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

Date Agenda Emailed/Posted: October 20, 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:**
**October 23, 2026 at 9:00 – 11:00 AM.**
**Location: 3333 Manchester Avenue, Cardiff, CA 92007, SAN1131**

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Regards,
Thiago Barranco
President, Associated Student Government
MiraCosta College

bcc: Student Senate Members & Advisors
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**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
   a. **9:23am**

2. **Roll Call**
   a. **Executive Council**
      i. President: Thiago Barranco - Present
      ii. Executive Vice President: Vacant
      iii. Vice President of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility: Tina Talebloo
      iv. Vice President of San Elijo: Elmer Catapang - Present
      v. Vice President of Community Learning Center: Shovan Vatandoust
      vi. Student Trustee: Mily Patton - Present
      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
      xi. Inter-Club Council Vice Chair: Michelle Abou Fadel - Present

   b. **Senators**
      i. Senator, Oceanside: Valeria Pineda - Present
      ii. Senator, Oceanside: Simran Tamhankar
      iii. Senator, Oceanside: Mateo Longaker - Present
      iv. Senator, Oceanside: Ellie Calvillo Flores
      v. Senator, San Elijo: Benjamin Baecker - Present
      vi. Senator, San Elijo: Mia Szymanowski
      vii. Senator, San Elijo: Aidon Hutchinson - Present
      viii. Senator, San Elijo: Brenda Gomez-Ruiz - Present
      ix. Senator, Community Learning Center: Vacant
      x. Senator, Community Learning Center: Roberto Ramirez Medina – Present
      xi. Senator, Community Learning Center: Daniel Martinez
      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: Vacant

   c. **Students-at-Large**
      i. Ruby Bell
      ii. Makayla Castaneda - Present
      iii. Nicole De Santiago
      iv. Mitchell Lowe

v. Ian Vargas Polo – Present
vi. Sophia Olson
vii. Sara Martinez
viii. Eldein Pablo Perez
ix. 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 - Present
   iii. Nick Mortaloni, Dean of Student Affairs
   iv. Nicole Daker, Administrative Support Assistant I/II, ASG
   v. Omar Canseco, Student Services Specialist, Oceanside
   vi. Raymond Wight, Student Services Specialist, San Elijo - Present

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*** - 10.23.26
   a. Chen motioned to approve the agenda, Pineda seconded the motion.

5. **Approval of the Minutes –** 10.9.26
   a. Pineda motioned to approve the agenda, Chen seconded the motion**.**

6. **Agenda Items**

   a. **CARE Presentation (Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week):** Yuri Jimenez will give an overview of CARE's Hunger & Homelessness Awareness events and discuss how ASG can support them.
      i. CARE coordinator presented on upcoming Hunger and Homelessness awareness week programming throughout November 1st – 21st as well as volunteer opportunities found on the MiraCosta CARE volunteer opportunities webpage

   b. **AI Discussion:** Jim Sullivan will facilitate a discussion on student opinion surrounding artificial intelligence.
      i. Jim Sullivan led a discussion on Artificial intelligence from the student perspective, Collecting ASG student testimony on a google doc focusing on the copes and concerns of AI. Discussed the hopes of AI from the faculty perspective and how the student perspective will help format the use of artificial intelligence in educational spaces
      ii. Opened the room for discussion between students on the perceived benefits and drawbacks of AI from social and academic perspectives
      iii. Presented a final question of "What would you like to see from faculty in terms of AI?"

c. **Funding Request**: The Finance Committee will present, and lead discussion on, an ASG funding request.
    i. Pre-Dentistry club is requesting $127.52 to fund the purchase of various oral hygiene materials for an upcoming holiday event on December 1st aimed to provide care packages to those in need
    ii. Finance committee is recommending providing the full requested amount
    iii. Reingold motioned to approve the full amount, Pineda seconded the motion.
        1. Role call vote
        2. Motion passed. Request is approved.

d. **12/11 Senate Meeting**: Senate will discuss rescheduling their final ASG meeting of the semester.
    i. Discussed rescheduling the final full council to December 4th due to the 11th taking place during finals week
    ii. Senate decided to keep the meeting on the 11th.

7. **Shared Governance Committee Reports**

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

a. Academic Affairs
    a. No report
b. Academic Senate
    a. Covered core competencies, concern between fulltime and associate faculty, resolved during the meeting
    b. Zero cost textbooks have increase 50% No decrease in the quality of education
    c. MCC gained 25% above national average of online students
    d. Discussed the lack of online meeting spaces for online students
c. Administrators Committee
    a. Dr Wendy Stewart proposed doing more outreach within the community
    b. Community outreach at public events, provide a presence in the community
    c. Budget discussion
d. Board of Trustees
    a. Highlighting new partnerships with coastal academies, and carlsbad districts
    b. New programs in various field of study
e. Budget and Planning Council
    a. Brainstormed what planning feels like at MiraCosta
    b. Described as reactive/temporary
    c. Hoping for transparency, accountability, clear processes, and stong student voices
    d. SE plan, facilities future, and discussing how to meet the 50% law
f. Campus Advisory Committee
    a. Campus asphalt construction on main loop through December. Parking lots should not be affected however traffic delays should be expected.
    b. Working with cafeteria to ensure there is enough food stocked in cafeteria for all students. Need for healthier options addressed as well as pricing.
    c. Vending machines to be added near the athletics department/on east side of campus
    d. Revising and updating 10 year campus construction plan

g. Caring Campus
    a. No report
h. Citations & Appeals
    a. No report
i. Classified Senate
    a. No report
j. College Council
    a. No report
k. Courses & Programs
    a. No report
l. Diversity, Equity & Cultural Competency
    a. No report
m. Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Council
    a. No report
n. IDEA Advisory Meeting
    a. No report
o. Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee
    a. No report
p. Institutional Program Review Committee (IPRC)
    a. No report
q. MiraCosta Foundation Board
    a. No report
r. Online Educators
    a. No report
s. Outcome Assessment Committee
    a. No report
t. San Elijo Advisory Work Group
    a. Dr Johnson to join the upcoming San Elijo Advisory Workgroup, encouraged student participation
u. Student Conduct & Police Advisory (SCPAC)
    a. Construction at the Oceanside campus has caused hiccups, so please report any issues so things can be done about them.
    b. The Kitchell Camera Project, which will install more cameras around campus, including vulnerable areas, is starting and will be wrapped up in February. We don't anticipate many impacts on campus.
    c. A Revised Charter for the committee was agreed on, hoping to build bridges between police and students.
v. Technology Advisory Committee (TAC)
    a. No report

**8. Standing Executive Committee & Work Group Updates**

Members will be updated on workgroup and committee actions.

a. Appointment Work Group
    i. 4 interviews completed, more upcoming applications

b. Community Learning Center (CLC) Work Group
    i. No report
c. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IDEA) Work Group
    i. Successful event around disability awareness month
    ii. Upcoming tabling on November 17th
    iii. Discussed programming for Native American heritage month on November 10th
d. Finance Committee
    i. Created a flyer and Instagram posting to highlight funding request process
e. Inter-Club Council (ICC)
    i. 3 funding requests approved this week
f. Law Work Group
    i. Assigned each member in the constitution to review, next meeting to discuss potential changes
g. Legislative Affairs Work Group
    i. Ballet party Thursday, oct. 22
    ii. Upcoming Nov. 3rd tabling event
h. Public Relations Work Group
    i. Social media mics ordered
    ii. Next meeting Wednesday at the ASG room
i. San Elijo (SAN) Work Group
    i. Matcha program was successful, large turn out to advertise SAN ASG group and potential support
    ii. Next meeting, discussing what to speak about during the listening session
j. Student Trustee
    i. Spoke about student experience at the community leader's breakfast alongside Thiago and Dr. Johnson

**9. 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.
No updates

**10. 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).
-ASG President highlighted the work contributed by workgroup members
-Highlighted ASG student involvement in the lunch with Dr. Johnson; discussed the student perspective and hopeful outcomes

**11. Announcements**

a. Wednesday, Nov. 4th – San Elijo will hold the fall scheduling party

i. Requested ASG presence for PIO photoshoot
b. Highlighted upcoming voting elections
c. Highlighted the League of Women Voters informational video about upcoming election

**12. Adjournment**
a. 10:46am

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

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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.
4. Attendance:
    a. Members are allowed two total tardies/ two early departures (not present for <= 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.