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MiraCosta College
Attn: Student Life & Leadership, MS12A
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**ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT
REGULAR STUDENT SENATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Date Agenda Emailed/Posted: September 22, 2026

**TO MEMBERS OF THE
STUDENT SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

This meeting of the Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College's Senate will be held in person.

MEETING INFO:
September 25, 2026 at 9:00 – 11:00 AM.
Location: 1831 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92058, CLC127

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Special note: All meetings are currently held in-person.

Regards,
Thiago Barranco
President, Associated Student Government
MiraCosta College

bcc: Student Senate Members & Advisors
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- a. 9:04am

2. Roll Call

a. Executive Council

- i. President: Thiago Barranco - Present
- ii. Executive Vice President: Max Harris - Present
- iii. Vice President of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility: Tina Talebloo - Present
- iv. Vice President of San Elijo: Elmer Catapang - Present
- v. Vice President of Community Learning Center: Shovan Vatandoust - Present
- vi. Student Trustee: Mily Patton
- vii. Director of Finance: Brian Chen - Present
- viii. Director of Legislative Affairs: Aaron Reingold - Present
- ix. Director of Public Relations: Victoria Mendoza Villa - Present
- x. Inter-Club Council Chair: Rebeca Casanova - Present
- xi. Inter-Club Council Vice Chair: Michelle Abou Fadel - Present

b. Senators

- i. Senator, Oceanside: Valeria Pineda - Present
- ii. Senator, Oceanside: Simran Tamhankar - Present
- iii. Senator, Oceanside: Mateo Longaker - Present
- iv. Senator, Oceanside: Ellie Calvillo Flores - Present
- v. Senator, San Elijo: Benjamin Baecker
- vi. Senator, San Elijo: Mia Szymanowski - Present
- vii. Senator, San Elijo: Aidon Hutchinson - Present
- viii. Senator, San Elijo: Brenda Gomez-Ruiz - Present
- ix. Senator, Community Learning Center: Isabella Homberger - Present
- x. Senator, Community Learning Center: Roberto Ramirez Medina - Present
- xi. Senator, Community Learning Center: Daniel Martinez - Present
- xii. Senator, Community Learning Center: Shelby-Ray Mullins - Present
- xiii. Senator, Inter-Club Council, Finance: Arturo Salazar - Present
- xiv. Senator, Inter-Club Council: Cece Carson
- xv. Senator, Inter-Club Council: Connor Bear - Present

c. Student-at-Large

- i. Ruby Bell
- ii. Makayla Castaneda
- iii. Nicole De Santiago - Present
- iv. Mitchell Lowe



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- v. Damion Pollard
- vi. Ian Vargas Polo - Present
- vii. Sophia Olson
- viii. Sara Martinez
- ix. Eldein Pablo Perez
- x. Rose Bell

d. ASG Support Staff

- i. Terrence Shaw, Director of Student Life & Leadership, Oceanside - Present
- ii. Sara Delgado-Padilla, Interim Director of Student Services, San Elijo
- iii. Nick Mortaloni, Dean of Student Affairs
- iv. Nicole Daker, Administrative Support Assistant I/II, ASG - Present
- v. Omar Canseco, Student Services Specialist, Oceanside
- vi. Raymond Wight, Student Services Specialist, San Elijo

3. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the ASG on any item on the agenda or on non-agenda items during this time. A time limit of two minutes per person and ten minutes per topic will be strictly enforced. No action will be taken on items not listed on the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda* - 9.25.26

- a. Vatandoust motioned to approve the agenda, Pineda seconded the motion.

5. Approval of the Minutes – 9.11.26

- a. Pineda motioned to approve the minutes, Vatandoust seconded the motion.

6. Oath of Office

Any ASG member that has not taken the oath of office and is present will do so at this time.

7. Agenda Items

- a. **Veteran's Services Presentation:** Liz Draper will present an overview of the Veteran's Services department. ASG members may also register to attend the Military Ally Training on 10/30 if interested.
 - i. Veteran's Services works with and assists any military-connected student (service member or family members).
 - ii. They help with more than process GI benefits.
 - iii. Other/outside services they can bring in: military-connected disability, accessibility counseling, transfer benefits, etc. - wholistic support
 - iv. Almost 3000 military-connected students at MCC, only 700 using benefits
 - v. English course for veteran and active duty students only; added Stats class and Ethnic studies class recently
 - vi. Military Ally training – history of military community, why people join the military, how to be a better ally on campus
 - 1. Sign up link coming soon!



- b. **Funding Requests:** The Finance Committee will present an ASG funding request with their recommendation for Senate review.
 - i. Finance Club's funding request for \$3000 toward financial modeling certifications – recommendation by Finance Committee was to deny the request and recommend that the student research more cost-effective resources and resubmit in the future
 - ii. Catapang motioned to approve Finance Committee's recommendation, Harris seconded the motion.
 - 1. [Roll Call Vote](#)
 - 2. Motion passed
 - c. **Public Relations Merch Order:** The PR workgroup will present their merchandise order proposal.
 - i. Fans – 150
 - ii. Stress ball gavels – 250
 - iii. ASG mints
 - d. **Lunches with Dr. Johnson:** ASG President will present an opportunity to full Senate and explain how ASG members can express interest.
 - i. October 14th 11:30am-1pm
 - ii. If interested in attending lunch with Dr. Johnson, include question or action item you would like to discuss at lunch
 - 1. Complete Google form by Monday
 - e. **Responsibilities and Expectations Overview:** ASG President and Advisors will review expectations of ASG members.
 - i. Attend workgroups and Shared Governance committees (contact head of committee/group if you will not be present; find an alternate for Shared Governance meetings if you can't attend one meeting)
 - ii. Connect with advisors or Shared Governance committee contact if you are feeling lost in the committee
 - iii. Be on time for ASG meetings and email Thiago, Terrence, Sara, and Nicole if you will miss a meeting
 - iv. Technology Advisory Committee is open to hearing from more ASG members (1st Thursday of the month 9-10:30am)
 - f. **Goals/Interests for the Year:** ASG will work collaboratively to identify priority projects and goals for the academic year.
 - i. Getting students into the equity centers
 - ii. Academic Senate connection to student voices – open discussion during Senate meeting
 - 1. Workgroups contact Aidon Hutchinson with issues for Jim to advocate for
 - iii. Promote ASG
 - iv. Foundation scholarships for club leaders
 - v. Gas/grocery cards for students highlighted in PR newsletter
 - vi. More vending machines
8. [Shared Governance Committee Reports](#)



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Members who sit on a MCC Shared Governance committee will present a brief report from their respective committee(s).

- a. Academic Affairs
- b. Academic Senate
 - a. Looking at AI, ASCCC implementation into framework
 - i. 3 proposals: mandate AI literacy course as a core competency/leave it up to professor's discretion/every course has an AI section
- c. Administrators Committee
 - a. Dr. Johnson's suggestion box in administration building
 - b. Advocacy for students and club leaders
- d. Board of Trustees
 - a. No report
- e. Budget and Planning Council
 - a. Application for \$3 million federal grant to tech department
 - b. Grants have to be approved by Board of Trustees first
 - c. Breaking into Budget/Planning subcommittees
- f. Campus Advisory Committee
- g. Caring Campus
 - a. Planning an event (Caring Campus Rocks) - rock painting
- h. Citations & Appeals
 - a. Reviewing summer appeals
- i. Classified Senate
 - a. No report
- j. College Council
 - a. Admission and budget discussions
 - b. 50/50 law – currently spending more on student services than instruction (there are a lot of factors that go into this – increased equity, tenured faculty retiring, etc.)
- k. Courses & Programs
 - a. Certificates for AI
 - b. Reviewing language in courses' descriptions
- l. Diversity, Equity & Cultural Competency
 - a. No report
- m. Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Council
 - a. EEO committee charge
 - b. Splitting into subcommittees with specific topics
- n. IDEA Advisory Meeting
 - a. No report
- o. Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee
 - a. Ribbon cutting ceremony 9/29 10:30am
- p. Institutional Program Review Committee (IPRC)
 - a. No report
- q. MiraCosta Foundation Board
 - a. No report
- r. Online Educators
- s. Outcome Assessment Committee



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- a. No report
- t. San Elijo Advisory Work Group
- u. Student Conduct & Police Advisory (SCPAC)
 - a. No report
- v. Technology Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - a. Testing AI notetaking on Zoom
 - b. Want more student voices if additional ASG members would like to attend next meeting

9. Standing Executive Committee & Work Group Updates

Members will be updated on workgroup and committee actions.

- a. Appointment Work Group
 - i. No report
- b. Community Learning Center (CLC) Work Group
 - i. Clothing drive 11/18
 - ii. Collaborating with IDEA – 10/20 CLC DDLM event; disability awareness month tabling; 10/23 CLC event 10am-12pm
- c. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IDEA) Work Group
 - i. Vice chair – Makayla
 - ii. Tabling at OC and SAN asking students what issues they see within the IDEA lens/where change is needed
- d. Finance Committee
 - i. Reviewed committee expectations, budget, funding request
 - ii. Vice chair – Arturo
- e. Inter-Club Council (ICC)
 - i. Reviewed goals for the year
 - ii. Club of the Month new initiative – voting is open until Monday, link in ICC Instagram bio
- f. Law Work Group
 - i. Vice chair – Ian
 - ii. Looking at elections and attendance
 - iii. Share primary constitution concerns with Executive VP
- g. Legislative Affairs Work Group
 - i. Student-led survey about AI attitudes
 - ii. Voter registration and engagement
 - iii. Attend local council meetings
 - iv. Student health advocacy update – bill sponsored by SSCCC (AB2540)
 - 1. Tabling at OC 10am-1pm on Monday 9/28
- h. Public Relations Work Group
 - i. Breaking newsletter into pieces
 - ii. Gift cards for highlighted students
 - iii. New merch and ASG tablecloths
- i. San Elijo (SAN) Work Group
 - i. Getting information from students on courses, transportation to advocate for them
- j. Student Trustee



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10. Advisor Update

This time is reserved for ASG Advisors and Student Life & Leadership staff to provide updates so long as it pertains to ASG business.

11. Communication from the Floor

This time is reserved for any Council members to make announcements on items not on the agenda or bring forward information for general discussion so long as it pertains to ASG business. This time is also allotted to members wishing to give a report. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker shall be observed. No action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended. Please contact the ASG President for any items that need to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.2).

- a. Congratulations to Ben and Sophia, Senator and SAL of the month for September!

12. Announcements

- a. Open positions on Regional Board – elections next week
- b. Ian is now on Board of Governors

13. Adjournment

- a. 10:50am

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** Approval of the Agenda: The Chair reserves the right to amend the agenda with Senate consensus.*

ASG Standing Rules

1. Members will wear their name tags at all ASG events (and meetings), or if participating in a virtual event, they will update their name and ASG role as their title (ex: update name on zoom to: “Name, ASG role”).
2. Members will exercise respect and civility inside and outside of the Student Senate.
3. Members will limit their use of electronic devices in ASG meetings to the business of ASG, such as agendas or agenda attachments.



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4. Attendance:

- a. Members are allowed two total tardies/ two early departures (not present for $\leq 25\%$ of a meeting). Members are allowed two total absences per semester (not present for $> 25\%$ of a meeting).
- b. After two absences, members must appear before the Executive Council to explain their reasoning. If Exec votes to keep members, they will be allowed the opportunity for one more absence under extenuating circumstances (former absences remain on record). If members fail to provide extenuating circumstances in advance (if possible), they will be automatically removed from the office and can reapply for a position.