



SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Meeting Minutes | December 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, K1-107
San Diego, CA 92126

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	L - 9:20
Vice President David Yang	p
Secretary Anchal Verma	p
Treasurer Adam Halaseh	p
Senate Representative Jind Mann	p
Senate Members	Attendance
Senator Mekael Ahmed	p
Senator Lily-Grace Balilo	p
Senator Kyla Bertel	Excused
Senator Ayaan Bhatkar	p
Senator Bridget Cunningham	Excused
Senator Michael Fuzy	p
Senator Kristine Huynh	L - 9:06 am
Senator Nicole Le	Excused
Senator Angela Liu	Unexcused
Senator Nathan Obermiller	p
Senator Ryan Pacheco	p
Senator Kshitij Pete	p
Senator Tien Pham	p
Senator Evelyn Shoemaker	p
Senator Suhana Suman	p
Senator Liana Wong	L - 9:07 am
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		
Diesel Skills Club		
Dungeons and Dragons Club		p
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
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		
Women in STEM		p

C. Recognition of Visitors

- a. Rafi introduced himself and commented that he plans on showing up to more meetings next semester.

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. Sen Michael motioned to approve the 12/12/25 Agenda. Seconded by Transfer club

F. Approval of Minutes

- a. Sen Michael motioned to approve the 12/5/25 Minutes. Seconded by Transfer club.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. N/a

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. N/a

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. N/a

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Umoja Discussion | 30 minutes

- a. Dean Barnard - Shared information about the Umoja Program. Similar to the Puente Program, Umoja is a cohort-based program designed to support African American and Black students through dedicated counseling, courses, and resources. Umoja targets populations that have been historically underrepresented in higher education and has shown higher success rates for transfer and degree attainment.
- b. Tabletop Games Club - Asked how the program would be established. Dean Barnard explained that, similar to EOPS, students would receive additional counselling and support, including some financial benefits and aid.
- c. Treasurer Adam - Shared that the program document includes requirements, impacts, fiscal information, and staffing responsibilities. Noted that there is \$9 million in state funding available, though the budget is not as detailed as Puente. Emphasised reviewing funding sources, staff responsibilities, and conference attendance.
- d. Senate Rep Jind - Asked how many students the program would serve.
- e. Dean Barnard responded that programs typically start with a cohort of 25-50 students
- f. Sen Nathan - Asked if the program would expand after implementation. Dean Barnard - Explained that expansion depends on whether the program is class-based, similar to Puente, or open like EOPS.
- g. Treasurer Adam - Clarified that Puente cohorts are tied to English or Math classes, limiting size, while Umoja would start small and expand gradually as the program develops.
- h. Dean Barnard - Explained that the minimum core requirements include offering at least one Umoja-supported course, similar to how MESA operates.
- i. Shelly Parks - Advised members to view the budget similarly to the ASG conference budget, noting that staff attending conferences would bring information back to campus.
- j. Sen Kshitij - Asked if MESA is considered an affinity group program. Dean Barnard - Confirmed that MESA is an affinity-based program targeting disproportionately impacted student groups.
- k. Sen Kshitij - Asked how long Miramar has had the MESA program. Dean Barnard - Estimated approximately three years.
- l. Sen Kshitij - Asked how many students are in MESA. Dean Barnard - Estimated around 100 students.
- m. Sen Kshitij - Asked which campuses currently have Umoja. Dean Barnard - Shared that Miramar is the only campus in the district without Umoja.
- n. Sen Kshitij - Asked if the budget would scale if the program expanded. Dean Barnard - Responded that the current budget is projected and could increase if needed, noting that existing campus staff would be reassigned to support the program.
- o. Senate Rep Jind - Asked whether the program would expand beyond 25 students. Treasurer Adam - Shared that the program would likely grow larger than Puente and that staff are comfortable reallocating resources.
- p. Senate Rep Jind - Asked how long sister colleges have had Umoja. Dean Barnard - Responded that City College has had the program for 30-40 years.
- q. Sen Nathan - Asked if the LEAD office would know more about the program. Dean Barnard - Shared that LEAD is not part of the current workgroup but may have additional information.
- r. Treasurer Adam - Shared that research indicates Umoja impacted approximately 2,000

students in 2022-23.

- s. Tabletop Games Club - Expressed concern that funds could potentially be used elsewhere if the program is not successful.
- t. Dean Barnard - Asked whether the campus should be supporting small student groups.
- u. Sen Kshitij - Stated that ASG's role is to support students and trust responsible parties to manage funding, while still raising concerns when necessary.
- v. Teagan - Asked when the program would go into effect. Dean Barnard - Responded that after approval, it would go to the College Council in February and could begin as early as next fall.
- w. Sen Nathan - Asked about the Umoja grant and funding source.
Dean Barnard - Explained that funding comes from the State Chancellor's Office and that approximately \$30,000 would need to be allocated.
- x. Sen Nathan - Asked if funding could be better suited for other student groups.
Dean Barnard - Responded that equity data shows Black students are currently the most disproportionately impacted.
- y. President Ariella - Shared observations from College Council and DGC meetings, noting a decrease in Black student enrollment and the importance of addressing representation.
- z. Treasurer Adam motioned to approve the Umoja Program. Seconded by Sen Kshitij. Secretary Anchal conducted a roll-call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Feedback on Resolution (Senate Rep Jind, Sen Evelyn, Sen Lily-Grace) | 15 minutes

- a. Senate Rep Jind - Shared that she attended the Advocacy Academy and drafted three resolutions seeking feedback from the board.
- b. Sen Lily-Grace - Presented a resolution focused on expanding honors-level learning through honors contracts. Shared that honors learning should be accessible to all students, not just those at colleges with formal honors programs. Explained that the TAP program is connected to honors certification, and students in honors programs are more confident and successful when transferring. Proposed allowing students to complete honors contracts in UC/CSU-transferable courses to earn an honors certificate.
- c. Dean Barnard - Explained that students may petition faculty for honors contracts by completing additional coursework, such as an extra paper beyond the syllabus. Noted that faculty currently have discretion to approve or deny requests, which can create equity issues when honors designation impacts UC transfer opportunities.
- d. Senate Rep Jind - Asked for feedback from members.
- e. Senate Rep Jind - Presented another resolution regarding students' 9+1 rights. Shared concerns that these rights are being infringed upon at some community colleges. Explained that the resolution proposes clearer implementation and accountability, referencing the Brown Act as a framework.
- f. Tabletop Games Club - Asked whether students are generally aware of their 9+1 rights.

- g. Senate Rep Jind - Responded that many students are not aware of these rights, including those at Advocacy Academy. Emphasized the need for better communication and consequences when violations occur.
- h. Sen Michael motioned to extend the time by 5 minutes. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.
- i. Sen Evelyn - Presented a resolution focused on campus safety at night, citing concerns about lighting, parking, and patrol presence. Shared that feeling unsafe can discourage students from attending night classes and impact academic success.
- j. Sen Michael - Shared personal experience feeling unsafe walking to night classes at City College.
- k. Sen Evelyn - Shared plans to distribute a QR code to gather student feedback on campus safety concerns.

C. Voting on Funds for General Assembly | 10 minutes

- a. Joseph Hankinson - Shared information about the General Assembly conference taking place in March. Explained that funds must be approved early due to registration, airfare, and hotel deadlines. Provided a cost estimate for one advisor and four students, noting the request accounts for potential airfare increases.
- b. Treasurer Adam - Asked whether the funds would come from the advocacy budget.
- c. Dean Barnard - Confirmed that the conference is advocacy-focused and the funds would not affect the general budget.
- d. Tabletop Games Club - Asked what General Assembly is.
- e. Dean Barnard - Explained that General Assembly is a statewide meeting where student senates from 117 community colleges set priorities and vote on resolutions.
- f. Joseph Hankinson - Explained that a packet with 70-80 resolutions will be provided at a future meeting and that resolutions passed can influence statewide policy and legislation.
- g. Sen Nathan - Asked how per diem costs were determined.
- h. Joseph Hankinson - Explained that per diem rates are set by the state and that the conference provides breakfast and lunch, with dinner covered for two nights.
- i. Sen Nathan - Asked whether meals could be purchased freely.
- j. Dean Barnard - Explained that spending is restricted by state guidelines.
- k. Sen Nathan - Asked if there were cheaper hotel options.
- l. Joseph Hankinson - Explained that staying at the designated conference hotel provides discounted rates and convenience.
- m. Sen Michael motioned to extend the time by 2 minutes. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.
- n. Tabletop Games Club Rep motioned to request up to \$12,000 for General Assembly 2026. Seconded by Spectrum Club Rep.

VI. STANDING ITEMS

A. Committee Meetings | 35 minutes

- a. Future Events
- b. Student Life & Wellness
- c. Governance

VII. REPORTS | 20 minutes

A. Executive Reports

- a. President
 - Attended DGC meetings and USC meetings. Shared updates on discussions regarding affordable housing.
- b. Vice President
 - No reports
- c. Secretary
 - Attended SSC and shared a volunteer opportunity.
- d. Treasurer
 - Created a Google Form for reimbursements. Members must fill out the form and attach receipts when requesting reimbursement.
- e. Senate Representative
 - No reports

B. Region X Reports

- a. March of March - Upcoming.
- b. Will need an alternate delegate once Sen Bridget transfers.

C. Senator Reports

- a. Sen Lily-Grace - Shared a QR code to collect feedback on the resolutions presented.

D. ASG Committee Reports

- a. Future Events
 - Looking for volunteers for next semester's events.
 - MLK Parade sign-up QR code is available in the ASG office.
 - Welcome Back Resource Fair is upcoming.
 - Pizza Night scheduled for 2/10 from 5:00-6:00 pm
- b. Student Life & Wellness
 - Reviewed feedback from the Study Jam event to improve next semester's event.
- c. Governance
 - Reviewed general changes to the constitution.
 - Will work on drafting revisions during break and report back in February.

E. Club Reports

F. Advisory Reports

- a. Joseph Hankinson
 - Thanked members for a successful semester.
 - Reminded members that at least half of their units must be taken at Miramar College to remain eligible as senators or executive officers.
 - Shared that the Welcome Back Resource Fair will be used to recruit new members.

- Announced that the first ASG meeting of the Spring semester will be held on 2/6.
- b. Dean Barnard
 - Shared that the drop for non-payment will occur on 1/12.
 - Noted that outstanding library fees may result in being dropped from waitlisted classes.
 - Shared that Miramar College had the highest number of UCSD acceptances in Region X.
 - Thanked members for an excellent semester.
 - Noted upcoming changes to posted service hours for specific offices (8:00 am-5:30 pm).
- c. Shelly Parks
 - Shared that the campus pantry will be closed during break.
 - Noted that other food pantries throughout the county will remain open and available to students.

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. Sen Evelyn - Announced Sen Lily-Grace as co-chair of the Future Events Committee.
- C. Tabletop Games Club - Announced an upcoming potluck open to all students, to be held in H-107.
- D. Sen Kshitij - Asked when the next ASG meeting will be held. President Ariella - Responded that the next meeting will be on 2/6.
- E. President Ariella - Thanked senators, club representatives, delegates, exec members, and advisors for a successful semester. Shared appreciation for the discussions, participation, and dedication to improving the campus community.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting scheduled to end at 11:00 am.
- B. Sen Michael motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM. Seconded by Treasurer Adam.