Minutes – Miramar College Academic Senate
3:30-5:00pm **Oct 06, 2026** Location: L-301
Associated Documents
Meeting Slide Show

Senators Present: Rodrigo Gomez, Olivia Flores, Amy Alsup, Melissa Wolfson, David Mehlhoff, Veronica Hartmann, Mary Kjartanson, Alex Sanchez, April Koch, Brit Hyland, Dan Smith, David Halttunen, Donnie Tran, Jason Thoma, John Kim, Julia McMenamin, Kevin Gallagher, Leslie Marovich, Mardi Parelman, Marian Edelbrock, Meggie Morris, Michael Lopez, Mona Patel, Monica Demcho, Otto Dobre, Patti Manley, Rita Arabo, Sierra Hegle, Brian McCulley, Corinne Jenni, Heather Liggins, Laura Hofmann, Melissa Rockey, Michael Elliot
Absent: Desi Klaar (proxy: C. Jenni), Eloy Guerra (proxy: V. Nevarez), Jordan Omens (proxy: D. Mehlhoff), Kandice Brandt (proxy: M. Demcho), Lisa Muñoz (proxy: A. Koch), Molly Fassler (proxy: A. Alsup), Veronica Dayag (proxy: D. Tran), Wahid Hamidy (proxy: O. Dobre), Matthew Jewett
Other Attendees: Lance Lareau, Mara Palma Sanft, Pam Cristum, Pamela Zazueta, Evelyn Moreno, Riley Lehren-Chavez, Ethan Jensen, Ryan Monroy, Carmen Carrasquillo, Pablo Martin, Juli Bartolomei

1. **Call to Order**
   - The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda & Consent Calendar**
   2.1. Meeting minutes from 09/15/26
   - The agenda and Consent Calendar were approved with no objections. [Demcho/Koch]
3. **Land Acknowledgment**
4. **Public Comments**
   - Carrasquillo conveyed appreciation on behalf of LEAD to those who attended the Equity Summit. Slides can be found on the LEAD webpage. She also provided information about the "Living the Land" acknowledgement, also available in the Equity Summit slideshow.
   - Martin reminded faculty that adjuncts are not required to tally SLOs unless they are being paid. He also shared that he does not feel that he is getting much support from the union regarding Nuventive and SLO issues. He recommended that faculty be aware of their rights, what they are *supposed to* do, what they *can* do, and what people should be paid to do if it is extra work.
   - Parelman shared that there is no consistency with Cal-GETC reviewers and that she will be bringing something on that issue from her area to the Academic Senate for feedback.
5. **Presentations**: Invited Measure HH representatives
   - The District Architect, Lance Lareau, introduced the Bond Program Team. The Miramar campus liaison is Ethan Jensen.
   - Lareau presented the background on the bond measure and process and provided updates on the three major Measure HH projects at Miramar: Early Education Center, Performing Arts Center, and the off-site Montgomery Field Aviation Instructional Center.
   - Details are available here.
   - Lareau noted that Citizens Oversight meets once per quarter to make sure that money is being spent as it is supposed to be spent.
   - Planning is underway to assess program needs for Master Plan Studies for Auto, Diesel, Public Safety, Athletics and S5.
   - The District is considering another bond.
   - Discussion ensued.
6. **Action Items** ***(this includes second reads and urgent votes announced via email)***
   6.1. Second Read: Resolution on Agentic AI - Rodrigo Gomez
   - Gomez suggested that senators take the document to their departments in preparation for a vote at the next meeting.
   - Motion to postpone to the next meeting passed with no objections. [Kjartanson/Demcho]
7. **Discussion Items** ***(this includes first calls and first reads)***
   7.1. First Read: AP 4235 – Credit for Prior Learning - Veronica Hartmann
   - City, Mesa and Miramar are requesting a vote to revise AP 4235 (Credit for Prior Learning): "Shall SDCCD allow 12 unit residency requirement to be fulfilled by CPL?"
   - Hartmann presented reasons why a senator might consider voting yes or no.
   - Discussion ensued.
   - Hartmann noted that this benefits CTE the most.
   - Senators were asked to discuss it with their departments and bring questions to the next meeting.

7.2. First Read: Resolution to Support Proposal for Title 5 Change (Expansion and Clarification of Ethnic Studies) - Mara Palma-Sanft
- Palma-Sanft summarized and provided the background on a resolution that will be proposed at the State Academic Senate (ASCCC).
- Palma-Sanft noted that there were twelve districtwide denials, when there are usually zero, due to Cal-GETC issues with process, training and consistency.
- Discussion ensued and wording updates were recommended, including adding Common Course Numbering language and adding “sexism” to the line that includes "racism and classism."
- Send further suggestions and input to Palma-Sanft.
- This will come back to the next meeting for a vote.

7.3. First Read: Resolution to Foster a Positive Campus Climate - Amy Alsup
- Alsup noted that this resolution was created via collaborative effort from faculty across campus.
- The goal is for all employees to feel seen, heard and valued.
- This is a first read, so senators were asked to share it with their departments to get feedback.
- Discussion ensued.
- Wording clarification was recommended.
- This item will come back to the next meeting.

7.4. First Read: Student Success Framework (PIER) - David Wilhelm
- Wilhelm shared both the current (through Spring 2027) and proposed (Fall 2027 through Spring 2034) Student Success Frameworks for Long-Term Integrated Planning, as Miramar is currently in the process of the next planning cycle.
- Wilhelm noted that they are refining it to streamline it--folding things into each other, not eliminating them.
- Division Plans are being folded into the Program Review process, so it will be a bottom-up plan instead of top-down.
- Discussion ensued.
- Senators were asked to take this to their departments and bring questions to the next meeting.

7.5. Campus Culture, Free Speech & Safety - Rodrigo Gomez
- Gomez noted that Chancellor Smith has made campus culture one of his primary agenda items.
- Gomez reported that Miramar College now has a “Turning Point USA” Student Club. There have already been at least a few reported incidents of students feeling that Miramar is becoming an unsafe campus, so there is growing interest in taking this to the Board.

8. **Reports**

8.1. Committee Reports

8.1.1. Professional Development - Olivia Flores
- Report postponed.

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)
- ASCCC Fall 2026 Plenary: Resolution & Voting Process
  - Report postponed.

8.3.2. Vice President - Olivia Flores
- Committee on Committees
  - Report postponed.

8.3.3. Secretary - Amy Alsup
- No report.

8.3.4. Treasurer - Melissa Wolfson
- Report postponed.

8.3.5. Contract Member-at-Large - David Mehlhoff
- Mehlhoff provided senators with physical copies of the 10+1 list, noting that it is the primary function of the Academic Senate to make recommendations on these academic and professional matters, and recommended they share it with their departments.

8.3.6. Part-Time Member-at-Large - Desi Klaar
- No report.

8.3.7. Chair of Chairs - Mary Kjartanson
- No report.

9. **Announcements**
- None.

10. **Adjournment**
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

The next meeting will be on Oct 20th. Please submit agenda items to both Rodrigo Gomez and Juli Bartolomei.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli Bartolomei and Amy Alsup