of the budget request:
 - The majority of ASG said "Aye."
 - The club representative of Miramar Engineering Club said "Nay."

D. Special Elections (9/5) | 5 minutes

- a. Advisor Joseph: elections packets are due by next week. Students applying for a senator position must get 25 signatures but 30 is recommended. Applicants must be taking at least half of their classes at Miramar College, and they must give a 1 minute speech to say why they want to be part of ASG.
- b. Dean Barnard: explains that students are elected at two separate times of the year, the one this semester is an in-house election. Continues to explain that applicants must take at least half of their classes at Miramar because they need to be interacting with Miramar students the majority of times in order to represent the campus (this was decided by previous ASG members from a few years ago and was placed in the constitution)

E. Fall Fest | 5 minutes

- a. Advisor Joseph: October 30th at Compass Point (12-2 pm, time is still being decided). ASG likes to theme it Halloween, so the Future Events committee (once it's formed) can help decide other activities. Other than that, there will be a game truck (video game) and basketball hoops and food.
- F. Invest for Success (10/16, 4-8 pm) | 5 minutes
 - a. Dean Barnard: the event is for fundraising scholarships for students (which happen in January) and the basic need program. ASG gets an invite of x amount of students to talk to donors to share their stories. We will put out a call out later in the next few weeks to ask ASG who wants to attend. There will be companies and private donors.
 - b. Sen David Smith emphasizes the importance of networking to make connections.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

A. Committee Meetings

a. All currently vacant

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President Ariella: attended the board meeting last night.
- b. Vice President David: no reports
- c. Secretary Anchal: David and her attended college council this past Tuesday. At the college council, they discussed matters with ICE (there have been no ICE encounters in

the district so far and admin is planning to create cards with steps on what individuals can do when encountered by ICE). The Kaleidoscope will have a soft launch for its affinity group spaces in the next week or so. The LEAD program is currently shifting into the new space.

- d. Treasurer: vacant
- e. Senate Representative: vacant

B. Senator Reports

a. Senator David Smith shares his experience helping out at the Welcome Resource Fair.

C. ASG Committee Reports

a. All currently vacant

D. Club Reports

- a. Women in STEM: had their first meeting on Wednesday and are planning to promote the club during club rush. They were interested in requesting funding, but President Ariella asked her to talk to the execs after the meeting.
- b. Engineering club: went to their MATE competition in June and won 2nd place overall.

E. Advisory Reports

- a. Joseph Hankinson
 - Pizza event (9/3, 5-6 pm, Compass Point): Asked if anyone from ASG could help give out pizza. He might ask for more funding in a future meeting.
 - Club rush (9/17, 12-2, compass point): event for clubs to recruit students. It will be constitution day at the same time (ASG will be giving out stainless steel bottles), and clubs will have to reserve tables ahead of time (reach out to Joseph via email).
 - Drum circle (9/15, k1-107) we've done it in the past and it was a great success, so we're continuing it this year.

b. Dean Barnard

- Kaleidoscope will be hosted in the I-building and affinity groups will have offices there (black student union, lgbtq group pride center, native american students, asian affinity groups, LEAD, PEARL, and Dean Julian's office). There will be a big student lounge area (study spaces, 4 conference rooms for clubs to reserve, rooms for workshops). The building is still a work in progress (Soft launch next week for affinity group spaces).
- Gave kudos to students who are here today. The meeting was the first smoothest meeting she's seen so far in the history of ASG. She emphasized that members should not be scared to motion it is a learning space for all.

c. Shelly Parks

- Students can meet her in K1-208. The basic needs and pantry is available to all students ASG should help get the word out about this.
- Locker program there's a section on the college webpage that has the online form to request food and hygiene products for students who are busy during the day and still need to request their necessities.
- Farmer's market (coming up on 9/3, at compass point, 9-11 am, and will continue on the first and third Wednesday of month)

VIII. **COMMUNICATIONS** ON THE FLOOR

- A. This time is reserved for any members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. A time limit of two (2) minutes per speaker shall be observed. No action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended.
 - a. Senator Bridget Cunningham emphasizes students to come to pizza night, help other students get more connected to campus by giving them info about events that are happening on campus.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.

B.	President Ariella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM and Senator David Smith seconded.