



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Meeting Minutes | October 31st, 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 9:05 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 Jind Mann	p
Senate Members	Attendance
Senator Mekael Ahmed	L
Senator Lily-Grace Balilo	p
Senator Kyla Bertel	p
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	p
Senator Bridget Cunningham	L
Senator Michael Fuzy	L
Senator Kristine Huynh	p
Senator Nicole Le	A - Excused
Senator Angela Liu	p
Senator Nathan Obermiller	A - Unexcused
Senator Ryan Pacheco	L
Senator Kshitij Pete	p
Senator Tien Pham	p
Senator Evelyn Shoemaker	p
Senator Suhana Suman	L
Senator Liana Wong	p
Senator <i>Vacant</i>	
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Club Representatives	Attendance

Arise and Shine Club		
Art Haus Club		p
Biology Club		p
Chemistry Club		
Chi Gong Club		
Computer Science Club		p
Diesel Skills Club		p
Dungeons and Dragons Club		
Filipino American Student Association (FASA)		p
Game Development Club		
Girls Who Code		
Health & Fitness Club		
International Student Club		p
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
Muslim Student Association		
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)		
Pre-Med Club		p
Psychology Club		
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)		
SPECTRUM		p
Student Veterans Organization (SVO)		
Sustainability Club		p
Tabletop Games Club		p
Urban Scholars		p
Women in STEM		p

C. Recognition of Visitors

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.

E. Approval & Amendments of Agenda

- a. Senator Michael motioned to approve the 10/31/25 Agenda. Seconded by Transfer/Business Club Rep.

F. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator Michael motioned to approve the 10/24/25 Minutes. Seconded by Transfer/Business Club Rep.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. School of Academic Services Priorities and Goals (Dean Jeff Orgera) | 15 minutes

- a. Introduced himself as the Dean of Academic Services. Explained that he's here today to share priorities and goals of academic services, find ways to connect with ASG, and support our work. Thanked us for being part of the college's leadership. He and his team are here to meet our needs and support us. Some of the programs that academic services focus on include ASC, the library and learning center, CCAP, and courses being taught in the personal growth program. Academic services enhance programs through continuous improvement. Shared mission and vision statements. Shared that his academic background is in educational psychology and has been in student services for 35 years. Listed some of the group's goals, including advancing access to academic resources, fostering a culture of inclusive academic support, strengthening data-driven decision-making, and more. They track success rates of students in courses, like how many students are persisting into the next semester and completing courses with a C or higher. This data helps decide which courses need extra support. Shared quick updates: new Egg chairs in the library (in first 15 minutes of arrival, they were occupied); the living garden died during Covid, after talking to the gardeners, they learned that it's not possible to host plants there, and so they made a decorative rock garden; created displays in the library for every month to align with cultural and heritage months. Shared ASC improvements: improving the way they're recruiting and training tutors, those interested in becoming a tutor can now complete the training course in 1 month. They will soon have a full staff of librarians and are thinking of assigning librarians to various majors and academic pathways. They will have a Miramar meditation haven, which was previously a group study room. Proposed the idea of channeling interest in a rooftop garden to host a community garden.
- b. Senator Michael - asked what type of input Dean Orgera and the Academic Services want. Dean Orgera responded that they would like input on how we designate our librarians and if there should be any changes or improvements in tutoring and academic support.

B. Technology Plan (Kurt Hill) | 15 minutes

- a. Kurt Hill - Introduced himself as the director of the college's tech services. The tech committee is updating the technology plan and would like student input. Still looking to fill student designees on the committee. Recommends we compare our plan with the one from Mesa and the city. There are 2 tech groups: district and college tech groups. Recommends that we represent at the district group. Explained that he is representing the college tech group, and the technology committee is looking at the instructional technology side. Wants to know what we think of the plan and what we would like to see in the future.
- b. Senator Kshitij - asked which part of the plan is the most important to look at. Kurt Hill responded that it would be important to look at the standards that are listed. For example, students may have more knowledge in the music lab and math lab, so they should see if those standards should be different. Also, student input would be appreciated regarding the website and how it appears on mobile.
- c. CS club rep - asked if the plan focuses on more of the hardware aspect of the website. Kurt Hill explained that the plan focuses on things like getting instructors to use HDMI ports in their classroom monitors to make it faster to use the display instead of having to log in to the desktop computers.
- d. Senator Evelyn - asked about the committee's overall stance on AI. Kurt Hill responded that AI is not addressed in this document, but it would be great to get recommendations on how it should be mentioned.
- e. Dean Orgera - pointed out that he can share a little bit about AI.
- f. Senator Kshitij - asked what happens to the old tech after it's replaced with new ones. Kurt Hill responded that funding is variable, so they have to use a roll-down plan to "roll down" computers that are still serviceable. They don't have enough money to replace all the computers. The very old stuff ends up going to the warehouse.
- g. Visitor - asked which department gets the new computers. Kurt Hill responded that

there's a system in place where they determine which department gets priority for the new computers.

- h. Dena Barnard - asked where we can find a copy of the plan on the website. Kurt Hill responded that it's not on the website yet, so those who want to look at it should go look at the draft version from past documents found under the committee page.
- i. VP David - asked if Hill is okay with us sharing the document on Discord. Hill responded that that is okay.
- j. Visitor - asked if Hill could summarize what this agenda item is about because he walked in late. Kurt Hill summarized that he's looking for student input on the college's technology plan, which describes the purposes of the tech committee.
- k. Senator Kshitij - asked if the committee decides how the email accounts work. Hill responded that that's managed on the district side.
- l. Visitor - asked what happened in the recent Canvas shutdown. Hill responded that it was due to a cloud service breakdown. Visitor shared that some faculty members were refusing to extend deadlines despite Canvas being down and asked if there's a way for us to make a branch to Canvas for when we can't update it. Hill responded that he would be surprised if the faculty wouldn't extend deadlines. Dean Barnard commented that for students to address their concerns about deadlines, they would need to go to the chair of the department, who would then talk to the faculty, and then bring it up to the dean. Visitor asked how long that process would take. Dean Barnard responded that it's usually within 24-48 hrs at most.
- m. Senator Kshitij - asked if the committee is in charge of the standards or procedures of faculty interactive technologies. Hill explained that this is an operational committee, meaning there's info in the plan that explains how other processes could work. The faculty would have a lot of input on AI, so that would be something they would have to bring up to the Academic Senate. If students have any thoughts/recommendations, the tech committee will help route which committee their comments/suggestions should be directed to.
- n. SPECTRUM Club Rep motioned to extend the time for this agenda item by 2 minutes. Seconded by Senator Kshitij.

C. Fitness Center Access Project | 10 minutes

- a. Provided a brief overview of their senator project - students should have access to the college's gym to help them maintain their physical and mental health. They're trying to get a gym discount at a local gym, which is the main difference in the group's approach this year compared to last year's project. Several students are curious about the college's gym. Only students enrolled in the fitness programs have access to the gym. It would be good if students had access to a gym close by for their convenience. They plan on talking to local gyms and seeing if a partnership could be possible. Plan on collaborating with clubs such as the health and fitness club, and will send out a survey for which option students would prefer. They're facing bureaucratic challenges, so they would have to contact higher authority figures in order to contact external figures and dependencies for the project. The main goal is to reach out to nearby gyms.
- b. Spectrum Club Rep - asked how the group is surveying students and how that is being sent out. Senator Michael rescinded that it will be through Google Forms and flyers.
- c. Tabletop games club rep - asked how they're going to handle liabilities. Senator Michael responded that they're pivoting towards using a commercial gym instead of the college's gym. The group heard back from a previous student who worked on this project last year, and they said it was costly to open up the college's gym to all students.
- d. Visitor - asked how the surveys are going to be distributed. Senator Michael responded that it would be through flyers, QR codes, and small pop-up events.
- e. Spectrum Club Rep - asked if there's always going to be someone in the gym to monitor the students. Senator Michael responded that it's not the case that there's always someone staffing, classes come in and leave. Treasurer Adam added that

staffing would be a problem because of budgeting issues.

- f. Senator Bridget commented that it would be a good idea to send out the surveys to the fitness programs. The group agreed that that was a good idea.
- g. Tabletop games club rep - asked if it's possible to try to add faculty to the project too, or if it's just for the students. Senator Michael responded that they will now start asking faculty if they want to be included in the survey. The club rep asked if it's possible to add an optional tuition cost for the gym membership. Dean Barnard responded that the additional cost will make community college less accessible. Community college is all about providing access, and although it's not impossible to increase tuition, you would have to take the district into perspective. The pool and gym were a joint build between Miramar and the City of San Diego. Not everyone at the gym is a Miramar employee or student; some are city employees.

D. Promise Program Project | 10 minutes

- a. Provided context for the project. Explained the promise program as a program that provides free tuition and other resources for eligible students. The group is focusing on increasing awareness about the promise program. Shared some of their goals: raise campus awareness and increase attendance at Promise events. Since the program application has ended, they've pivoted their focus to the next fall registration. They made the Promise Program a flyer because the department didn't have one. The flyer includes a QR code that leads to their socials. The next steps include partnering with promise administrators, increasing outreach through Canvas shell and socials, joining new registration events to increase awareness (not sure if they can do this since it will be next Fall), and collaborating with the viewbook committee to provide info about the program. Shared their timeline for their project.
- b. Visitor - commented that the group should campaign to reduce the stigma of asking for monetary or financial help, because that could be a factor for why students don't apply. The group rescinded that they'll consider that.
- c. Senator Kshitij - from personal experience, the most confusing part about being part of the program was the requirements of the events you need to attend. The group responded that there are emails posted on the program's website that he can contact. There is also a center that students can stop by if they have questions.
- d. Senator Evelyn - if you're already enrolled in the promise program, was the Oct 20th deadline for the spring 2026, or was it only a one-time thing that carries on for 2 years? Senator Angela responded that it's a one-time thing.
- e. Dean Barnard - recommended holding sessions to clarify the requirements
- f. Secretary Anchal - recommended talking to the program counselors and asking them to clarify the requirements at their events.
- g. Visitor - asked if the group has a pitch on how the group would explain the promise program. The group responded that they're working on sending that out to clubs and faculties.
- h. Spectrum Club Rep - asked what happens if students have already fulfilled those requirements.
- i. Senator Bridget - asked if the group knows of any workshops that might be happening soon or if they plan on hosting their own session. The group responded that they're looking into it.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

A. Committee Meetings | 20 minutes

- a. Future Events
 - [10/31 Agenda](#)
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - [10/31 Agenda](#)
 - [10/31 Minutes](#)
- c. Governance

VII. **REPORTS** | 20 minutes

A. **Executive Reports**

- a. President
 - Met up with the Student Life and Wellness committee and the Governance committee. Met with Pres Wes with Treasurer Adam. The President was impressed with ASG at Invest in Success (still hearing great things), and he's hearing great contributions at College Council.
- b. Vice President
 - Attended College Council with Treasurer Adam and shared what we've been doing in ASG for the past few weeks.
- c. Secretary
 - No reports
- d. Treasurer
 - No reports
- e. Senate Representative
 - No reports

B. **Region X Reports**

- a. No reports

C. **Senator Reports**

- a. Senator Evelyn - shared that the website project is planning a group photo next Friday or the week after (plan is to wear our black ASG shirts and solid denim). Has been attending the HH bond committee meetings for the performing arts center and English center with Senator Bridget (Fridays, 1-3 pm).

D. **ASG Committee Reports**

- a. Future Events
 - Thanked everyone for participating in Fall Fest and helping out with set-up and running the event. Received key feedback on fall fest, like reducing music and improving signage for clubs. Senator Evelyn is now the newly elected co-chair. Discussed the Chill With Us event. They plan on partnering with clubs to improve engagement. Discussed Blanket making service for unhoused students.
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - Chair Ryan had to leave early, so co-chair Tien took over the meeting. Decided on a winterland theme for the Study Jam. Considered dividing the committee into separate subcommittees, but decided to have a work meeting next meeting to decide deadlines for Study Jam assignments. Discussed organizing a wishlist tree for unhoused students. Designated Senator Suhana for bringing breakfast for the next meeting
- c. Governance
 - Wanted to reach out to the exec board about having a presentation for their committee during the next meeting. Discussed how the communication and outreach committee would be organized, and whether they want to follow through with that. They want to make the rules for the senator projects clearer in the constitution so that it's sustainably managed.

E. **Club Reports**

- a. Transfer/business club - elected new VPs, taking off the workload of previous board members. Successful recruitment at Fall Fest. Hosting resume workshop (business club). Discussing guaranteed admission at SDSU in the future transfer club meeting
- b. Urban Scholars - Shared info about their club at fall fest. Their future event ideas: podcast session, short documentary, and a panel of students who were formerly incarcerated come in to share their journey back to school.

- c. Spectrum Club - Fall Fest was extremely successful. The effort that ASG put into organizing the event was really great. Last night, they attended an event hosted by the Art Haus club, which was very valuable to the campus.
- d. Sustainability club - had their first meeting this past Wednesday, guest speakers from the SD Riverfront Foundation, 10-12 ppl in attendance, hope to keep continuing this great turnout

F. Advisory Reports

- a. Joseph Hankinson
 - Thanked everyone for helping out at fall fest. 11/3 (5-6 pm) - pizza night, need volunteers to hand out pizza. Thinking about doing chilly and corn bread for Fall Fest.
- b. Dean Barnard
 - Today's the last day to withdraw from a course with a 'W'. Putting a variety of wellness spots on campus (egg chairs and meditation room).
- c. Shelly Parks
 - Financial wellness workshop (12-1:30 pm, next Thursday) to set you up for success for holiday spending. CalFresh's November benefits will be delayed for November due to the government shutdown. Asked us to share this news with friends/family, and refer them to access the pantry (free access for students). Met with Lisa Cole Jones, wanted to relay her message about how ASG did an amazing job at Invest in Success. Daylight saving time is this weekend

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. Transfer/ Business Club - Happy Halloween!
- C. Advisor Joseph - Shared that the First Generation event will be on 11/4 (12:30-2 pm). They need students to help out
- D. Senator Ayaan - got a section in the pantry for a temporary prayer space, enclosed by a trifold, and will be getting prayer mats.
- E. President Ariella - announced that David Smith and Kristina Nguyen have resigned from their senator positions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
- B. Urban Scholars Club Rep motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 AM. Seconded by Tabletop Games Club Rep.