

Draft Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate
3:30-5:00pm **May 19, 2026** Location: M-110
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Senators Present: Rodrigo Gomez, Carmen Carrasquillo, Olivia Flores, Melissa Wolfson, Mary Kjartanson, Alex Sanchez, Ali Gonzalez, Amy Alsup, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Dan Smith, David Halttunen, David Mehlhoff, Donnie Tran, Eloy Guerra, Jason Thoma, John Kim, Julia McMenamin, Kandice Brandt, Laura Marin, Leslie Marovich, Matthew Jewett, Meggie Morris, Michael Lopez, Patti Manley, Wahid Hamidy, Bianca Duong, Bryan McCulley, Melissa Rockey, Michael Elliot, Tyler Lam

Absent: Dawn Diskin, Desi Klaar (proxy: M. Elliot), Veronica Hartmann (proxy: D. Halttunen), Anh Nguyen, Dawn DiMarzo (proxy: D. Diskin, not present), Mardi Parelman (proxy: B. Callahan), Marian Edelbrock, Martin Gonzalez, Otto Dobre (proxy: W. Hamidy), Sierra Hegle (proxy: M. Rockey), Mike Colafrancesco

Other Attendees: Brooke Callahan, Mara Palma-Sanft

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda & Consent Calendar

- The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections, after the agenda was amended to remove item 6.3, postponing it to the Fall. [Koch/Carrasquillo]

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1. [Meeting minutes from 05/05/26](#)
- 3.2. [2026-27 Academic Senate Meetings Calendar](#)

4. Land Acknowledgment

5. Public Comments

- Acknowledgement of Community Tragedy: Gomez read statement (available in full in [meeting slideshow](#))
 - o Circle of Care: Community Check-in on Wednesday, May 20, 3:30-5:00pm in K1-308.
 - o A good majority of San Diego first responders were trained at Miramar.
- Lactation pods on campus: Feedback from students is that they are not working, issues with getting access codes (15-20 minutes), and need to be cleaned more often. A concern should be addressed by the A.S. in the Fall.

6. Action Items (this includes second reads)

- 6.1. Second Read: [Miramar College Zero Waste Resolution](#) - Ashlee Lain
 - No feedback received, so the item is unchanged from the first read.
 - Do away with single-use plastic items, having more communal water refill stations, and catering using less plastic.
 - Discussion with some departments or areas on campus that put together events last minute due to timelines: might be hard to only pick from select vendors. This resolution is to encourage, not demand, for the District to look at with larger vendors used by the District.
 - Motion to approve passed unanimously. [Marovich/Carrasquillo]
- 6.2. Second Read: [APs and BPs April 2026](#) - Veronica Hartmann
 - Gomez presented on behalf of Hartmann.
 - Motion to approve passed unanimously. [Kjartanson/Jewett]
- 6.3. Second Read: Miramar Marketing & Outreach Plan - Steve Quis
 - Postponed to the Fall 2026 semester.

7. Discussion Items (this includes first calls and first reads)

- 7.1. Standing: Curriculum Committee Updates - Veronica Hartmann
 - No update.
- 7.2. Measure HH Quarterly Senate Updates & Communication Structure - Rodrigo Gomez
 - District would like to give quarterly campus updates. District would like to know from Miramar community how often faculty would like to receive updates from District.
 - Review of Measure HH Project updates prepared by Operations, Enterprise Services, and Facilities:
 - o [Cover Memo_HHUpdates_051426.docx](#)
 - o [May Project Update FINAL.docx](#)
 - o [May Project Update FINAL.pptx](#)
 - Recommend first meeting in early Fall 2026. Recommend also at the end of semester with updates.
 - Please email [Gomez](#) with recommendation and feedback on how often Operations, Enterprise Services, and Facilities should present to Miramar A.S.
 - Kjartanson: Are there certain details about the projects that VP Battisti cannot answer?
 - Carrasquillo: Does the District want input? What is the purpose (because sometimes things are considered operational, and faculty do not have a say in operational costs)? Need clarification on for what the District is looking.

- 7.3. Free Speech and Campus Safety - Rodrigo Gomez
 - Manley noted that she noticed some new signs around campus.
- 7.4. Resolution on Agentic AI Workgroup - Rodrigo Gomez
 - Resolution can be used to showcase where the line is being blurred between 10+1 issues and District contracts with AI tools like Element 451.
 - Marovich: Atomic ASU, an AI tool, was used within Canvas to pull faculty instructional materials, then used to create modules without faculty input.
 - From District Board of Trustee meeting minutes: “awarded cooperative agreements with Element 451.” Would like more clarification on what this means. The District and Element 451 agreement was announced.
 - AI integration into Canvas: District has added this. Faculty can turn off the feature, but discussion with District not forcing it onto faculty, making it a choice for faculty to opt in.
 - Stanford University definition of AI literacy and ethical AI literacy, which is a 10+1 issue. Gomez suggests folks begin by searching for such AI literacy documentation.
 - Email [Gomez](#) with interest in participating on the A.S. Resolution on Agentic AI workgroup.

8. Reports

8.1. Committee Reports

- 8.1.1. None

8.2. Special Reports

- 8.2.1. None

8.3. Executive Committee Reports

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

- AI Campus Workgroup is pending for Fall 2026.
- AFT negotiations update: 67.4% of faculty supported proceeding with negotiations without renewing the current RAF.
- Recognition of Outstanding Work in Online Teaching: Angela Romero (Political Science) and David Alan Walter (Business)

8.3.2. Vice President – Carmen Carrasquillo

- Committee on Committees: Faculty appointments to committees document was sent out and is now closed. Requests will be sent out at the beginning of Fall semester by the new Chair, Olivia Flores.
- Faculty have the right to select what committees they are interested in, freedom of choice; this should not be assigned by administration. Contract Faculty CBA says contract faculty should be on at least one committee.

8.3.3. Secretary – Olivia Flores

- No report.

8.3.4. Treasurer – Dawn Diskin

- The current balance is \$607.49.
- Please enroll in Voluntary Payroll Deduction.

8.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large – Melissa Wolfson

- No report.

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

- No report.

8.3.7. Chair of Chairs – Mary Kjartanson

- Chairs Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 1pm.

9. Announcements

- Fire Academy Graduation with live demonstrations and ceremony: Friday, May 29, 9am.
- Thank you to the outgoing Academic Senate Executive Committee for your time and service.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

The next meeting will be on September 1st. Please submit agenda items to both Rodrigo Gomez and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia Flores