

Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate

3:30-5:00pm

Mar 03, 2026

Location: M-110

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Senators Present: Rodrigo Gomez, Carmen Carrasquillo, Olivia Flores, Dawn Diskin, Melissa Wolfson, Desi Klaar, Veronica Hartmann, Mary Kjartanson, Alex Sanchez, Ali Gonzalez, Amy Alsup, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Dan Smith, David Halttunen, David Mehlhoff, Dawn DiMarzo, Donnie Tran, Jason Thoma, John Kim, Julia McMenamin, Kandice Brandt, Laura Marin, Leslie Marovich, Mardi Parelman, Martin Gonzalez, Matthew Jewett, Michael Lopez, Otto Dobre, Patti Manley, Sierra Hegle, Bianca Duong, Bryan McCulley, Melissa Rockey, Michael Elliot, Tyler Lam

Absent: Anh Nguyen, Eloy Guerra (proxy: V. Navarres), Kya Mangrum, Marian Edelbrock (proxy: K. Brandt), Meggie Morris, Wahid Hamidy (proxy: O. Dobre), Daniel McNamara, Mike Colafrancesco (proxy: M. Jewett)

Other Attendees: Jasmine Ancheta, Stephanie Perezgil, Mara Palma-Sanft, Valentino Nevarez, Juli Bartolomei

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 2/17/26](#)

- The agenda for 3/3/26 and meeting minutes from 2/17/26 were approved with no objection. [Mehlhoff/Kjartanson]

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Public Comments

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

- 5.1. None

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

6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Updates – Veronica Hartmann

- Will be discussing support or opposition for Mesa College's proposal to create new indicator "CINE" for Cinema at the 3/4/26 Curriculum Committee meeting (2:30-4:30pm in R-building and Zoom).
- Mesa College faculty member, Jesse Keller, created Q&A's: Why does SDCCD need a new Cinema subject indicator?
A: Mesa and Miramar Colleges both currently offer courses that pertain to Cinema under the Dramatic Arts (DRAM) and Digital Film Production (DFLM) subject indicators.
- Support for Mesa's proposal from Miramar College would mean that faculty from both campuses (Mesa and Miramar) have agreed that bringing these courses together under the newly created "CINE" subject indicator would have several benefits.
- More accurately describes the subject material of the courses, would better align to facilitate students taking classes at both campuses, and would allow both campuses to serve the growing student demand for transfer-orientated Film Studies curriculum.
- Discussed the new subject indicator at CIC. New courses would be more aligned towards UCSD transfer courses for Cinema.
- At CIC, there was a question on why Mesa College would need new indicator if Miramar College already has DFLM.
- Discussion will continue at the Curriculum Committee meeting.
- Kjartanson asked if Top Codes will be replaced with Sip Codes. A: Yes, there is a lot of movement, but were told to continue as is. Will move towards Sip Codes Crosswalk when direction is given. More to come.

6.2. [NASSSP & PEARL Updates](#) – Nessa Julian

- New Resource Center on the 2nd floor of the I Building.
- For students: Counselors available (General, Career, and Mental Health Wellness), student success workshops, and space for students to hang out and study. Looking for future collaboration with Academic Success Center and community outreach.
- Stephanie Perezgil, NASSSP (Native American Student Support & Success Program) Project Analysis:
 - Miramar College NASSSP is a state-funded initiative established under AB 183 and implemented across 20 CA Community Colleges, to support American Indian and Alaskan Native students through culturally responsive services that promote access, retention and academic success and leadership development.
 - Student assistance includes scholarship opportunities, leadership and mentorship development opportunities. Students created education plans with General Counselor and Transfer support. Also, NASSSP invites students to Native American and Indigenous student graduation.
 - Mission and Vision is to strengthen K-12 pathways, from Miramar College to transfer to UC and CSU system, to ensure educational success and help to develop Native American leaders through education.
 - Outreach with San Diego Unified School District.
 - March 18, 2026: Movement is Medicine with Dr. Angelica Yanez

- March 21, 2026: 2nd Annual Miramar College Pow Wow at Hourglass Field. Looking for volunteers for two-hour shifts. Students can volunteer. Open to faculty, administrative staff, students, and the Miramar community. Flyer will be out soon.
 - Jasmine Ancheta, Promoting Educational Achievement, Retention & Leadership (PEARL) – Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Project Analyst:
 - AANHPI at Miramar College is one of 51 in the CA Community College system.
 - Program Outcomes: Events targeted towards culturally responsive learning.
 - Starting this semester, AAPI 124 course.
 - April 12-14, 2026: Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) Conference in Anaheim. Miramar team includes students, faculty, and staff, to learn about leadership development and networking with the community.
 - Lotus Program to provide wellness support for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander student population.
 - Funded by San Diego Foundation Grant.
 - Workshops are available for students this semester. The next workshop is March 9.
- 6.3. New Miramar Technology Plan – Kurt Hill
- Postponed (Hill not present)
- 6.4. [Outcomes Disaggregation](#) – Patti Manley
- ACCJC requirements from 2024 now require disaggregated course outcomes (by course and term, not by individual instructor). Similar to achievement data.
 - First process, standardize course outcome naming (naming convention), with Mesa, City, and the District.
 - In order to work with Canvas, had to rename course outcomes. They were renamed by adding course identifier in front of course title. Example: If a course outcome had SLO, SLO 1, SLO #1, all of those were removed and replaced with Hist 109 (in this example) and then the actual outcomes title.
 - When outcomes were uploaded to Canvas, a lot of outcomes had the same title.
 - Miramar Nuventive “Institution” course outcomes were added to Canvas. Not required to use them yet.
 - There is a pilot program with 14 people happening right now. Faculty training on Assessing in Canvas.
 - Manley confirmed that “outcomes” refers to SLOs.
 - If an outcome did not have a title, a generic title was assigned, but those can be updated. Email [Manley](#) to request changes.
 - Changes were only made to outcomes that did not have titles. Outcomes with titles were left intact and course identifier was added in front of it.
 - Not required to assess in Canvas, but can. There will be training in April and May to prep for Fall.
 - A Canvas search for “Miramar” will bring up “Institutional Outcomes.” Those are the ones being used.
 - Data is displayed in tables and charts for departments to easily review and analyze.
- 6.5. New Drama Program – Eloy Guerra
- Gomez and Nevarez presented on behalf of Guerra.
 - New program coming to Miramar, part of the new H Building (Drama Building – Performance Center).
 - Question from Auto/Diesel on whether Miramar College went through the Program Viability Review process, after Pres. Lundburg mentioned a new Drama Program.
 - It was reported that Pres. Lundburg met with Auto/Diesel and said that the Program Viability Review process cannot start until there is a building.
 - Mesa is currently the main hub for Drama, so this would benefit Miramar and the local community.
 - Question about who is proposing the Drama Program, from where is this coming?
 - Per Manley, the Campus Program Viability Process can take longer than a year. Does include CIC.
 - Palma-Sanft: Drama Program is currently at Mesa, and there might be issues with activating those classes at Miramar. This might need to come up at CIC.
 - Hartmann: CIC needs to be included in conversations, having more transparency and communication. There have been concerns with one college starting a program that is already at a sister college.
 - Program Viability Process has happened recently at Miramar for the bachelor's degree program.
 - There was some confusion about whether this is about the Drama Program or the building. There have been meetings and a plan is already in place for the building. Liberal Arts programs might already be using the appropriate process to activate courses to be in the building.
 - It was reported that Pres. Lundburg mentioned the College would be able to rent out the new building, for the community to use.
 - Gomez mentioned that he could ask Pres. Lundburg to present to the body, and there was agreement.
 - Faculty should also be involved, as there were faculty involved in discussions on what they would like to see as part of the building. Also, ask for faculty from the programs to participate in the discussion.
 - Kjartanson: VP Battisti was invited to the Chair of Chairs meeting. Discussion on priorities and phases, not specific to Performance Arts Program, Drama Program. The building has been in planning for a very long time.
 - Question about whether these would be new courses, or are they existing courses, courses needed to be offered to support these programs.

- Palma-Sanft: Not Drama specifically or Theater at Miramar.
 - Manley: Pres. Lundburg is aware of the Program Viability Review process.
 - Gomez will invite Pres. Lundburg to a future meeting.
- 6.6. Campus Safety at Miramar – Rodrigo Gomez
- Tense political climate, concerns with ICE potentially coming to campus.
 - Follow-up discussion from last meeting.
 - Gomez brought this to the District and spoke to the Board. Concerns are shared by City, Mesa, and CE.
 - Resources are desired. There are concerns about ICE not complying and whether Campus Police would intervene if faculty or staff are arrested (currently, they will not).
 - Gomez mentioned the Safe App that City College is using, allowing users to invite a trusted friend or family member to remotely monitor as they travel from point A to point B either on or off campus. If something goes wrong along the route, you or your safety monitor can alert emergency services.
 - Hegle recommended the “This American Life” podcast, “What’s Your Emergency” episode.
 - The [District flyer](#) says to report ICE encounters to the District and refer agents to Chancellor Smith. Concern shared about what happens if ICE does not comply. None of the three options on the flyer seem to apply, because it could be urgent. The three options are not urgent enough.
 - Alsup: District policy is non-participation in immigration enforcement. District website declares to stand by as a witness, if comfortable doing so, yet doing so can put lives at risk and can result in being detained. District should speak out and put in place more protections for anyone who is engaging in non-participation by legally observing. Gomez will take this back to the District.
 - Kjartanson commented on a news story about a college community rallying around someone who was arrested by ICE at a college and put in jail. Gomez mentioned that supporting with legal fees might be a good idea.
 - City College will be hosting a reenactment training and scenarios to learn what to do during an enforcement.
 - At the Campus Forum, Pres. Lundburg brought up scenario training. Gomez will discuss this with Pres. Lundburg.
 - Carrasquillo was at a meeting where Counseling faculty shared what some students are going through. There is a desire to have trainings include deescalation. There is a need for trainings to help faculty and staff know what to do, so they can then decide what to do.
 - Students need to hear more from Administration. Miramar has wellness resources, and the College needs to send out a message of support to students.

7. Reports

7.1. Committee Reports

7.1.1. None

7.2. Special Reports

7.2.1. None

7.3. Executive Committee Reports

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

- Call for Scholarship Application Readers: No report
- Pathways to Equity Conference: No report
- College Council Forming Workgroup on AI
 - Looking for those interested in participating.
- AI Day Professional Development: See announcements.

7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- Umoja Update
 - Workgroup completed a fiscal assessment, which was reported at College Council.
 - If Miramar College does apply to the program, Umoja will provide some money and the College would have to find General Fund monies to support the program.
 - Faculty are invited to share input and future Umoja Program ideas with [Carrasquillo](#) and [Gomez](#).
- Puente Update
 - Carrasquillo reported that Pres. Lundburg announced that Miramar will be starting a Puente Program.

7.3.3. Secretary – Olivia Flores

- Professional Development Committee would like to report there is about \$9000 left for faculty to attend PD and get reimbursed, for this academic year.
- Professional Development reimbursement money is first come, first served.
- Flores will invite the Professional Development Committee to speak on the topic. Gomez will add the item to the next agenda.

7.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin

- The current balance is \$463.47.

7.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large – Melissa Wolfson

7.3.6. Part-Time Member-at-Large – Desi Klaar

7.3.7. Chair of Chairs – Mary Kjartanson

8. Announcements

- Alsup: AFT Tenure Track Bootcamp Workshops are usually scheduled every semester. This semester, there will be a second interview panel, on March 27, 2026. Do have to be an AFT member to sign up.
- March 14, 2026: AI Conference at Palomar, 8am-4pm. Free.
- March 20, 2026: SDCCD Innovation Day at CE North City Campus, 8am-4pm. Free.
- March 19-21, 2026: ASCCC AI in Academia 2026. Can apply for up to \$1200 funding from Professional Development to attend.
- AFT is collecting signatures to extend tax rates for high-income Californians, as Prop 55 is set to expire in 2031.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

The next meeting will be on March 17th. Please submit agenda items to both Rodrigo Gomez and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia Flores and Juli Bartolomei