

**COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2020**

Senators Present: Meg Pasquel, Karen Robinson, Becky Brown, Peggy Dodge, Patricia Seery, Jeff Cady, Patricia France, Shawn Purcell, Kevin Muller, Kofi Opong-Mensah, Kristin Perrone, Dave King, Paul Cheney, Maria Coulson

Senators Absent: Joe Mueller, Shawn Purcell

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM – Zoom Meeting

- I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: **Adopted (France/King) by all Senators present**
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of August 13th, 2020: **Deferred**
- III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items - **None**
- IV. Officers' Reports

President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel welcomed Senators back for the Fall semester. In these challenging times, all are reminded of the need to be flexible, kind, and patient this semester. President Pasquel reported that the Academic Senate can serve as a repository for faculty ideas and issues that come up in our new online world. VP Maria Coulson has agreed to be the point person in the Senate for this repository.

Vice President (Maria Coulson): VP Coulson also serves on the Distance Education (DE) Committee and noted that faculty issues and concerns are bubbling up. Examples provided included recording Zoom meetings and closed captioning. VP Coulson suggests that the AS consider what guidelines we might want to discuss and adopt from a faculty perspective.

Treasurer (Patricia Seery): Treasurer Seery shared the Fiscal 19-20 year end reports and the first Fiscal 20-21 report. The reports are attached. Treasurer Seery also agreed to arrange for delivery of flowers to an ill faculty member.

Secretary (Peggy Dodge): Secretary Dodge clarified that while the AS is meeting via Zoom, items in the chat are not going into the minutes. Chat is similar to sidebar conversations in meetings. Minutes will continue to reflect only conversations in the Senate as a whole.

- V. Committee Reports

Curriculum: **None**

Academic Standards: **None**

Other Senate Subcommittee and Governance Committee Reports:

PRAC: Senator France reported that PRAC met and reviewed budget details of where funds are going within the college. PRAC will be discussing how to allocate funds for the Fiscal Year 20-21 and how to communicate to chairs and deans about how to make funding requests. At this point, COM is unsure

on how much categorical funding we will get from state.

UPM: President Pasquel reported that Joe Mueller will be replacing Nancy Willet as Senate/UPM liaison

- VI. Consent Agenda – **Motion to approve (King/Cheney) passed by all senators present**
- a) Governance Committee Appointments
Miguel Oropeza – GRIT
- VII. Invited Guests: **None**
- VIII. Action Items
- a) AP 7120 (**deferred**)
Original motion to approve will be rescinded and the item returned to discussion.
- b) Faculty Led Instructional Committee (**deferred**)
- IX. Discussion
- a) Response to Covid Emergency – Hardware/Tech
President Pasquel reported that hardware is on back order because of high demand and COM is staying on top of getting necessary equipment.
Discussion then referenced the work that VP Coulson will be doing to set the AS up as the repository for information vetted by faculty regarding pedagogical issue questions and concerns that are bubbling up. The lack of consistency in use and lack of clear definitions of nomenclature can be addressed with the AS work. Many of the issues coming up are more related to Zoom protocols than to Canvas issues. Examples of concerns shared include:
- Does the DE designation allow for mandatory, synchronous meetings? If so, how will students know about that when registering?
 - What about privacy issues regarding videotaping Zoom class meetings? Concerns about privacy include identity protection and recent history of extremist groups going after higher education faculty, particularly those in Political Science and using taped classes as ammunition.
 - If synchronous class meetings are a requirement in a class, is videotaping required so that students who are unable to attend a particular synchronous meeting can still receive participation credit?
 - Is a new link for each Zoom class meeting a best practice?
 - How can faculty office hours be publicized beyond current students?
 - Do Zoom class recordings need to be captioned before posting?
- b) Institutional and systemic racism at CoM
Discussion included the notion of starting a cultural audit at COM. Consensus on what is actively anti-racist action is needed. The question of whether we recognize institutional racism at COM was raised.
- X. New Business: AP SCORES WILL BE ADDED FOR DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK
- XI. Adjournment: 2:10 pm

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