



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Meeting Minutes | September 26th, 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	P
Senate Representative Jind Mann	P
Senate Members	Attendance
Senator Mekael Ahmed	L - 9:17 AM
Senator Lily-Grace Balilo	A - Unexcused
Senator Kyla Bertel	P
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	A - Unexcused
Senator Bridget Cunningham	P
Senator Michael Fuzy	P
Senator Kristine Huynh	P
Senator Nicole Le	P
Senator Angela Liu	L - 9:21 AM
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	L - 9:15 AM
Senator Liana Wong	P
Senator <i>Vacant</i>	
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Club Representatives	Attendance
Arise and Shine Club	
Art Haus Club	

Biology Club		
Chemistry Club		
Chi Gong Club		
Computer Science Club		
Diesel Skills Club		
Filipino American Student Association (FASA)		P
Game Development Club		P
Girls Who Code		
Health & Fitness Club		
International Student Club		
Live Entertainment Club		
Math Club		
MESA Club		
Miramar Badminton Club		
Miramar Business Club		P
Miramar College Engineering Club		P
Miramar Jamz (formerly Music Club)		
Miramar Pre-Dental Club		
Miramar Transfer Club (formerly General Transfer Association)		P
Pre-Med Club		P
Psychology Club		P
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)		P
SPECTRUM		P
Student Veterans Organization (SVO)		P
Sustainability Club		P
Tabletop Games Club		
Women in STEM		

C. Recognition of Visitors

- a. Kaitlyn (2nd year student) and Kenny (1st year student) introduced themselves

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. Senator Nathan - couldn't find the Aug 29th ASG Minutes and the agenda for today's meeting (9/26). Secretary Anchal provided him directions to access both of those documents on the Miramar website under the committees tab.
- c. Senator David - shared that he was frustrated that his name tag template got disregarded and pointed out that our new name tags weren't consistent in their format. Suggested the reprinting of name tags.

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

- a. VP David motioned to approve the 9/26/25 Agenda. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.

F. Approval of Minutes

- a. VP David motioned to approve the 9/19/25 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introductions of ASG Senators and Club Reps | 10 minutes

- a. ASG body went around the room and had all the club reps, senators, and advisors introduce their name, major, year, and fun fact. The goal of this activity was for the ASG body to get to know each other and attach names to faces.

B. ASG Responsibilities and Expectations | 15 minutes

- a. President Ariella - discussed expectations for senators and shared senator responsibilities such as showing up to ASG meetings on time, participating actively in senator projects, spending productive time in office hours, and making motions so that the execs aren't taking on the full responsibility of making motions. There is no maximum for how long a senator can do office hours, but 3 hours is a minimum. Provides an example of a senator project, like installing artworks around campus - senators working on this project should talk to clubs that align with their mission, such as the Art Haus club. Senators should check in with Secretary Anchal if they show up late to meetings or can not come to a future meeting. When motioning or seconding, senators and club reps must state their name and position (club name if club rep is motioning/seconding). ASG members should attend ASG events to popularize events happening on campus. Clubs that have tabled at events in the past have seen a great increase in membership. Club reps aren't required to attend shared governance committee meetings, but it's a great opportunity to bring back information about what's going on at Miramar to their club members. Delegates have to attend all SSCCC meetings and represent the ASG body in a professional way, take notes during the meetings, and bring back the learned information to Miramar ASG so that the body knows what the regional level is working on. Vice versa, the delegate should communicate updates from Miramar to SSCCC. Delegates are encouraged to stay engaged in ASG events and communicate with senators regarding their senator projects so that they can share them with SSCCC. If the exec or advisors see that people aren't operating to the standards that are expected of them, they will have a talk with them and communicate any consequences. If club reps aren't attending 14/16 meetings in the semester, they will not be eligible for funding for the following semester. If execs or senators aren't participating in ASG, such as office hours and projects, they will be met with disciplinary action by the dean of student affairs - best to avoid this if possible.

C. Puente Program Discussion | 15 minutes

- a. Treasurer Adam - Reminded the ASG body that we had VP Gonzales come in to talk about the Puente Program during our last meeting (9/19). The goal of today's meeting (9/26) is to vote on whether ASG is in support of implementing this program on our campus. Opened it up for questions and/or comments about the program for those who remember what was discussed during the last meeting.
- b. Treasurer Adam - Provided a recap of the program's purpose and financial logistics. The goal of the program is to help a cohort of students improve their math and English skills. Research has shown that LatinX students are more likely to succeed in their academics and have a higher graduation rate when they receive math and English support. The College Council wants us to consider whether to bring the English component on campus - they will revisit this topic in the future if they want to implement the math program. The college receives a lot of its funding from the state, and it considered what would happen if the federal program didn't fund grants. It would still cost the school a certain amount of money to run the Puente program even if they don't receive the funding. Puente is a really big program that would bring in a new section to our school, including new staff and media. The timeline for its implementation is really long - it will take a while for Puente to officially get implemented, even if it gets approved now.
- c. Senator Nathan- Asked if the students accepted into the program are based on eligibility criteria such as financial aid or something else? Treasurer Adam responded that he's not sure about the details of how students are selected, but its main goal is to support LatinX students to be successful in their academic journey.

- d. Senator Michael - Asked what would happen if the campus were affected by the government shutdown that's happening soon. Treasurer Adam responded that the college council has already discussed this concern and they're hoping that the shutdown doesn't happen. They would like to use the money/grant available to them before anything happens on the federal level.
- e. Miramar Engineering Club Rep (Teagan) - Asked whether there are statistics on how successful the students in the Puente Program are.
- f. Advisor Dean Barnard - Answer several of the senators' questions by clarifying that the cohort of 25-30 students and membership depends on ethnicity. Funding is through the state, and if the Federal gov't shuts down, it won't impact the campus's operations. If it does, financial aid and other programs would be affected, depending on how long it's shut down. The district set aside reserve funds last year to handle worst-case scenarios.
- g. SPECTRUM Club Rep (Micah) - Commented on how mentors don't have much information in the program outline. Asked a question regarding the sustainability of peer mentoring and if there was any information about how many students would be interested in volunteering. Treasurer Adam responded that he had the same question about the rigidity of the employment structure. This structure is forced by Puente - we would have to run by the structure that's provided so they the college can receive their grant. We would have volunteers for a longer period to avoid inconsistencies. We don't have control over the structure.
- h. SPECTRUM Club Rep (Micah) - Suggested an implementation, such as the math lab, which has paid tutors who can be scheduled and requested. Treasurer Adam responded that the counselors would take on that job by helping with general questions. These are things we still have to flesh out after implementation.
- i. Dean Barnard - Reminded the ASG body that today's meeting is about the concept of the Puente program and whether we want the college to support this affinity group. Once the college council gets approval from all of the constituency groups, there will be a work group to flesh out the logistics. These are the things talked abt during shared governance committees, so that's why it's important to join and attend those meetings as senators. Once passed by the groups, there could be the potential for other people to get involved in aiding the program.
- j. Treasurer Adam - Discusses the budget breakdown as stated in the program outline.
- k. Advisor Joseph - Asked if the grant is something we have or would have to apply for. Also asked whether our sister colleges have this program implemented and what its success rate has been. Dean Barnard responded that there have been successful implementations of the program, such as an increase in retention and success in academics. The program has existed for several years.
- l. Miramar Engineering Club Rep (Teagan) - Asked what an in-kind support is. Senator David responded that an in-kind support is when the college already has the positions they need for the program, so, for example, a counselor would have to work with their originally assigned tasks and allocate some of their time to the cohort.
- m. VP David motioned to extend the time for this agenda item by 10 minutes. Seconded by SPECTRUM Club Rep.
- n. Senator Kshitij - Asked whether the ASG body can take away their vote if the college can no longer get funding from the federal grant. Treasurer Adam responded that, in this scenario, we would call an emergency college council meeting. The college is currently operating on the idea that they'll get the money. They would bring it back up for voting if needed. Dean Barnard added that the college doesn't start new programs until every group says it's worthwhile. If we don't get the grant, we could support it from in-kind costs and move some financial aspects around to make things work. The bigger question is, is it a worthwhile thing to implement this program for students who can use this extra support?
- o. Senator David - States that it's a great program, but it only supports 25 people. The college would lose resources from in-kind and other resources for just 25 students.

Treasurer Adam responded that they've also considered whether it would be worthwhile to have such a small cohort. But if we expand the size, we would get less individual focus, like counselors making sure the students successfully finish academics. Similar problems to how counseling happens now - it's inconsistent. This is an introductory program, and there's a possibility to grow this in the future if it does well. It will start off as a pilot.

- p. Senator Nathan - Asked whether doubling it to 50 students would double the cost for funding. Treasurer Adam responded that he's not sure about the number of students or the effect on funding. If we bring in the math program as well, we would get money for it, and that would decrease the burden of increasing the cohort size.
- q. Senator David - Stated that we would still be losing more money from the in-kind support if we doubled the students.
- r. Advisor Shelly - Clarified that the in-kind support isn't taking away anything. Counselors would take appointments with Puente program students to make sure they take the right courses to be successful.
- s. Advisor Joseph - Asked how the decision of who would get the opportunity to be in the program is made. Treasurer Adam responded that the outline is currently just words on paper. It still needs a blueprint, which will take a lot of time to create, so a lot of the details aren't fleshed out yet.
- t. SPECTRUM Club Rep (Micah) - Asked what the student cohort size at MESA is for the Puente Program. Dean Barnard responded that it depends on class size.
- u. Senator David - Shared that there are 4000 Hispanic students on campus ($\frac{1}{3}$ of the body).
- v. Senator Kshitij makes a motion to vote on the approval of the Puente program. Seconded by VP David.
- w. Secretary Anchal conducts a roll-call vote:
 - The majority of the ASG body voted "Nay"
 - → The motion to approve the Puente Program was not passed.

D. Election of Region X Alternative Delegate | 5 minutes

- a. Advisor Joseph requested nominations for the Region X Alt Delegate.
- b. Senator Michael self-nominates himself.
- c. Business Club Rep nominates Senator Michael
- d. Advisor Joseph conducts a hand-vote to elect Senator Michael as the Region X Alt Delegate.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

A. Committee Meetings | 40 minutes

- a. Future Events
 - [9/26/25 Agenda](#)
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - [9/26/25 Agenda](#)
 - [9/26/25 Minutes](#)
- c. Governance

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President
 - Shared that some of the name tags have been misplaced and that senators should not be moving things around in the office. The name tags will be taken care of. If a member is missing their name tag, they should send their name to the Discord server so that we know who to print out.

- b. Vice President
 - No reports
- c. Secretary
 - No report
- d. Treasurer
 - No report
- e. Senate Representative
 - Reminded senators about the senator debrief that will be happening after this meeting.

B. Region X Reports

- a. Senator Bridget - Shared that the upcoming meeting delegate assembly is today from 1-3 pm via Zoom. She will come back with more updates during the next meeting.

C. Senator Reports

- a. N/a

D. ASG Committee Reports

- a. Future Events
 - Volunteer sign-ups are being coordinated by Senator Kristine (she's creating a website to include all the events and will be creating a weekly availability sheet so that ASG members don't have to keep reaching out to people)
 - In the process of creating the ASG membership sheet, and will present it during the next meeting to promote
 - In the process of working on the fall fest flyer and finalizing event costs. Working with Senator Angela and the business club to create a detailed budget breakdown.
 - Lost LA Screening: Sept 20th (I-101, 12:30-1:30). Pizza night: 10/2, 5-6 pm at Compass Point (there will be games). Fall fest (10/30, 12-2 pm) - looking for ASG members to help out (contact Kristine if interested in upcoming events)
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - Met with Donnie to secure k1-107 for 12/3-12/4 for study jam
 - Conducted a vote on the main events to prioritize for the semester. Narrowed it down to the study jam and therapy dogs.
 - Discussed whether it would be a possibility to do an ASG social this year
 - Brainstormed breakfast ideas such as bagels, sushi, and other assortments
- c. Governance
 - Discussed the constitution changes, readings, and annotations they made last week. Discussed elections, constitutional changes, and money for clubs. Elections aren't happening often enough (changes we make in the constitution now will not be seen until the next election). Talked about how constitutional changes happen in general and how district policies dictate club funding (how clubs get their hands on funding - clubs are not getting enough money to support their projects, and there's a lot of dependence on ASG to give out that money)

E. Club Reports

- a. Business club - had their first meeting on Monday(more ppl showed up than expected, hoping membership retains)
- b. Transfer club - upcoming meeting on Wednesday in the transfer center
- c. Engineering club - soldering and Arduino workshop at 1 pm today (s6-205)
- d. FASA - meetings are biweekly on Wednesdays (3-4 pm). Next meeting on 10/8
- e. PTK - next meeting on 10/6 (people don't have to be an honors student to join, and

there are open leadership positions)

f. SWE - Resume workshop (12-1 pm) today

F. Advisory Reports

a. Joseph Hankinson

- Asked clubs for their meeting times and room information, and social media handles to be posted on the Miramar website under the clubs section. 10/8 - petting dogs (12:30-1:30 pm) in the lobby of the K1 building. 10/10 (10 am -2 pm) student leadership conference (breakfast and lunch are provided, senators will learn a lot, and they will go over important things for student leaders; the flyers have been passed out for this event). 10/20 (12:30-1:30 pm) drum circle (Mindful Moments at Miramar), also happening during fall fest (10/30). 10/2 is a Filipino history event (traditional dancers, breakdancers, and Filipino food)
- Business Club Rep motioned to extend the time by 4 minutes, and SPECTRUM Club Rep seconded.

b. Dean Barnard

- Flyers have been passed around for the student leadership conference on 10/10. The flyers can be shared with clubs if club members want to attend. There's a discretion study on supporting Latinx students - there's a QR code in the back of the room to fill out the survey.

c. Shelly Parks

- Free farmers' market next Wednesday. The Pride Center (in the I building) is having a soft opening next week.

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. Miramar Engineering Club Rep - Asked about the progress on updating the ASG website.
- C. VP David - Shared a quick word with senators and club reps. The execs want to promote more engagement in ASG - the club reps who motioned and seconded did a great job engaging in the body. ASG is a learning space, and we're all learning to be leaders, so this is the perfect space to mess up and grow from our mistakes.
- D. Senator David - To add on to VP David's point, shares that he messed up during the meeting, too. On a separate note, shares that there will be a pumpkin path in Ramona if anyone is interested in going.
- E. SPECTRUM Club Rep - Encouraged members to finish the breakfast
- F. President Ariella - Mentioned that finding the agenda/minutes can be difficult. Provided instructions on how to find these documents.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
- B. Senator Kshitij motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 AM. Seconded by FASA Club Rep.