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Academic Senate Meeting

October 20th, 2026 | 26-27 Academic Year

Cultivating Community:
Making the invisible visible

Remember to sign in using today's log! (See Amy Alsup!)

Quorum Required: (23/43) *to get started officially!*

Attending for Flex credit? Email rgomez001@sdccd.edu or jbartolo@sdccd.edu

2. Agenda Overview

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda & Consent Calendar**
   a. DRAFT Minutes 100226
   b. 2026-27 Academic Senate Meetings Calendar
3. **Land Acknowledgement** (Updated)
4. **Public Comments**
5. **Action Items**
   a. Second Read: AP 4235 – Credit for Prior Learning
   b. Second Read: Resolution to Support Proposal for Title 5 Change (Expansion and Clarification of Ethnic Studies)
   c. Second Read: Resolution to Foster a Positive Campus Climate
   d. Second Read: Student Success Framework (PIER)
   e. Second Read: Resolution on Agentic AI: Affirming Faculty Purview and Human Oversight…
6. **Discussion Items**
   a. Accreditation Midterm Report
   b. Campus Culture, Free Speech & Safety
   c. ASCCC Fall 2026 Plenary: Area Meeting Resolutions Packet
7. **Reports:**
   a. Committee Reports
   b. Special Reports
   c. Executive Committee Reports
8. **Announcements**
9. **Adjournment**

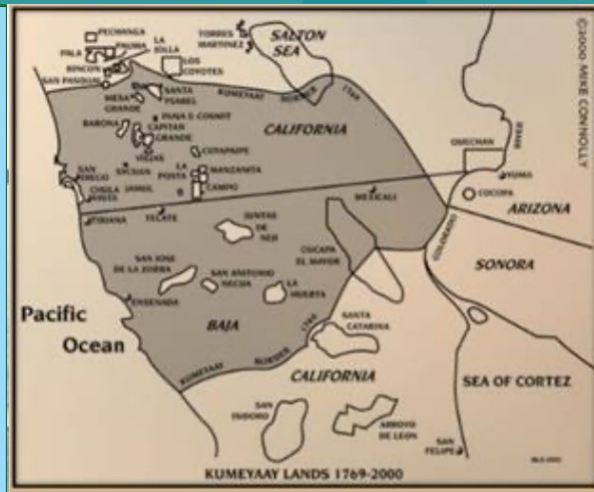
A.S. Agenda for 10/20/26
AS Code of Conduct

3. Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that San Diego Miramar College sits on the ancestral homeland of the Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Cupeño, and Cahuilla tribes, who have lived in this area for well over 10,000 years, and we honor their past, present, and future connection to this land and its inherent connection to their identity.

We acknowledge our occupation of unceded Kumeyaay land and the violent systemic injustices this has continuously perpetuated for Native peoples of this region. We pay respect to the Indigenous people of San Diego County - past, present, and future - and honor their continuing presence in their homeland and their spiritual beliefs that land does not belong to people; people belong to land.

We also acknowledge that this is merely the beginning, and there is far more work to be done in an attempt to heal all of the injustices and inequities that still exist today and throughout their entire historical diaspora. We commit to moving forward together.



KUMEYAAY MAP

The above Mike Connolly historical "Kumeyaay Lands 1769-2000" map picture details the 2005 Indigenous California Indian tribes of the greater Southern California area and northern Baja California, Mexico, the Native American Indian reservations, and contrasts them with the Indigenous Kumeyaay territory of 1769 (gray area).

Resources: *"Making a land acknowledgment meaningful"*; *A call for more powerful land acknowledgements*

4. Public Comments (10 mins)

(2 mins; limited to 10+1 items NOT on the agenda; time may not be yielded)

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5. Action Items (Second Reads)

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5.1 Discussion Items (First Reads)

5.1 First Read: AP 4235 – Credit for Prior Learning

(Veronica Hartmann)

- AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning (Link)
  - Education Code 78093.1 (Link)
  - Education Code 78093.2 (Link)
  - Title 5 55050 (Link)

New Language:

Credit acquired by Credit for Prior Learning ~~shall not~~ may be counted in determining residency requirements for any degree or certificate;

Discussion:

Credit for Prior Learning may be counted in determining residency requirements for any degree or certificate (link)

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5.2 Discussion Items (First Reads)

5.2 First Read: Resolution to Support Proposal for Title 5 Change (Expansion and Clarification of Ethnic Studies)

(Mara Palma-Sanft)

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5.3 Discussion Items (First Reads)

5.3 First Read: Resolution to Foster a Positive Campus Climate

(Amy Alsup)

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5.4 Discussion Items (First Reads)

5.4 First Read: Student Success Framework (PIER)

(David Wilhelm)

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5.5 Action Items (Second Reads)

5.5 Resolution on Agentic AI: Affirming Faculty Purview and Human Oversight In the Use of Generative and Agentic AI

(Rodrigo Gomez)

Third Reading: no new edits have been made to the draft. We can vote on it as-is; or spend some time editing the wording now prior to a vote.

I recall a focus on the word “materially” so I’ve highlighted that here, but you should go though and comment– and perhaps delay this until the next meeting. Comment directly using this link to Draft Resolution on AI

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6.1 Accreditation Midterm Report

(Rodrigo Gomez)

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6.2 Discussion Items (First Reads)

6.2 Campus Culture, Free Speech & Safety

(Rodrigo Gomez)

Chancellor Smith has made campus culture one of his primary agenda items.
The incident at City have led to concerns regarding:

- •Student feelings of safety and belonging.
- •Awareness of district procedures related to immigration enforcement.
- •Communication and training related to campus response protocols.
- •Access to counseling, legal aid, and student support services.

Miramar now has a “Turning Point USA” Student Club is causing concern, due to reports of students feeling that Miramar is becoming an unsafe campus.

The students at City held an anti-ice protest at City during the Board Meeting this week. They kept us there for hours. And, honestly, it was great to see.

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6.3 Reports

6.3. ASCCC Fall 2026 Plenary: Area Meeting Resolutions Packet

Region D Meeting

Region D Area Meeting: **Friday, October 9, 2026**. This is where area resolutions are discussed and feedback is gathered. [asccc.org]

Fall Plenary Session

November 5-7, 2026
•Redwood City (hybrid voting available on Saturday). [asccc.org], [asccc.org]

When Resolutions Become Available

September 25, 2026: Pre-Area Meeting packet available on website

October 16, 2026: Area Meeting packet will be distributed following Region D discussions. [asccc.org]

October 29, 2026: Pre-Plenary packet distributed. This is generally the final major packet for delegate review before voting.

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7. Reports

(7.1 Committee | 7.2 Special | 7.3 Executive Committee)

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7.2 Special Reports

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7. Reports

7.3.1 President's Report

- I met with Chancellor Smith in N-206 to share our thoughts on the qualities, characteristics, and leadership attributes that are believed to be important for the next President of Miramar College | **Friday, October 2nd 4:00 – 5:00 pm.**

- He was as shocked as I was to hear that Miramar does, in fact, have a TPUSA Student Club on our campus. He had confidently denied that such a club existed here a few days prior. And it has major implications for his own conversations on campus culture.

- Notes from College Council:
  - The Miramar AI Network had it's first meeting. This is an interdisciplinary space where folks can learn more about AI. Session 1 covered the basics. Session 2 will cover ethical concerns and frameworks for engaging with AI more critically in the classroom.

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7. Reports

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Vice President – Olivia Flores

Secretary – Amy Alsup

Treasurer – Melissa Wolfson *(please see the following slide)*

Contract Member-at-Large – David Mehlhoff

Contingent Faculty Member-at-Large – Desi Klaar

Chair of Chairs – Mary Kjartanson

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7. Reports

7.3.4: Treasurer (Melissa Wolfson)

1. Account Balance $900.00

2. Academic Senate Dues / Voluntary Payroll Deduction
   - Please consider enrolling in auto-payroll deduction for a nominal amount per check. Contributions of $2.00 per check make a difference to our students in funding our scholarships and other necessary needs.

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8. Announcements

(1 min. time limit each)

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8. Announcements (1 min)



OEHS Fall 2026 Safety Training Series

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HEARTSAVER®

FIRST AID • CPR • AED

HeartSaver

Friday, October 2 10:00 AM–12:30 PM Room: K2-108A
Flex Credit: 35506 *Limited Spaces
Develop essential first aid, CPR, and AED response skills through an American Heart Association certification course.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

Friday, October 16 | 2:00–4:00 PM Location: Diesel Quad (C300)
Flex Credit: 35505
Hands-On Training: Learn basic fire safety practices and how to safely respond to a small fire using a fire extinguisher.

RSVP TODAY FOR

ALICE TRAINING

Active Shooter Training & Preparedness

ALICE TRAINING

Friday, November 6 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM Room: LL303
Flex Credit: 35504
Emergency Preparedness: Learn strategies and response options for an active threat or violent critical incident and strengthen personal and campus preparedness.

For more information contact the OEHS Coordinator, Carina Cory-Castro at ccastro@sdccd.edu or 619-388-2634
Click on QR Code or take a photo of the QR codes to RSVP

Office of Environmental, Health & Safety (OEHS) is kicking off their Fall 2026 Safety Training Series, continuing:

October 2nd October 16th & November 6th

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8. Announcements (1 min)



Constance Carroll Trailblazer Scholarship Award

TEN FULL-TUITION
SCHOLARSHIPS to USD!

- Spring Deadline: November 1, 2026
- Fall Deadline: April 17, 2027
- Final Deadline (space permitting): June 15, 2027

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8. Announcements (1 min)



The Miramar AI Network, or **MAIN**, is launching this semester as a campuswide space for faculty and classified professionals interested in developing AI literacy and exploring responsible applications of AI in our work.

Our next session is **October 22**, with additional sessions and MAIN Studio opportunities throughout the year. I'll circulate information about participation, and I especially encourage senators to share it with your areas.

Landing Page: https://sdmiramar.edu/main

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8. Announcements (1 min)



Please share these upcoming opportunities on Campus!

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9. Adjournment

If the calendar was approved earlier,
the first meeting of the 2025-26 SDMC Academic Senate is:
Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 from 3:30-5:00 pm in L-301.

Remember that, as of Spring 2026, we'll be moving to fully in person Senate meetings. Hence, we will be retiring the *A.S. Senator Remote Attendance Form*

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Thanks for your hard work for Miramar College!

If you have any questions, please reach out via email!

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