

**COLLEGE OF MARIN**  
**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

**May 7, 2020**

12:45pm – 2:00pm Zoom Meeting

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**Senators Present:** Meg Pasquel, Karen Robinson, Becky Brown, Peggy Dodge, Patricia Seery, Jeff Cady, Shawn Purcell, Kevin Muller, Nancy Willet, Karen Koenig, Kofi Opong-Mensah, Maria Coulson, Kristin Perrone, Paul Cheney

**Senators Absent: none**

**Guests:** Rinetta Early, David Everitt, Joe Mueller

**Minutes**

- I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: **adopted (Cady/Coulson) by all Senators present**
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of April 30, 2020: **approved as amended (Dodge/Muller) by all Senators present except Senators Cheney and Robinson abstained**
- III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items: **none**
- IV. Officers' Reports
  - President (Meg Pasquel): **none**
  - Vice President (Karen Robinson): **none**
  - Treasurer (Patricia Seery): Treasurer Seery reported on the two AS accounts. Regarding the engraved key chains for the retirees, she has been working with the Tiffany representative during the COVID-19 situation.
- V. Committee Reports
  - Curriculum Committee: **none**
  - Academic Standards Committee: **none**
  - Governance Committees: **none**

UPM Report: Senator Willet reported that there will be a small increase of the health care benefits for this round of contract negotiations.

- VI. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Governance Committee Appointments: **none**
  
- VII. Invited Guests: David Everitt and Joe Mueller (AP scores –see below in the Discussion section)
  
- VIII. Action Items:
  - a. AP 7120: **deferred**
  - b. Faculty Led Instructional Committee (FLIC): **deferred**
  
- IX. Discussion
  - a. AP Scores: Rinetta Early summarized her concerns regarding the AP scores in Biology not being accepted by COM, and that it provides a disservice to the students who received an acceptable AP score in Biology. She surveyed a number of community college and found that of the colleges that she surveyed, that only five out of the 21 colleges did not accept the Biology AP scores. VP Robinson stated that a number of years ago the Biology department did a review of the high school AP content and found that it did not match the content that is taught in the Biology 110 class. Joe explained his prior experiences with students who had decent AP Biology scores who took the Biology 110 course and did not pass. It was suggested that the Biology faculty have a discussion about this subject in the Fall and that some data (from PRIE) regarding students that have AP Biology scores be requested and included in the discussion.
  
  - b. Response to COVID-19 Emergency: Discussion continued, which included that some feedback that was given to VPSL Eldridge hasn't been reflected in his latest document drafts for the Fall semester planning, and that equity hasn't been fully addressed in these planning documents.
  
- X. New Business: **none**

IX. Adjournment: 2:07 pm

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