



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Meeting Minutes | September 19th, 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 9:06 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	L - 9:15 AM
Senate Representative Jind Mann	P
Senate Members	Attendance
Senator Mekael Ahmed	A - Unexcused
Senator Lily-Grace Balilo	P
Senator Kyla Bertel	P
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	P
Senator Bridget Cunningham	P
Senator Michael Fuzy	P
Senator Kristine Huynh	P
Senator Nicole Le	A - Excused
Senator Angela Liu	P
Senator Kristina Nguyen	P
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		P
Diesel Skills Club		
Filipino American Student Association (FASA)		P
Game Development Club		
General Transfer Association		P
Health & Fitness Club		
International Student Club		P
Latinx Con Voces		
Math Club		
Miramar Badminton Club		
Miramar Business Club		P
Miramar College Engineering Club		P
Muses Club		
Music Club/Miramar Jamz		P
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		P
Women in STEM		

C. Recognition of Visitors

- a. N/A

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. Advisor Joseph - shared that he will send Secretary Anchal the updated list of clubs, so if club reps who are present during today's meeting do not see their club listed on the roster, that will be fixed.

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

- a. Senator David Smith motioned to approve the 9/19/25 Agenda. Seconded by Senate Rep Jind.

F. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator David Smith motioned to approve the 9/12/25 Minutes. Seconded by Senator Bridget.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Puente Program (VP Gonzales) | 10 minutes

- a. VP Gonzalez - explains that the Puente Program has been in CA for 40 years. The year-long program takes a cohort of students to focus on student development. The college looked at the impacts the program would have on the college if it were implemented. They've already asked each constituency group on campus for their input. If they agree, the college will go through several steps to officially implement it (such as writing a letter of commitment). Explains that the college council is the top council in the college that decides how the college moves forward in various matters (consists of the classified professionals, management, and ASG representatives). Points out that the program costs money and has two different categories: in-kind costs (where already-paid members are assigned to allocate their time in a different way) and operational costs (funding for events, activities, food, stipend, t-shirts, and more). The overall cost would be 200,000 dollars. The college is currently considering if it's feasible to implement this program considering the cost. VP shares that the full-detailed report of the program is on the college council website. Encourages the ASG body to have a discussion on this item and bring back the input during the next college council meeting.

B. LEAD Presentation (Dean Julain) | 15 minutes

- a. Dean Julian - shares the SEP Goals & Strategies Highlights. Shares how a student's ethnicity and background impacts their success in academics. LEAD is bringing the plan to the classified senate and other constituency groups to get representation. Dean continues to share the highlights of past goals that they've taken action on and implemented, and shares the equity history story. They've identified goals to reach students in respective ethnicity groups. Shares the metrics on students' success rate in math and english and their goal of implementing programs to improve this number. Also shares the metrics on persistence on campus. Dean confirms that she will share the pdf to show the full plan in detail, and invites the ASG body to provide student feedback.
- b. Dean Barnard - Explains how club fairs, other events on campus, and support programs (MESA, STEM Exito) are done with intention. There is more potential for the campus to be intentional with these events and programs. The SEP is brought to ASG to get feedback since data and numbers are not enough to understand student needs. The ASG members are elected to voice the concern of the student body and represent their peers, so they should be responsible for providing feedback in these types of matters.
- c. Senator David - Shares how he was surprised to hear that there was no MIDA focus group until very recently
- d. Dean Julain - Bounces off of Senator David's comment and shares that MIDA is now a category that students can select and is now federally recognized.

C. [Budget Breakdown \(Treasurer Adam Halaseh\)](#) | 15 minutes

- a. Treasurer Adam - Reminds the senators that the ASG body has already voted for \$3,000 allocation of club funds from the ASG budget. Shares the [spreadsheet](#) with the new budget breakdown for this current school year. Runs through the various categories of the budget breakdown including supplies, breakfast, vending 5000, capital outlay pool, and committee distributions. Adds that the funds allocated to the communications and outreach committee may be amended in the future depending on how the committee is handled/organized in the future.
- b. Senator Kshitij - Asks how much of the capital outlay pool was used last year. Treasurer Adam responds that none of the money was used last year except for buying a popcorn machine. Also asks if unused capital outlay pool funds carry over. Dean Barnard responds that contingency funds do get carried over, but they're mainly used during a budget crisis. For example, the VP of the college could tell ASG to pull money from this contingency fund and allocate it elsewhere.
- c. Senator Nathan - Asks if the money from the capital outlay pool could be allocated towards club funds. Dean Barnard responds by explaining how ASG runs strictly by its constitution and bylaws. The constitution can only be changed and voted on in April, but the bylaws can be changed anytime with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote from the ASG body. Explains

how the bylaws currently only allow clubs to get vending 5000 and request funding via budget requests. However, the wording of the bylaws can be changed if need be. President Ariella suggests Senator Nathan to propose his idea in the Governance committee.

- d. Senator Kshitij - Asks why Vending 5000 has a “5000” in its name. Dean Barnard responds that all she knows is that the name came from accounting and agrees that it is a very confusing name.
- e. Senator Kshitij - Asks a question regarding the governance committee spendings. Treasurer Adam responds that the money wasn’t used last year since the committee stole resources from the Student Affairs office. ASG should make it a habit to spend their own money when in need of supplies or printing.
- f. Senator Bridget - Asks whether ASG could buy scantrons using the governance committee funds to provide free resources to campus. Dean Barnard responds that there is separate funding for advocacy that we could pull from.
- g. VP David motions to extend the time for the agenda item by 10 minutes. Seconded by Senator David.
- h. Secretary Anchal Verma initiated a roll-call vote for the approval of the 2025-2026 ASG Budget as detailed in the [linked spreadsheet](#).
 - All ASG members said “Aye.”

D. Senator Projects (Senate Rep Jind Mann) | 10 minutes

- a. Senate Rep Jind - Explains why senator projects matter (student engagement, leadership, teamwork, and more). Shares past senator projects, and directs senators to talk to Secretary Anchal if they’re interested in continuing the menstrual products project. As Senate Rep, she is more than happy to share resources and guidance for Senators in their projects. Shares few project recommendations for senators to do this year including the restoration of the ASG website since ASG resources are outdated online. Explains how she will serve as a point of contact, and will set weekly debriefs with the senators to check in on their projects. She will also send out a monthly check in form. The project ideas must be submitted by 9/24 via the google form shared and the official groups will be announced during the next debrief.
- b. Senator David suggests that one senator project could be to work on the allocation of the capital outlay funds. Treasurer Adam responds that the decision on those funds must be done as a whole by the entire ASG body.
- c. President Ariella - suggests Senator David to fill out his idea on the interest form that was shared so that Senate Rep Jind can decide whether to accept the project.
- d. Dean Barnard - reminds the senators that the senator project is the perfect opportunity to carry out their goals on campus, including the ideas they shared during the senator elections.
- e. VP David motions to extend the time for this agenda item by 2 minutes. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.
- f. Advisor Shelly - proposes a senator project idea that collabs with the basic needs center.
- g. Advisor Joseph - highly recommends senators to work on the website project considering how everyone has trouble navigating it and finding updated resources.
- h. Senator Kshitij - asks whether senators can participate in more than one senator project. Senate Rep Jind responds that senators should prioritize their initial project and focus most of their efforts on that, and if they’re still interested in being a part of one more project, they can talk to her privately.

E. Election of Region X Delegate | 10 minutes

- a. Advisor Joseph - explains the Region X Delegate duties and how they work closely with Region X, attend conferences, work on advocacy on a statewide level, and work on resolutions that are brought to the state government (which may be proposed to become law). Opens up for questions before requesting nominations.
- b. Senator Bridget self-nominates herself.

- c. Advisor Joseph conducts a hand vote to officially elect Senator Bridget as the Region X Delegate.
- d. Senator Bridget - shares that she will commit the time to voice the concerns of Miramar students and would love to hear thoughts on what needs to be advocated on the regional level.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

- A. Committee Meetings | 25 minutes
 - a. Future Events
 - [9/19/25 Agenda](#)
 - b. Student Life & Wellness
 - [9/19/25 Agenda](#)
 - [9/19/25 Minutes](#)
 - c. Governance
 - [9/19/25 Agenda](#)
 - [9/19/25 Minutes](#)

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President
 - Shares that the exec body has decided that we will not make it a mandatory rule to publish presentations and agenda item materials before ASG meetings. Also, the timing of the ASG meetings will remain the same.
- b. Vice President
 - No report
- c. Secretary
 - Reminds senators to sign up for office hours and shared governance committees ASAP.
- d. Treasurer
 - Attended SSSCC meeting in Grossmont. Shares that there's a vacant position for legislative coordinator.
- e. Senate Representative
 - Shares that she will discuss more about office hours and senator projects after today's meetings during the senator debrief.

B. Senator Reports

C. ASG Committee Reports

- a. Future Events
 - Assigned new roles for the committee in prompting ASG membership and coordinating events. Plans to have an outline for event planning in the future. Conducted a lot of delegation and will work on a fall fest flyer. Discussed turnout of Club Rush and Constitution Day. Came up with a few ways to improve the events by distributing activities to all areas of the event. Pizza night (10/2, 5-6 pm) and Fall Fest (Oct 30th, 12-2 pm) are coming up.
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - Discussed existing wellness events happening on campus. Discussed allocation of funds for the committee.
- c. Governance
 - Discussed how to get their hands on an editable copy of the constitution (non-pdf) to actually make changes to the document. In the works of fleshing out the role of the communication and outreach coordinator.

D. Club Reports

- a. Computer Science club - will be having their first meeting after this ASG meeting in M102
- b. Game dev club - will have a meeting next Tues (9/23) and all are welcome to attend
- c. Business club - will be having a meeting on Monday (9/22, 1-2 pm)
- d. Biology club - will have an ice cream social in the coming week (date is still tentative but will happen next week)

E. Advisory Reports

- a. Joseph Hankinson
 - Will provide governance with editable doc of the constitution. Documentary screening about latina voters (I-building, pizza will be provided, prizes for kahoot game) will be happening next week. Vernal pool clean up after today's meeting. Asked sustainability club if they've discussed the vernal pool event in their meeting. Pizza night - looking for volunteers (Senator Kristine will be the person to contact, 10/2, 5-6 pm, a great way to make connections with evening students). Filipino culture celebration happening in October. Drum circle (10/20, 12:30-1:30), Fall fest (10/30, game truck and basketball hoops).
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- b. Dean Barnard
 - Explains the 9+1 rights that all students have (code of conduct, curriculum, standards and planning regarding preparation) and a part of it includes attending student committees and bringing back info to ASG. These rights include presenting about those discussions that are happening (like how Dean Juilan came in to talk about the equity plan). 10/10 will be the day for the student leadership conference at Miramar (info will be sent out soon, the event will happen during ASM meeting time, 10-2, breakfast and lunch provided, meet other students from other campuses, and normal meetings will be replaced by this conference).
- c. Shelly Parks
 - Share the changes in the basic needs center. The career and life design services will take over business clothes (will run the career cloths) and basics needs will cover warm clothes for the winter

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. David - suggests the ASG execs to coordinate with IT on how to use Audio Visual display and pointer. Shares that he's willing to help senators improve their presentation skills.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
- B. Senator David Smith motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 AM. Seconded by Senate Rep Jind.