

Minutes – Special Meeting of the Miramar College Academic Senate

3:30-5:00pm

Feb 17, 2026

Location: M-110

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Senators Present: Rodrigo Gomez, Carmen Carrasquillo, Olivia Flores, Dawn Diskin, Melissa Wolfson, Desi Klaar, Mary Kjartanson, Alex Sanchez, Ali Gonzalez, Amy Alsup, Anh Nguyen, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Dan Smith, David Halttunen, David Mehlhoff, Dawn DiMarzo, Donnie Tran, Eloy Guerra, Jason Thoma, John Kim, Julia McMenamin, Kandice Brandt, Leslie Marovich, Mardi Parelman, Marian Edelbrock, Martin Gonzalez, Matthew Jewett, Meggie Morris, Michael Lopez, Sierra Hegle, Bianca Duong, Melissa Rockey

Absent: Veronica Hartmann, Kya Mangrum, Laura Marin (proxy: M. Gonzalez), Lisa Munoz, Otto Dobre, Patti Manley (proxy: A. Koch), Wahid Hamidy, Daniel McNamara, Mike Colafrancesco

Other Attendees: Mara Palma-Sanft, Wai-Ling Rubic, Juli Bartolomei

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 12/02/25](#)

- The agenda was approved with no objection. [Kjartanson/Carrasquillo]
- The draft minutes were approved with no objection. [Mehlhoff/Diskin]

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Action Items (*this includes second reads*)

4.1. Second Read: Resolution on Defining AI Literacy – R. Gomez

- Discussed at the Dec 2nd meeting and an email was sent out reminding senators to review with departments. Good to have the Academic Senate's voice in regard to AI.
- Gomez has received no feedback.
- [Original document](#) can be found on ASCCC website. The [resolution](#) proposal from Miramar A.S. can be found on [today's meeting page](#) on the Miramar A.S. website.
- Motion to approve resolution as is. [Alsup/Kjartanson]
- Resolution is to define "AI Literacy" as noted in the document, not about endorsing any particular tools or even about being pro-AI.
- Discussion on amending grammar of document to remove "ing's."
- The Miramar A.S. already approved a resolution to add AI to course syllabi so students understand the course policy on AI usage.
- Alsup brought it up in her department and faculty seemed to support the resolution to define AI, not necessarily endorsing.
- Next discussion could be about how faculty use AI and how to assess its use.
- Discussion was reported with students in class, and it seemed to leave an impression on students. Students were given an assignment to look at AI-generated research and compare to journal articles.
- Timely. The College President has asked the A.S. to form an AI Workgroup.
- Motion to amend the original motion to include proposed changes passed with no objection. [Koch/Sanchez]
- Motion to approve the resolution with recommended changes passed unanimously. [Alsup/Kjartanson]

5. Discussion Items (*this includes first calls and first reads*)

5.1. Academic Standards Subcommittee Changes – M. Palma-Sanft

- Palma-Sanft shared the charges of the committee and the proposed changes to the committee.
- Recommended changes to "Purpose and Charge" were noted in red. Strike out "Interdisciplinary."
- The committee adjudicates student petitions when it comes to local GE and graduation requirements. Committee also reviews and recommends any policy and procedure related to district-wide issues to the Curriculum Committee and A.S. The committee also has responsibility over the Interdisciplinary program.
- Unique and inappropriate for a subcommittee to be in charge of a program and all of the certificates in the program.
- Challenging to make revisions. Lots of coordination with different departments. Degrees and Certificates should be awarded by Departments, who do Program Review and can make revisions.
- Programs are a collection of degrees and certificates with similar learning outcomes. Interdisciplinary awards did not fit in any other programs based on learning outcomes.
- Interdisciplinary programs include Sustainability, GE Certificates, Honors Global Competencies, Occupational Technical Studies--not that many programs. Pre-Engineering Studies and Humanities Studies are not part of the Interdisciplinary program.
- Discussion about Interdisciplinary programs to go under the new Dean of Academic Services.

- Updates to term lengths to four years. During the last updates to the College Governance Handbook, term lengths for committees were standardized.
 - The Committee does work around policies and procedures, district and statewide. Challenge to learn all policies, then the term is up and a new member has to learn all over again.
 - Discussion on how long a member would be able to serve on the committee if changes are approved. Conclusion is up to 10 years.
 - Process is to bring this to the A.S. and then College Council to make changes to the College Governance Handbook. Need to meet deadline for implementation starting Fall 2026.
- 5.2. Responding to Ice on Campus – R. Gomez
- Current political climate has created heightened anxiety for students and employees.
 - SDCCD has the responsibility to provide safe and supportive learning environments for all.
 - SDCCD has clear policies to protect student privacy, but we do not always know about those.
 - To ensure clarity and preparedness, there are some things in place: [Responding to ICE on Campus](#), District Policy (Admin Procedure) 3415 sign.
 - Policy states that staff and faculty should not interact with ICE, except to direct them to the Chancellor and the District.
 - SDCCD Safe App allows community members to share tracking information for safety. Can also alert emergency services.
 - [Know Your Rights Workshops](#): Facilitated by SDCCD and Higher Education Legal Services in English, with translation services available. Next one is February 18th, 6:30-7:30pm.
 - Question about whether there have been incidents of ICE being at other campuses. Yes, at City in late 2025 and Continuing Education.
 - Encourage faculty to be organized and attend a workshop.
 - GAIA will be hosting a panel discussion with Women’s Rights attorneys that focus on issues pertaining to immigrant women and what is happening with ICE. Dreamers Support will be tabling. Event will be March 18th, 12:45-2:00pm. Save the Date will come out soon.

6. Reports

6.1. Executive Committee Reports

6.1.1. President – Rodrigo Gomez (State, District, Campus, and Senate Issues)

- Thinking about adding a February 24 meeting. Email to come out if a meeting is scheduled.

6.1.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm.

The next meeting will be on March 3rd. Please submit agenda items to both Rodrigo Gomez and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia Flores and Juli Bartolomei