



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Meeting Minutes | September 12th, 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

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS | 5 minutes

A. Call to order

- President Ariella called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

B. Roll Call

Executive Council Members	Attendance
President Ariella O'Garro	P
Vice President David Yang	P
Secretary Anchal Verma	P
Treasurer Adam Halaseh	P
Senate Representative <i>Vacant</i>	
Senate Members	Attendance
Senator Mekael Ahmed	P
Senator Lily-Grace Balilo	P
Senator Kyla Bertel	P
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	P
Senator Bridget Cunningham	A - Excused
Senator Michael Fuzy	P
Senator Kristine Huynh	P
Senator Angela Liu	P
Senator Jind Mann	P
Senator Kristina Nguyen	A - Excused
Senator Nathan Obermiller	P
Senator Ryan Pacheco	P
Senator Kshitij Pete	P
Senator Tien Pham	P
Senator Evelyn Shoemaker	P
Senator David Smith	P
Senator Suhana Suman	P
Senator Liana Wong	P
Senator <i>Vacant</i>	
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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)		P
Game Development Club		
General Transfer Association		P
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		P
Psychology Club		
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)		P
SPECTRUM		
Student Veterans Organization (SVO)		
Sustainability Club		
Women in STEM		P

C. Recognition of Visitors

- a. Yumi Hardi: shared that she wants to promote the pre-med program and is looking for more help in that initiative. She also shared that she is facing difficulty finding chem tutors on Mondays and Wednesdays. She plans to speak about this matter with the Miramar VP.
- b. Dean Julian: introduced herself as the lead of equity.
- c. Dan Roberts: introduced himself as the speaker of today's CRM presentation.

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.
- b. Yumi Hardi - Shared that the campus needs more tutoring services. There's only 1 chem tutor who's only available on tues and thurs. She emailed the dean last year and they responded by saying that they don't have the money to fund more tutors. Yumi shared that she was upset about the situation, especially since MESA college has more services but Miramar doesn't.
- c. Dean Julian - Shared that there's a lot of collaboration across campus to celebrate Latin Heritage month (collabing with outreach, stem exito, student affairs). The equity floor plan will be held via Zoom (3-4 pm, Sept 17th). They shared this plan with ASG last year and are looking for student feedback. The kaleidoscope is slowly opening up for various affinity groups (more info will come out soon).

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

- a. Senator David Smith motioned to approve the 9/12/25 Agenda. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.

F. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator David Smith motioned to approve the 9/5/25 Minutes. Seconded by VP David Yang.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CRM Presentation by Dan Roberts | 15 minutes

- a. Dan Roberts:
 - Looking to implement new technology in Miramar. SRM will help navigate different resources on campus (graduation, transfer). When students arrive at Miramar, they need to know how to navigate classes, basic needs, and financial aid. The CRM is designed to send communication related to those areas. Dan requests feedback from the ASG members on the topic of student emails and the preferred communication method.
- b. Senator David: stated that he participated in a focus group last spring, where professors voiced their frustration about getting too many emails. Personally, he doesn't like receiving unrelated and redundant emails. He likes when Canvas notifications have a "don't show again" feature so that he can reduce the number of announcements.
- c. Engineering Club Rep: shares that he checks his student email once a month and only knows about campus events through ASG. He prefers getting text messages.
- d. Senator Jind Mann: stated that some emails are useful. It would be nice to have a sign-up feature to choose which emails students want to receive. She also likes the Canvas feature that allows you to make a message disappear.
- e. Senator David: suggested there to be a sign up survey before students enroll in classes to decide which areas of communication they want to receive.
- f. Senator Kshitij: shares that he never opens the student email. He gets most event info and communication from canvas shells related to his major. He finds it frustrating to go through 2-factor authentication whenever signing into his school email.
- g. Dean Barnard: emphasizes how important student voices and inputs are because the CRM is at a building stage so it's still flexible
- h. Dan Roberts: asked the group if they preferred an app that handles the communication. The majority of the ASG group liked this idea.
- i. Senator David: suggested teachers to have 2 outlooks to keep track of student info and work info (Dean Barnard responded by saying that it would get messy since many of the faculty are adjunct)

- B. ASG Meeting Time Discussion | 10 minutes

- a. President Ariella: shared the reason for why we're holding this discussion and opened it up to the ASG body to hear input on the topic.
- b. Senator David Smith: stated that he prepared a lot of facts for this conversation. Miramar has 1000+ classes and, thus, Fridays are the best day to meet since classes meet from Mon-Thurs. 50% of students are under the age of 25 and many students are part of part time work force (David assumes that these working students would want days/nights free). Students spend 49-79 hours a week on academics. In conclusion, he believes that we should keep times/days of the ASG meetings the same.
- c. Senator Jind Mann: shares that she appreciates free Fridays and would prefer to have the rest of the days available for other commitments. She thinks we should get the word out about the meetings so that more people are aware.
- d. Women in STEM club rep (Britney): she struggled to adapt to the ASG meeting times because she needed some time to breathe after her Thursday schedule. She recommended the body to take a vote on this matter, but Ariella emphasized that this

agenda item is only a discussion. If the group decided to continue the conversation and have a vote, then we would do that next week.

- e. Treasurer Adam: suggested moving the meeting during college hour or one hour later to replicate how the MESA ASG meets Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30.
- f. Women in STEM club rep (Britney): confirmed that 12-1 pm is an available time for students.
- g. President Ariella: reminded the group that ASG runs for 2 hours and college hour is not a sufficient time for the meetings.
- h. Senator Jind Mann: asked if the people who wanted to change the date/time had an alternative solution.
- i. Engineering Club Rep (Teagan): shared that two clubs met last year at 1 pm and that pushing the ASG meeting time would cut club times that meet on Fridays.
- j. Senator Ayaan Bhatkar: stated that he prefers the current ASG timing because he has time to get ready for prayer. He also stated that motivated students would come on time if they truly wanted to be a part of ASG.
- k. Senator Nathan: stated that he prefers the current ASG time because he's busy mon-thurs and has other obligations to get to (would be late to clubs otherwise).
- l. Senator David Smith motioned to extend the time by 3 mins for this agenda item. Seconded by Senator Kshitij.
- m. A visitor suggests having 2 different meeting times. Senator David states that the meeting would not be able to run properly if we do that.
- n. Senator Kshitij: proposes to conduct a survey (an unofficial straw vote that's non-binding): those satisfied with the Friday meeting time (majority raised their hand), open to other days (2 people), open to delaying meeting (7 people)
- o. President Airella: asked the group if we need more discussion for this item.
- p. Women in STEM club rep (Britney): stated that she stands by majority and favors what the whole group wants.
- q. President Ariella: stated that during discussions, members should have sense of empathy and should not need to defend ourselves (instead, they should share and toss ideas)

C. Shared Governance Committee Sign-Ups | 5 minutes

- a. President Ariella: explains that committees are factions of the college. The list provided to the Senators lists the committee meetings info. States that club reps are welcomed to attend and bring info back to the club.
- b. Senator Nathan: asked if committee times are solidified. He was concerned that some students can't attend some of those meetings because it's during class. President Ariella responded by saying that if meeting time doesn't suit a student, they can bring it up to the committees themselves or talk to the execs.
- c. Senator David Smith motioned to extend the time for this item by 3 minutes. Seconded by Senator Kshitij.
- d. Dean Barnard: stated that the college council is the apex of all the other committees. She doesn't predict the times will change because they have to coordinate with all the other constituency groups.
- e. Treasurer Adam: stated that senators are expected to attend these meetings (they would give reports during senator reports)

D. Office Hour Sign-Ups | 5 minutes

- a. President Ariella - stated that it's expected for senators to do 3 hours of office hours. The office is open mon-thurs from 8am-5 pm. There's a limit on the number of senators who can serve at a time.
- b. Advisor Joseph - stated that Fridays aren't a good time to do office hours because there aren't any students to help out on Fridays.
- c. President Ariella - stated that office hours is a great time to work on senator projects.

E. Election of Senate Representative | 20 minutes

- a. Advisor Joseph - requested the senators to move to the Cafeteria to conduct the voting for the Senate Rep. After the elections, he praised Senator David for running and congratulated Senator Jind Mann for getting the majority vote.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

A. Committee Meetings | 30 minutes

- a. Future Events
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - [9/12/25 Agenda](#)
 - [Minutes](#)
- c. Governance
 - [Agenda](#)
 - [Minutes](#)

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President Ariella:
 - b. Stated that she attended various club meetings to see how different clubs are operating.
 - c. Vice President David
 - No report
 - d. Secretary Anchal
 - Attended college council this Tuesday with Treasurer Adam. Shared that the Kaleidoscope will have a soft launch for the affinity spaces in the coming weeks. The student lounge is still being constructed.
 - e. Treasurer Adam
 - Attended college council this Tuesday with Anchal. Shared that they talked about the Puente Program, which the ASG body will discuss in the next meeting.
 - f. Senate Representative
 - No report

B. Senator Reports

- a. No reports

C. ASG Committee Reports

- a. Future Events
 - Planned October Fest by sharing ideas, trying to accommodate as many activities as possible while considering the budget.
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - Explained the committee to new members. Brainstormed events for the semester including the study jam, lofi music session, and arts and crafts.
- c. Governance
 - Planning to amend constitution to change how the election process works for ASG - those who ran for an exec position but didn't get it should still be accepted as a senator
 - In the works of fleshing out the wording of the outreach and communication committee and the exec member who would delegate that

D. Club Reports

- a. Math club - having their first meeting next week, where they'll be going over elections, (2-3 roles open, all are free to stop by)
- b. Women in STEM: reminded other clubs that the club packet is due today (Joseph confirmed this and asked clubs to turn in their packets ASAP)
- c. Engineering club - members went to a networking event on Wednesday and a separate meeting will be held in November

- d. Pre-Med Club: First meeting on sept 24th (s5-204) to serve as an introductory meeting - will provide outline of club and plan out events for semester
- e. Business Club - will meet the first monday after club rush to get to know each other and play a group Kahoot (winners will be getting ice cream gift cards)

E. Advisory Reports

a. Joseph Hankinson

- Club rush (next wed 9/17, 12-2 pm) will have a mariachi band, tostada bowls. Clubs should ask him for a table and send someone to represent their club.
- Drum circle (Sept 15th in K1-107 and 18th in compass point) - everyone had a great time, relaxed, and released stress in the past.
- Vernal pool clean up (next wednesday 9/17) - want student representation to know that they care.
- ASG members should pay their \$8 dues. Senator David asked how to do this and Joseph said to go to student accounting to pay the fee. Dues paid members will get a free tshirt, a tote bag, grocery bag, or a backpack as a thank you for paying dues. He will put a poster together to encourage more people to pay.

b. Dean Barnard

- The district puts together a district leadership conference (10/10 during the ASG meeting time), and it will be held at Miramar this year. It will be a great opportunity to meet other ASG leaders from other campuses.
- An executive order has been made that will be canceling funds in several minority programs. In the past, there has been funding going to minority group institutions to support those students. They currently have 13.4 million for the groups but are losing 4.7 million dollars in grants. The HSI STEM grant has a 2.9 million dollar budget. The district will continue to fund the HSI STEM program until this year. A lot of the stem programs will start to disappear because of this executive order. Dean Barnard wants to make students aware of the direct impact that the federal government has on campus.
- Yumi (visitor) asked where she can find info about the budget breakdown on a federal and campus level. VP David stated that conversations should happen during communications on the floor.
- Senator David Smith motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Seconded by Senator Kshitij.

c. Shelly Parks

- Calfresh enrollment clinic this Tuesday, 9/16, (noon-2 pm). A specialist will help with the application process.
- Financial aid workshop next week - lunch will be provided, 2 people will win \$100 gift cards.

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. Senator David - ASG site is badly dated with old google slides and old communication contacts. Name tags are not consistent as well. He shares that he's open to giving advice on public speaking (through toast masters).
- C. President Ariella - will have new, uniform name tags by next week

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
- B. Senator Kshitij motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 am. Seconded by Senator David.