

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2017

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

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

Senators Absent: none

Guests: A Joe Ritchie, Beth Pratt, Ron Palmer

Minutes

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

- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of October 12, 2017 : **approved as amended (Cady/Wang) by all Senators present except Senators Lutz and Willet abstained**

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

- IV. Officers' Reports
 - a. President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel welcomed Nancy Willet as the new FT senator.

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

- V. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee (A Joe Ritchie): The Curriculum Committee has been technically reviewing CORs for the past 5 weeks and has reviewed most of the submitted CORs. There will be a regular Curriculum meeting for the first part of the meeting today, and then more technical review. The GE Committee is also meeting at 3pm today.

Academic Standards Committee (Rinetta Early): President Pasquel reported that the Academic Standards Committee has not met due to the North Bay fires, but should be able to give a report next week on upcoming APs.

Governance Committees: **none**

UPM Report (Arthur Lutz): Senator Erdmann reported that the bargaining team meets tomorrow. There will also be a meeting with the UPM representative and some of the non-credit instructors regarding non-credit contract items.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

VII. Action Items

- a. Bolinas Marine Lab (letter): **Discussion and voting has been deferred until next week.**

VIII. Discussion

- a. Court Reporting – Palmer/Pratt: Dean Pratt and Ron Palmer discussed the possible revitalization of the Court Reporting program. They explain that the program’s only FT faculty member has recently retired, and one of the long-time PT faculty member is no longer teaching at COM, so there is no one currently to oversee the program. There are only three Court Reporting programs in the California Community College system, with the closest one being at West Valley College. The future of Court Reporting is unclear, and the overall enrollment trend is down. More data needs to be obtained for the job market outlook, along with the possibility of creating smaller stackable certificates. Other suggestions included looking at possibly partnering with West Valley, and offering more on-line classes. Dean Pratt suggested that it would be a good idea to have an Academic Senator on the revitalizing committee.
- b. Environmental Landscaping – Palmer/Pratt/Agudelo-Silva: **deferred**
- c. 10+1 discussion: **deferred**

IX. Adjournment: 2:00pm

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