

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2020

12:45pm – 2:00pm Zoom Meeting

Senators Present: Meg Pasquel, Karen Robinson, Becky Brown, Peggy Dodge, Patricia Seery, Jeff Cady, Shawn Purcell, Kevin Muller, Nancy Willet, Karen Koenig, Kofi Opong-Mensah, Maria Coulson

Senators Absent: Kristin Perrone, Paul Cheney

Guests: Jonathan Eldridge

Minutes

- I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: **adopted (Robinson/Cady) with changes by all Senators present**
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2020: **approved (Muller/Cady) by all Senators present except Senators Cheney and Robinson abstained**
- III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items: **none**
- IV. Officers' Reports

President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel reported that she has been hearing from some faculty about some student issues during this remote learning semester. She suggested that faculty should be mindful about replying to student e-mails in a timely manner. Also some faculty are changing the time of when their classes meet on-line; that is not allowed and is problematic. Also, it is suggested to remind students about the e-mail that was sent to all students about the adjusted grading policy and the May 9th deadline to withdraw without a "W".

Vice President (Karen Robinson): **none**

- V. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee: **none**

Academic Standards Committee: **none**

Governance Committees: PRAC met and went over the altered grading policy during this remote-instruction semester, and went over the Fall 20 teaching format considerations (the same document that VPSL Eldridge explained during this meeting).

UPM Report: Senator Willet reported that UPM and the District agreed on a 2% salary raise. She brought up the idea that it might be good to give some of the raise money to help students and PT faculty.

VI. Consent Agenda:

- a. Governance Committee Appointments: **none**

VII. Invited Guests: Jonathan Eldridge. VPSL Eldridge showed and explained the draft of the Fall Semester Course Offering Considerations document. It showed a flow chart of the possible scenarios for remote teaching for the Fall 20 semester. There has been ongoing communication with the State, the Chancellor's Office, and other groups regarding updated information and guidelines for instruction for the Fall 20 semester. Some current considerations are having all the lecture classes taught remotely, and having some of the laboratory classes taught in a hybrid format, keeping social distancing and safety of students, staff and faculty in mind. Over the summer, there will be more work on the details of the plans for the Fall 20 semester over the summer. It would be better to have stricter plans in place at first, that could always be relaxed later, if warranted.

VIII. Action Items:

- a. AP 7120: **deferred**
b. Faculty Led Instructional Committee (FLIC): **deferred**

IX. Discussion

- a. Certificates of Appreciation: All the Senators agreed that DE, IT, and the COM Care Team should be the recipients of the Appreciation Award for this year, for all their amazing work to move the entire College to remote instruction on such short notice.
b. Response to Covid Emergency: President Pasquel encouraged Senators to take a look at the Fall 20 considerations flow chart and to share it with your colleagues and have discussions about it. She also mentioned that it would be helpful for students if there was a place on the COM website for student questions about technological issues that they might be having.

X. New Business: **none**

IX. Adjournment: 2:05 pm

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