

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2018

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

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

Senators Absent: Joe Mueller

Guests: David King

Minutes

- I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: **adopted (Seery/Koenig) by all Senators present**
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of April 12, 2018: **approved (Dodge/Opong-Mensah) as amended by all Senators present except Senators Robinson and Pasquel abstained**
- III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items: **none**
- IV. Officers' Reports
 - a. President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel reported on the ASCCC Plenary that she and VP Robinson attended last week. AB 705 was the big topic that was discussed. This bill impacts the math and English areas the most, and the guidelines have come down for English but not yet for Math. The ASCCC will be asking for a legal clarification of the language. The ESL classes are not held to the AB 705 standards. Even though there are many things that still need to be clarified for AB 705, we need to get in good shape for when the guidelines get in place. The AS election ballots will be mailed out to faculty by this Saturday.
 - b. Vice President (Karen Robinson): VP Robinson also reported on the ASCCC Plenary, and stated that the PPTs and other related items that were covered at the plenary will be posted (and she will provide the link to the Senators). She thought that attending the plenary was worthwhile to learn more about how the process works, and encouraged the Senators to read the resolutions from the plenary. She also reported on the progress of the faculty donation process for the COM Food Pantry. She will look at ways to disseminate this information to the faculty once the process has been finalized.
- V. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee: The committee will be voting on a new Chair soon.

Academic Standards Committee (Rinetta Early): President Pasquel reported that AP 4230 Grade Change is being finalized, and Jon Horinek is following up on the legal language for AP 4250 Probation and AP 4255 Dismissal.

Other Governance Committees: EPC met and continued to hear reports.

UPM Report (Arthur Lutz): Senator Erdmann reported that there are a number of good articles in this month's UPM newsletter, which includes a union article by John Marmysz, a negotiation update article by John Erdmann, and an article by Arthur Lutz regarding the Bolinas Field Station. The UPM negotiation team will meet with the District tomorrow. The 2nd annual UPM party in the redwood grove will be held before graduation, and all faculty are encouraged to attend.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

VII. Action Items: **none**

VIII. Discussion

- a. General Ed Committee – Dave King: Dave King, Chair of the GE Committee, explained the charge of the GE Committee, and reported on the recent proposed changes in Area H Physical Activity. It is proposed to add 2-3 health-related classes as an option, along with the activity class requirement. Ryan Byrne, Kathleen Smyth, and Kristi Kuhn, among others, have had robust discussions about the pros/cons of the proposal, and they all support the proposed changes. These changes will also help COM align our GE with the CSU pathway GE. A concern was brought up that this proposal might send the message that a physical activity type of class is not important and that being sedentary is acceptable. Senator Dodge (Cady) moved to accept the changes and to make this an action item for next week.
- b. Appreciation Lunch Awards: President Pasquel explained that at the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch, that the AS has given awards in the past to a PT faculty member, a FT faculty member, a CSEA member, and a department. She asked the Senators to come in with thoughts of possible nominees. She will bring in a list of awardees from the past three years.
- c. AP/BP 3260 Participation in Local Decision Making: President Pasquel summarized the AP/BP 3260 Participation in Local Decision Making, and how the term "operational" keeps coming up and how that might imply that faculty aren't involved or affected. Senator Dodge and others wanted clarification as to the faculty's role in the operational aspect of the College. Discussion included having a future objective to clarify the language or leave the language vague. Discussion will continue next week.

IX. Adjournment: 2:04 pm

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