

**COLLEGE OF MARIN**  
**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 26, 2017**

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

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

**Senators Absent:** Arthur Lutz

**Guests:** Marco Gonzalez, Alex Magallanes-Rivera

**Minutes**

- I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: **adopted ( Seery/Dodge) by all Senators present**
  
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of October 19, 2017 : **approved (Robinson/Cady) by all Senators present**
  
- III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items: **none**
  
- IV. Officers' Reports
  - a. President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel introduced Marco Gonzalez and Alex Magallanes-Rivera, who are both part of the committee that is looking at the implementation of a college-hour. Marco talked about the history of the idea of a COM college-hour as part of the final FLIT report recommendation. The plan so far is to have the college-hour on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:40-1:30pm. More discussion will continue with the committee and all COM constituents.
  
  - 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

- a. Bolinas Marine Lab (letter): **voting has been deferred**, and Senator Mueller gave a presentation on the Bolinas Marine Lab. He presented the history of the lab, with it being active from 1962-2005 with classes taught at the lab, along with COM holding summer camps for children during the summer months. Senator Mueller also tried to dispel some common myths regarding the lab. He also presented how Mendocino Community College uses their coastal marine field station, which has some of the similar situations that the Bolinas Lab has (e.g. being on a fault line), along with listing supporters from the community ranging from Marin County residents to federal agencies.

VIII. Discussion

- a. 10 plus 1 Discussion: **deferred**

IX. Adjournment: 2:08 pm

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