

SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE Associated Student Government



Meeting Minutes | September 5th, 2025, 9:00 AM

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Meeting Location

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- I. ORDER OF BUSINESS | 5 minutes
 - A. Call to order
 - a. President Ariella called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM
 - B. Roll Call

Executive Council Members	Attendance
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	L - 9:09 AM
Senator Kristine Huynh	L - 9:07 AM
Senator Ryan Pacheco	P
Senator Kshitij Pete	P
Senator Tien Pham	P
Senator David Smith	P
Senator Suhana Suman	P
Senator Vacant	
Club Representatives	Attendance
Arise and Shine Club	

Art Haus Club	
Biology Club	P
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	l p

C. Recognition of Visitors

a. The senator and treasurer candidates for the special election briefly introduced themselves to the ASG body.

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 and two (2) minutes per speaker shall be observed.
 - Roger Jennings shared his opinion about moving the timing of the ASG meetings stating that it's too early.
 - Senator David Smith shared that he'll be leaving the meeting early at 9:55
 AM.
 - Claudio Nevelles stated that he was happy to be back in ASG and contribute to making Miramar an awesome campus.
 - Dean Barnard provided a commentary on Region X for new faces.

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

a. Senator David Smith motioned for the approval of the 9/5/25 agenda. VP David Yang seconded.

F. Approval of Minutes

a. Senator David Smith motioned for the approval of the minutes. Senator Bridget Cunningham seconded.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Special Elections | 30 minutes
 - a. Advisor Joseph Hankinson ran the special elections. Each of the candidates gave a short 1 minute introduction about why they are running for Senator and why we should vote for them. Joseph Hankinson then passed out the ballots for voting. It was announced that club representatives and other members of ASG can participate in the vote.
 - b. Current candidates & results that were announced at the end of the meeting:
 - Mekael Ahmed
 - Lily-Grace Balilo
 - Kyla Bertel
 - Michael Fuzy
 - Angela Liu
 - Jind Mann
 - Kristina Nguyen
 - Nathan Obermiller
 - Evelyn Shoemaker
 - Liana Wong
 - Adam Hakaseh (Treasurer)
 - c. Everyone who ran for Senator was voted as a newly elected Senator.
 - d. The newly elected Treasurer was announced to be Adam Halaseh.
- B. Budget Creation & Approval (Club Fund Portion Only) | 15 minutes
 - a. Ariella explained that ASG will be allocating \$3,000 for club funds this year in order to maximize the available pool of money for clubs.
 - b. Dean Barnard explained the process of how club funds are allocated and used.
 - c. Advisor Joseph emphasized that club funds should be used for major events such as conferences, bringing in guest speakers, and more.
 - d. Senator Kshitij Pete motioned to allocate \$3,000 for club funds in the ASG budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Club Rep of Business Club, Michael, seconded.
 - e. Secretary Anchal Verma initiated a roll-call vote for the approval of the club funds allocation:
 - All ASG members said "Aye."
- C. SWE Budget Proposal | 15 minutes
 - a. Senator David Smith motioned to move this agenda item after item E (Explanation of Committees) since the SWE club rep had not arrived yet. Senator Ryan Pacheco seconded.
 - b. Club rep of Miramar Society of Women Engineers, Jasmine, shared a presentation about the club and the national women in engineering conference they're interested in attending. Five members of the club attended the conference last year, and they found it to be a very rewarding experience, so they decided to participate again this year. They have received funds from CCASE (a SWE Community College program) and MESA support to partially fund the trip. However, they need extra funding from ASG in order to fully fund the trip. They requested \$750 from ASG for supporting the conference.
 - c. Senator David Smith motioned to approve \$750 for Miramar Society of Women Engineers to fund their WE25 conference in New Orleans from 10/22 to 10/25. The money will be pulled from the ASG club funds budget. Senator Bridget Cunningham seconded.
 - d. Secretary Anchal Verma initiated a roll-call vote for the approval of SWE's budget request:

All ASG members said "Aye."

- D. Communication and Outreach Committee | 5 minutes
 - a. President Ariella explained the purpose of the communication and outreach committee. She mainly emphasized that its primary focus is on communication, handling social media, and creating/sharing/distributing event flyers.
 - b. Advisor Joseph explained that this committee is not official because the Governance committee from last year didn't clearly flush it out properly in the constitution.
- E. Explanation of Committees | 15 minutes
 - a. President Ariella explained the following committees:
 - Governance: make amendments to the ASG constitution. They're expected to be well-versed in the constitution and advocate for the student body.
 - Student Life and Wellness: liaison between basic needs and student resources, offer scholarships to ASG, encourage student participation in ASG events, bring awareness to campus resources such as the food pantry. They are expected to elect a special project focused on wellness within the first 3 weeks.
 - Future Events: plan future ASG events, budget and market events, and recruit ASG volunteers.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

- A. Committee Meetings | 30 minutes
 - a. Future Events
 - b. Student Life & Wellness
 - c. Governance

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President nothing to report
 - b. Vice President nothing to report
 - c. Secretary nothing to report
 - d. Treasurer Adam looking forward to working with everyone this school year
 - e. Senate Representative Vacant

B. Senator Reports

C. ASG Committee Reports

- a. Future Events
 - Elected co-chairs: Senator Bridget Cunningham and Senator Jind Mann
 - Advisor Joseph: fall fest (10/30), hoping everyone can be involved in some way. Vernal pool clean up (after today's meeting, 12-1 pm, run by sustainability committee, cleaning up protected fairy shrimp area)
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - Elected co-chairs: Senator Ryan Pacheco and Senator Tien Pham
 - Senator Ryan Pacheco: Members went around the table and shared why they joined this committee. The club rep of SWE (Jasmine) and club rep of bio club (Lila) are notetakers. They discussed possible events for the future.
- c. Governance
 - Elected co-chairs: Senator Kshitij Pete and Senator Michael Fuzy
 - Senator Michael and Kshitij: Reviewing page 15 of the constitution for implementing tri-chairs for the future events committee. They will be looking at constitutional discrepancies.

D. Club Reports

a. Bio club - met yesterday (6:30 pm), talked about times to host club (1st and 3rd of

- every month) and planned out future events (such as what topics to explore each month)
- b. SWE has their first meeting today at 12 pm, all are welcome to come
- c. Business club meetings starting on the 24th of September after club rush
- d. Women in STEM will be meeting right after club rush (4:30 pm)

E. Advisory Reports

- a. Joseph Hankinson club rush (Sept 17th), all clubs should be out there to represent clubs and get more people involved and see what clubs are out there. It will also be constitution day (giving out stainless steel bottles). There will also be a LatinX celebration (tostada bowls, mariachi band) and a drum circle. He thanked everyone who came out during pizza night (Senator David Smith and VP David Yand, Nicole, Senator Bridget, and Advisor Shelly) they gave out over 100 slices of pizza in 15 mins (plan to get more pizza next time).
- b. Dean Barnard today is add/drop deadline (to not get W in gradebook, drop class by today). If not participating in online classes, it will be dropped. There are 2 new lactation spots (reach out to health services to get code to access that)/ The affinity spaces will have a soft opening in the coming week (asian american, native american, pacific islander program will have a space and the big lounge will open in january)

 They are working to make a stress-free zone in a library room for meditation it would open near end of semester
- c. Shelly Parks basic needs center is on the second floor of the K1 building as well as the clothing center in the pantry. Next Tuesday 9/9, they will be partnering with the pride center for a pride mixer in k1-108 (promote basic needs for lgbtq groups)

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 and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended. Additionally, no action will be taken.
- B. PresidentAriella if you came in late, tell Secretary Anchal so that she can update the attendance
- C. Dean Barnard ASG can't officially start meetings unless we meet quorum (have at least 50% of ASG present)
- D. Roger Jennings for advisory reports, he suggests adding discussions in that time (President Ariella states that the culture of the report is simply for informing, not for discussion)
- E. Senator David Smith excited to see new faces and differing experience levels that were shared during the elections. Emphasized that ASG is a place to learn and he will always be there to help since he's a full time student

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
 - B. Senator David Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM and Senator Bridget Cunningham seconded.