

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

**Absent:** David Halttunen, Eloy Guerra (proxy: V. Nevarez), Otto Dobre (proxy: W. Hamidy), Bianca Duong (proxy: A. Gonzalez), Daniel McNamara, Mike Colafrancesco (proxy: M. Jewett)

**Other Attendees:** Valentino Nevarez, Sonny Nguyen, Mara Sanft, Steve Quis, Beverly Garcia, David Wilhelm, Juli Bartolomei

**1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

2.1. [Meeting minutes from 4/07/26](#)

- The agenda for this meeting and minutes from 4/07/26 were approved with no objections. [Carrasquillo/Diskin]

**3. Land Acknowledgment**

**4. Public Comments**

- Gomez shared that there was participation from across the state at the Reclaiming Joy Conference on April 17, and Miramar College hosted a watch party.

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

5.1. AS Elections - Josh Alley

- Carrasquillo presented on behalf of Alley.
- Per Article 4, Section 2.E. of the Miramar A.S. Bylaws, in the event of an uncontested seat, the A.S. President may opt to conduct the election for that seat via acclamation.
- The following seats were uncontested, and the A.S. President confirmed moving forward with appointment via acclamation:
  - President: Rodrigo Gomez
  - Vice President: Olivia Flores
  - Secretary: Amy Alsup
  - Treasurer: Melissa Wolfson
  - Contract Member at Large: David Mehlhoff
  - Adjunct Member at Large: Desi Klaar
- Departments should be conducting elections for A.S. Senators for 2026-2028. Elections could take place during FLEX. Please let the A.S. Election Committee know when your department has held its election.

5.2. Second Read: [Miramar Technology Plan 2027-2030](#) - Kurt Hill / Jeff Orgera

- Gomez presented on behalf of Hill and Orgera.
- Motion to approve the Miramar Technology Plan 2027-2030 passed unanimously. [Manley/Kjartanson]

5.3. Second Read: [Miramar College Marketing & Outreach Plan](#) - Steve Quis

- Steve Quis and Dean Sonny Nguyen were present primarily for Q&A, as the committee received many questions about the CRM. Discussion ensued.
- Nguyen noted that increased enrollment is not the priority; the main priority is to engage students through communication and retain Miramar's current students.
- Concerns were shared regarding increased enrollment and funding FTEs. Nguyen acknowledged that was a larger discussion and is not part of this marketing plan.
- Nguyen clarified that the \$500K was a one-time request through the Block Grant, with estimated projections for how much the cost was to get the CRM started and related expenses. The request is not an ongoing \$500K.
- They are currently laying the groundwork for getting more funding down the road from the College and District.
- Element 451: Using restricted and one-time funds, Miramar is looking at using the high-end features through the next five years: early alert, retention services, and the A.I. agents. Miramar is ahead in terms of the overall process and has found ways to cover through the end of this contract. The District is covering the base level costs (\$30K/year), with Miramar covering the cost of advanced features (\$30K/year).
- Miramar is the pilot for Element 451 in California, so the hope is that there will be a reduced cost in appreciation for the guidance Miramar is providing to others.

- Senators expressed concern that the document they were reviewing did not match the document they were provided prior to the meeting. A motion to table the item to the next meeting passed with no objections. [Carrasquillo/A. Gonzalez]
- The correct document will be sent to Gomez, who will provide it to senators prior to the next meeting.

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

- 6.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Updates - Veronica Hartmann
- Edits to [Administrative Procedures and Board Policies](#) were presented. Feedback should be sent to [Hartmann](#).
  - AP 4050 – Articulation: Removed references to CSUGE and IGETC and a note on establishing articulation agreements only with regionally accredited institutions.
  - BP 4020: The document does not show edits; however, the changes include identifying all four colleges as the “Colleges” and changing information on work experience courses adhering to the formula for credit hours identified in Title 5.
  - Sanft stated that there is another change in AP 4050 – Articulation: The language will change from “regional accredited” to “institutionally accredited institutions.” These are other institutions outside of the six regions. Sanft will provide more information on these if requested by the A.S.
  - Carrasquillo: Recommend using “national or international accredited institutions.”
- 6.2. [Miramar Strategic Goals Document](#) - David Wilhelm
- Review next planning cycle, Fall 2027 – Spring 2034.
  - This will be a roll forward from the current cycle, with one change--removing “implement” from Goal 1, since it has already been implemented.
  - Wilhelm noted that “community” includes external partnerships.
  - Carrasquillo advised that the IDEA Committee has recommended that “accessibility” be added to Goal 5 (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) and including “opportunity gaps” along with achievement gaps.
  - Send feedback to [Wilhelm](#).
  - This will come back to the next meeting for a second read. The vote will be on the updated version, which will be available on the A.S. website prior to the next meeting.
- 6.3. [Work-Based Learning at Miramar College](#) - Beverly Garcia
- Garcia provided examples of Work-Based Learning (WBL) and explained how it connects to Vision 2030.
  - WBL is structured learning experience, inside or outside the classroom, that connects academic content to real-world work.
  - WBL helps accelerate students towards the goal of getting a job.
  - SG21 Reporting in Faculty Dashboard is being used to collect data. There is a new button, “Work Based Learning.” Faculty are being asked to click the “Work Based Learning” box, to assist with collecting data. Please contact [Garcia](#) for assistance.
  - Faculty who are not using WBL activities are still required to check “No Work Based Learning” within the Faculty Dashboard.
  - Garcia has presented FLEX workshops, attended department meetings, and will be offering open office hours for FLEX credit.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - Please send success stories or ideas to [Garcia](#), to include in the monthly WBL newsletter.
- 6.4. Free Speech and Campus Safety - Rodrigo Gomez
- Continue to send concerns to [Gomez](#).
  - Gomez reported that Turning Point USA has not been on campus again since the prior issues with them.
- 6.5. Resolution on Agentic AI Workgroup - Rodrigo Gomez
- Call for a faculty-only workgroup to create a resolution on agentic AI. If interested in this workgroup or College Council’s AI workgroup, please email [Gomez](#).
  - Carrasquillo recommended including Monica Demcho, since she has done a lot of work on this topic.
  - ASCCC passed a resolution defining AI literacy, which the Miramar A.S. adapted and passed. Gomez stated that it would be a good idea for Miramar to define “agentic AI” as well.
  - At the ASCCC Spring 2026 Plenary, a resolution was passed to request more support and professional development funds regarding AI.
  - Sanft: Discussion in Articulation on using AI to make decisions on faculty articulation proposals. Gomez: Faculty should also share that concern.
  - Alsup: Going back to the Marketing and Outreach Plan, is there still a plan to implement Element 451, since it is not identified anymore? In line with this resolution, we would want to make sure to align with a plan knowing the types of companies being used.
  - Parelman: District Environmental Survey recently went out. Discussion on how AI is helping the District achieve this goal. Gomez: The workgroup could add ecological language in this resolution and include data.

- Flores noted that Student Services uses Element 451 and shared that an example of the use of agentic AI is emails automatically being sent out to students regarding commencement. The conversation happening with the AFT union is whether this is taking tasks, duties, or jobs away from people.
- Gomez will send information defining “agentic AI.”

## 7. Reports

### 7.1. Committee Reports

#### 7.1.1. [Professional Development Committee Report](#) - Olivia Flores

- Committee purpose and charge is to oversee the disbursement of professional development funds for faculty, classified professionals, and administrators.
- AFT budget FY 2025-26 (faculty only): \$36,425
- Available balance as of 4/10/26: \$4,891.10
- Last Spring 2026 meeting: Friday, May 22. Deadline to submit request: Wednesday, May 13.
- Requests for travel from July 1 – Sept 11, 2026: Submit by May 13, to be reviewed before summer.

### 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)

- The [ASCCC Spring 2026 Plenary resolution](#) discussed at the previous A.S. meeting passed at the Spring Plenary session: 101.01 S26 Clarification, Recognition, and Inclusion of Specific Course Designators Within the Four Autonomous Core Disciplines.

#### 7.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- Consider serving on a committee. Email went out. If you are currently on a committee and would like to request reappointment, you will need to fill out the request.
- Denim Day: April 29, 12:45-2pm in K1-107. Denim Day, observed annually in April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, is a campaign to raise awareness about sexual violence, support survivors, and combat victim-blaming. It involves wearing jeans and other denim clothing as a visible symbol of solidarity and protest against misconceptions surrounding sexual assault.
- [Honors Conference](#): May 5 in K1-107. Honors students will be presenting.

#### 7.3.3. Secretary – Olivia Flores

#### 7.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin

- The current balance is \$541.99.

#### 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

- Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee: Please fill out the SDCCD Sustainability Survey sent out via email. Open until May 9, 2026.
- Puente Program is recruiting students for Fall 2026. Please promote to students who need Engl C1000. Preference is for students interested in transferring, but please refer any student to [Martin Gonzalez](#).
- Sky Happiness Retreat: May 1-3. Registration deadline is April 30.

## 9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

The next meeting will be on May 5th. Please submit agenda items to both Rodrigo Gomez and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,  
Olivia Flores and Juli Bartolomei