

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2017

12:45pm – 2:00pm AC Building, Room 303

Senators Present: Meg Pasquel, Karen Robinson, Becky Brown, Andrea Wang, Karen Koenig, Jeff Cady, Peggy Dodge, Arthur Lutz, John Erdmann, Kofi Opong-Mensah, Nancy Willet, Kevin Muller, Patricia Seery

Senators Absent: Joe Mueller

Guests: Erik Dunmire, Tina Christensen

Minutes

- I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: **adopted with changes (Seery/Robinson) by all Senators present**

- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of November 9, 2017 : **approved as amended (Cady/Robinson) by all Senators present except Senator Dodge abstained**

- III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items: **none**

- IV. Officers' Reports
 - a. President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel commented on the recent heated and uncomfortable moments during the Senate meeting. She recognizes her part in it and she needs to set a good tone for Senate meetings from now on. We can be passionate about things and disagree about things, but can do those things in a civil manner.

 - b. Vice President (Karen Robinson): **none**

- V. Committee Reports
 - Curriculum Committee (A Joe Ritchie): **none**

Academic Standards Committee (Rinetta Early): **none**

Governance Committees: **none**

UPM Report (Arthur Lutz): **none**

VI. Consent Agenda

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

VII. Action Items: **none**

VIII. Discussion

- a. Erik Dunmire: Erik Dunmire and Tina Christensen introduced themselves and discussed some of the faculty concerns regarding the SAS department's procedures for student accommodations and testing. Erik distributed a handout that included the SAS policy, which included the statement that student accommodations should not alter the way that faculty conduct their classes and assessment methods. Other discussion included some examples of SAS policy violations that have happened, what rights do faculty have as to the accommodation requests from SAS, and how sometimes the SAS student accommodations have an impact on the other students in the class. Senator Dodge (Brown) moved to have a small Academic Senate subcommittee work with Erik and Tina to come up with a list of concerns to bring to Stormy Miller. Many Senators requested to continue this discussion during future Senate meetings.
- b. Senate Liaisons (ASCCC): **deferred**
- c. 10 plus 1 Discussion: **deferred**

IX. Adjournment: 2:04 pm

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