



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Meeting Minutes | October 3rd, 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

- a. President Ariella called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 - 9:05 AM
Senate Representative Jind Mann	P
Senate Members	Attendance
Senator Mekael Ahmed	L - 9:03 AM
Senator Lily-Grace Balilo	P
Senator Kyla Bertel	P
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	P
Senator Bridget Cunningham	P
Senator Michael Fuzy	P
Senator Kristine Huynh	L - 9:05 AM
Senator Nicole Le	A - Excused
Senator Angela Liu	L - 9:05 AM
Senator Kristina Nguyen	A - Unexcused
Senator Nathan Obermiller	A - Excused
Senator Ryan Pacheco	L - 9:05 AM
Senator Kshitij Pete	P
Senator Tien Pham	P
Senator Evelyn Shoemaker	P
Senator David Smith	P
Senator Suhana Suman	L - 9:01 AM
Senator Liana Wong	P
Senator <i>Vacant</i>	P
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Club Representatives	Attendance
Arise and Shine Club	

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

C. Recognition of Visitors

- a. Kaitlyn (an interested ASG member) introduced herself

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 David - shared that most students use their personal emails for school-related communications, but they should use their student emails to be more professional. Also, there are two vacant shared governance committees, so we should spread the senator/exec committee assignments to have at least one rep for each committee.

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

- a. Senate Rep Jind motioned to approve the 10/3/25 agenda. Seconded by Senator Michael.

F. Approval of Minutes

- a. VP David motioned to approve the 9/26/25 meeting minutes. Seconded by Senator Michael.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Region X Presentation | 15 minutes

- a. Xtopher Ruiz (Vice Chair of Region X) - introduced the Region X exec team and explained that they represent 10 community colleges in the region. They're currently missing a legislative affairs director. They're hosting a special election today at City College at 2 pm if anyone is interested in joining their team. Explained that SSCCC represents the voices of 2.1 million students and 117 community colleges. They advocate for a variety of things, from financial aid to other equity programs. ASG is expected to focus on campus-related issues, host student events, work with the college administration, and more. Region X focuses on the state-level impact of work with community colleges. ASG delegates bring a voice to the 2.1 million students by voting on resolutions and shaping the policy and direction of colleges. The Advocacy Academy is coming up in Riverside, and the Federal Advocacy will be happening next year in DC (if ASG members are empowered to speak to legislators directly, this conference would be an amazing opportunity). The Delegate voices the concerns and needs of the by working closely in proposing new legislation. ASG Senators should talk to delegates if they want anything to be communicated to the higher-level bodies. There are several ways to make an impact without having to be a delegate. One way is to write a resolution. Claudio Nevelles (VP of Communication of Region X) explained why a resolution is super important. Shared that student groups from past years wrote a resolution to implement menstrual products in all community college restrooms. This resolution was accepted by SSCCC and became law, requiring every community college to have menstrual products in at least one restroom. Nevelles shared that they were personally interested in improving the protection of undocumented students. The resolution they wrote was accepted last year during the Delegate Assembly. Encouraged ASG members to write resolutions if they're passionate about a certain advocacy project.
- b. Xtopher Ruiz (Vice Chair of Region X) - Encouraged ASG members to join a caucus. There are several active caucuses in SSCCC, and you can start up a new caucus by recruiting 10 other students from other campuses. ASG members can also volunteer and run for positions (for example, the legislative affairs officer in Region X). Whether students are passionate about mental health, DEI, and/or other legislations, there's always a space for them. Briefly explained the 9+1 rights that make sure student voices are represented. Asked the ASG members to scan the QR code for region X Insta. They would love to highlight students in their newsletters. Provided their emails if anyone wants to contact them.
- c. Business Club Rep - Asked if students can join caucuses from outside the region or if they have to be selected from within the region. Ruiz responded that all are open to join the caucuses.
- d. Senator Kshtij - Asked what other schools are a part of Region X. Ruiz responded by listing all of the colleges that are a part of Region X.
- e. Advisor Joseph - commented that resolution writing training will happen during the 10/24 ASG meeting and will be hosted by Region X. Ruiz added that they wrote resolutions for Navy veteran support last year, so they have a lot of knowledge they can offer during the training.
- f. President Ariella - Asked Ruiz how their transition in responsibilities was going from a Miramar ASG exec to a Region X exec. Ruiz responded that it's a lot more time commitment working for Region X since there are 10 other schools they have to represent.

B. Proposed Edit to Land Acknowledgement | 10 minutes

- a. Treasurer Adam - Explained that this topic was brought to us by the college council. A while back, a past ASG exec brought up the idea of having a shorter land acknowledgement. The land acknowledgement is included in the syllabus of most classes, so it has a direct impact on students. Asked if ASG would be in favor of changing the version to the edited version. New research shows the native tribes have

been here for longer than 10,000 years, so they're thinking of changing that number to accurately represent the history. IDEA is working closely with NAIS to see if this version is something students want.

- b. Senator Kshitij - Asked where this new version would be used. Treasurer Adam responded that the governance meetings, award ceremonies, and other on-campus related activities/groups will read it. College Council, for example, reads the shorter version, but bigger ceremonies may read the whole thing.
- c. Senator David commented that scholarship ceremonies read the entire version (at least 2 minutes long). He is in favor of the shorter version and hopes for more accurate wording.
- d. Treasurer Adam - shared that IDEA recommended that ASG bring in NAIS to discuss this topic further. College Council wants feedback from all the constituency groups.
- e. VP David motioned to vote on the approval of the land acknowledgement amendments. Seconded by Senator Kshitij.
- f. Secretary Anchal conducted a roll-call vote for the approval of the land acknowledgement
 - Majority of ASG members said "Aye"
 - → Motion to approve the land acknowledgement amendments passed

C. Campuswide Professional Development Workgroup | 10 minutes

- a. Treasurer Adam - reminded the ASG members about the College Council. On top of all of their projects, they're also working on implementing the campus-wide professional development workgroup. Essentially, they want ASG to delegate a senator to join their workgroup (3 ASG execs and 1 senator) with other constituency group representatives. Opened it up for nominations.
- b. Senator Michael - self-nominates himself. Business Club Rep nominates Michael.
- c. Senator Kshitij - self-nominates himself
- d. Interested senators gave a 30-second speech on why they want to serve in the workgroup
 - Senator Michael: As he mentioned during his special election speech, he wants to carry over his leadership skills/experiences to future careers. He believes that this opportunity will allow him to do just that.
 - Senator Kshitij: He is interested in developing himself professionally and wants to take this opportunity to support the school.
- e. Treasurer Adam conducts a hand vote for the election of the workgroup representative. The majority of members vote for Senator Michael. Announces Senator Michael as the official senator representative of the workgroup.

D. Discussion Regarding the Recording of ASG Meetings | 10 minutes

- a. President Ariella - Shared that professors brought up concerns about students not being able to attend ASG meetings because of various reasons. They suggested ASG record their meetings and post them on a public page. According to the Brown Act, recording meetings is acceptable as long as it meets specific criteria. Opened it up for ASG members to share their opinions on the topic.
- b. Senator David - shared that tripods won't work that well for this room, but there's an owl device that's used by other groups that we could potentially use. The senator project focusing on the ASG media could help with uploading the recording to the website.
- c. Business club rep - Ask if the recording starts when the meeting starts and ends when the meeting adjourns. President Ariella responded that, yes, the recording will match the ASG meeting operations, but the senator meetings and exec meetings will not be recorded.
- d. Senator David - Asked if the future events committee would be recorded since it's in the same room. President Ariella responded that this is a fresh topic, so whether we record committee meetings is open for discussion.

- e. Senator David - commented that, in that case, a tripod would work better.
 - f. Senator Kshitij - commented that it's not necessary to record meetings since it would create more hassles, such as deciding how we select the committees to record. Only the committee reports should be shared on camera.
 - g. Senator Michael - asked where the funds for the camera device would come from. Advisor Shelly responded that it would come from the capital outlay funds.
 - h. Senator David - shared that it would be beneficial to have recordings of committee meetings in case someone comes in and says that we're not discussing anything.
 - i. Advisor Joseph - suggested that we could do a dry run of recording one of our meetings before doing it officially.
 - j. Senate Rep Jind - commented that there's no need to purchase multiple owl camera devices - we can simply share them between the committees.
 - k. Senator Kshitij - suggested that we could voice record committee meetings.
 - l. Treasurer Adam - asks for clarification about the brown act regarding the recording of meetings. President Ariella responded that ASG meetings hold under the brown act, so committee meetings are held as well. However, committee meetings have different rules compared to the general body meeting, so it's not clear what the restrictions/rules are.
 - m. FASA club rep - commented that recording the meetings would be helpful.
 - n. Business club rep - suggested having a trial run of recording a meeting. Senator David added that we should do an internal review of how the dry run goes.
 - o. VP David motioned to extend the time for this item by 2 minutes. Seconded by Senator Michael.
 - p. Spectrum Club Rep - commented that it would make a good senator project for whoever is in charge of the ASG site. It would be a good idea to categorize the meeting using timelines so that it's not a single, large video. President Ariella responded that the minutes will always be posted, so students can read the minutes and watch the videos. So, there's no need to edit the videos.
 - q. Business Club motioned to extend the time for this item by 3 minutes. Seconded by the Spectrum club rep.
 - r. VP David motioned to have a dry run of recording the meeting during our next ASG meeting (10/17). Seconded by Senator Kshitij.
 - s. President Ariella conducts a hand vote. The item passes unanimously.
- E. Applications for Advocacy Academy | 5 minutes
- a. Advisor Joseph - reminded the body that the advocacy academy is coming up in December. We voted for funding during the first ASG meeting. Transportation will be provided (2 large vehicles and 2 advisors). Hotel rooms are provided - everyone will get their own hotel room. Meals are provided. Applications are available if people are interested in attending. Club reps and senators can attend.
 - b. Senator David - asked if it's possible to send over a digital version of the application so that we can share it on Discord. Advisor Joseph said yes.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

A. Committee Meetings | 40 minutes

- a. Future Events
 - [10/3 Agenda](#)
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - [10/3 Agenda](#)
- c. Governance
 - [10/3 Agenda](#)

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President
- b. Shared that she attended the recent pizza night and enjoyed it.
- c. Vice President
 - No report
- d. Secretary
 - Called out the names of Senators who haven't signed up for shared governance committees yet. Asked them to sign up ASAP. Told them where the sign-up sheet can be found.
- e. Treasurer
 - No report
- f. Senate Representative
 - Attended the professional development committee. As one of the subcommittees, they plan on creating a list of professional development opportunities that staff can refer to. They want to figure out their responsibilities as a committee since it's colliding with the College Council's professional development committee.
 - Shared that she's looking forward to senators reporting their projects and committee notes during the senator reports.

B. Region X Reports

- a. Senator Bridget - shared that there was a delegate meeting on 9/26. The new VP was elected. During the meeting, they went over all of the new policies that were approved (example: 2-year bill) and the newsletter (those who want to be highlighted should contact the Region X execs or the delegates). Went over the effective resolution webinar (10/24th at 5 pm), which will be presented by the Region X treasurer - attendees will learn more about how to write resolutions. Discussed more about the advocacy academy, federal academy, and delegate assembly.
- b. Senator Mike - Region X discussed the 2025-2026 budget (additional contributions of \$10,000 were made by SSCCC for funding transportation, conferences, and trainings)

C. Senator Reports

- a. Senator Evelyn - attended the marketing and outreach committee. They're still in the early stages of the committee. A guest came in to talk about the CRM. They talked about the return on investment and how many hours were saved due to a chatbot that was recently implemented. Talked abt the early alert AI system that would monitor student grades (Evelyn voiced her concern abt it). Plan on putting more content out on social media.
- b. Senator Bridget - shared that there will be a campus photoshoot on 10/9 at Compass Point in front of the library. Reach out to Steven Quis if interested. The purpose of this event is to promote Miramar. The attire should be a neat look with no logos or stains. President Ariella commented that she will be there
- c. Senator Kshitij - attended the distance education standard committee. Discussed several issues regarding distance education standards, the reduction of peer mentoring, and compensation of staff who conduct training. Want to make online classes meet state standards so that those who aren't in our district can attend the classes. The committee is hoping for more student designees. There will be more flex events for 2025. The committee was confused was to hy their name was changed.
- d. Senator David - discussed the outline for the marketing senator project. They plan on getting headshots under everyone's names on the website so that we can attach names to faces and get a group photo of everyone. They will work with future events to keep an upcoming events calendar. Plan on adding a legacy members page so that past execs can be featured in a subpage. Include past agendas and minutes under a separate section. Plan on getting more involved in social media and working closely with Claudio, Steven Quis, and the future social media coordinator. Considering deleting the ASG Google site - they will bring it up as a vote in the future. On a side note, he

attended the facility's health and safety committee. They want more student participation. It's a great opportunity to network (this committee has 3 VPs). Discussed injury reports from Jan-May, office door/window covers, and the measure H-H project. The living garden has been replaced by a rock garden - he talked to a dean who wanted to open up the peppertree cafe, so he will get in touch with him again to work on the project.

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D. ASG Committee Reports

a. Future Events

- Movie and pizza nights went well - there was a lot of ASG representation
- Therapy Dogs 4 Paws of Love (Oct 8, K1-Lobby - 12-2pm), Mindful Moments Fall Drum Circle Series (Oct 20, K1-107 - 12:30-1:30p), My Partner Filipino History Month Documentary Film (Oct 21, I-101 Building - 12-2 pm), Filipino History Health Fair (Oct 22, Compass Point 11:30-1:30 pm), Filipino History Month Documentary Film (Oct 28, I-101 Building - 11:30-1:30pm), Fall Fest! (Oct 30, Compass Point - 12-2pm), Mindful Moments Drum Circle (Oct 30, Compass Point - 12-2pm)
- Approved fall fest activities (trick or treating at all tables, costume contest, donuts on a string, cream the council - pie the exec council, hamburgers, treats available), please volunteer if you want to help out

b. Student Life & Wellness

- Senator Ryan motioned to extend the time by 10 minutes. Seconded by Spectrum Club Rep.
- Assigned 3 members to create the basic needs logo
- Explored different food options for the study jam and study supplies to give away
- Discussed all of the resources/programs they're going to have at the event and the questions they're going to ask the attendees
- Talked about breakfast items they're going to bring for our next meeting, since they're in charge of 10/17

c. Governance

- Got through annotations of the constitution, and are in the process of creating a proposed constitution

E. Club Reports

- PTK - first meeting on 10/6 from 2 pm, will have candy
- Business club - their second meeting was very successful. They got a lot of attendees in their LinkedIn workshop.
- Transfer club - First meeting was last Wednesday, where they did some icebreakers to get to know each other. Their next meeting will be focused on working through UC PIQs (coming Wednesday at 1 pm)
- Spectrum Club - had a great time at the soft opening of the Kaleidoscope, and are looking forward to hosting meetings at the new space
- Biology club - had first meeting this Monday (n-108 at 3:30 pm, did introductions). The theme for their next meeting is anthropology.

F. Advisory Reports

a. Joseph Hankinson

- Brought more applications for the advocacy academy
- Next week is the leadership conference (10-2 pm). ASG members must RSVP. Lunch/breakfast will be provided
- Filipino history celebration on 10/22. There will be breakdancers and traditional dancers to celebrate past and present culture.
- The resolution writing training will happen at the 10/24 ASG meeting

- b. Dean Barnard: N/A
- c. Shelly Parks
 - Invest in Success is from 4-8 pm on 10/16. Students will get the chance to mingle with donors for scholarships and other programs on campus. Those interested must RSVP to Dean Barnard by next Thursday.
 - Praised the new name tags created by Senator David
 - Reminded senators to talk to Secretary Anchal if they came in late or need to be excused for a future absence

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 Michael - shared info about the new Dungeons and Dragons club and encouraged students to join.
- C. Senator Lily-Grace - asked clubs to take pictures during club meetings since the media senator project group will be including them on the website
- D. Senator Ayaan - asked students to reach out to him if anyone knows a place to hold a meditation space on campus
- E. Daniel (visitor) - shared that there's an opportunity for students who want to join the planning team for the H-H bond projects, including aviation, performing arts center, and basic needs. Interested students will work with a team of professionals to work on one of those projects
- F. Advisor Shelly - clubs posting club flyers must use blue tape so that the wall paint doesn't peel off. Told ASG members not to scan the period flyer QR code that's been posted around campus restrooms because they don't know where that information is going

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
- B. Senate Rep Jind motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.