

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES
For April 13, 2017

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Academic Center Building, Room 303

Senators Present: Sara McKinnon, Meg Pasquel, Becky Brown, Patricia Seery, Jeff Cady, Arthur Lutz, Karen Robinson, Christine Li, Andrea Wang, John Erdmann, Rinetta Early, Joe Mueller

Senators Absent: Karen Koenig, Peggy Dodge

Guests: A Joe Ritchie, Sandy Guldman

Minutes

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

- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of April 6, 2017: **approved (Early/Pasquel) by all Senators present except Senators Li and Robinson abstained**

- III. Officers' Reports
 - a. President (Sara McKinnon): President McKinnon reported that we have a student enrolled in an ESL class that is from Brazil, who was part of a rowing team called Unifying Nations that rowed to Hawaii in a world record time of 39 days.
 - b. Vice President (Meg Pasquel): The new course Humanities 101 will be piloted this Fall semester. One of the themes is social justice and a number of faculty will be guest lecturers for the course. VP Pasquel has had a difficult time accessing the Wi-Fi network on campus and wondered if students were having difficulties also.
 - c. Treasurer (Patricia Seery): Treasurer Seery distributed the account sheets for the AS accounts and explained the balances.

IV. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee (A Joe Ritchie): There will be a General Education meeting today instead of a regular Curriculum Committee meeting, with the next CC meeting next week. The GE committee would like to see if the GE list can be updated with the departments omitting GE courses that haven't been taught in 5 years and not planned to be offered in the near future. This Monday COM will host a regional Streamlining Curriculum Workshop in Fusselman Hall from 12:00noon – 4pm.

Academic Standards Committee (Rinetta Early): The Academic Standards committee worked on the revision of AP 4235 Credit by Examination. AP 4235 and the advanced placement (AP) charts should be ready to send to the counselors as an information item and then come to the Academic Senate. The Academic Standards committee election of the chairs took place this week, and it would be good to have more faculty represented on the committee.

Governance Committees: PRAC met and heard presentations from the Student Access and Success, Enrollment Services, and Community Education departments.

UPM Report (Arthur Lutz): Senator Lutz reported that there will be an AFT Student Debt Clinic today at 3:40pm in Fusselman 120, and all faculty are welcome.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Governance Committee Appointments: **none**
- b. BP 4675 Programs for Older Adult Students: **consent with the addition of "... and comply with the MCCD-UPM/AFT agreement" by all Senators present.**
- c. 2017 Senate Election Ballot: **deferred to next week**

VI. Action Items

- a. BP/AP 7120 Employment Recruitment (Kristina Combs): **deferred**

VII. Discussion

- a. Corte Madera Creek Proposal (Friends of the Corte Madera Creek): Sandy Guldman from the Friends of Corte Madera Creek gave a presentation of the history of the creek, and how the concrete channel is problematic with normal creek water flow. Discussions have been underway with VP Nelson, Paul DaSilva, and a geological engineer, to develop a plan to make the creek more natural. Sandy will present this suggested plan at next week's BOT meeting. The Academic Senators unanimously supported the plan to restore the creek in specified areas.

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

X. Adjournment: 2:06pm

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