

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2022

12:45-1:48 PM IN AC 303 AND VIA ZOOM

Senators Present: Maria Coulson, Meg Pasquel, Caitlin Rolston, Kevin Muller, Dave King, Kristin Perrone, Cara Kreit, Patricia Seery, Patricia France, Erick Muñoz

Senators Absent: Kyle Beattie

Guests: Gina Cullen, Rinetta Early

- I. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda** — AMMENDED and ADOPTED (Perrone / Seery) by all Senators present.
- II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes of February 31, 2022** — APPROVED (Coulson/Muñoz) 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 reported that AB 1705 — an amendment to AB705 is coming along for English and Math. Also, the mask mandate has been removed from COM policy. We are following CDC language, which is that the best idea is to wear a mask, but we won't force you. In addition, it is time to order books or have OER materials ready to go. The schedule of classes is coming out soon. Departments should check the online schedule to make sure there are no mistakes.
 - b. **Vice President (Maria Coulson)** — VP Coulson reported on major topics discussed at the ASCCC Plenary. She explained that AB705 is about access to transfer level, and stipulates that students cannot be placed below transfer. AB1705 is an amendment to that. The current feeling in CCC Academic Senate is that an outside entity has decided what community colleges should do, and this will cause problems. Now not only can we not place them, we cannot let them enroll in courses that are below transfer level. This was the hot topic at the Plenary. One complaint is that enrollment and placement are two different things, and the ASCCC believes students should be given agency to choose what they want, and to tell them they can't means that some data and other factors have been ignored. VP Coulson also reported that she had attended an interesting session on equitable hiring based on a model at Pierce College in Washington.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Treasurer (Patricia Seery)** —
 - i. Faculty donation account: \$5458.05
 - ii. College budget account: \$4529.08
 - iii. 12 Retirees this year. Treasurer Seery will check with HR for more retirees.
 - b. **Curriculum** — postponed
 - c. **Academic Standards (Rinetta Early)**— Professor Early reported that the Academic Standards Committee will revisit AP5011 — Concurrent Enrollment of Highschool students. Every semester counselors report that the layout of the AP is confusing. They will revise this and send it to Academic Senate again next week.
 - d. **Other Senate Subcommittee and Governance Committee Reports**
 - i. **DEC (Maria Coulson)** — No report
 - ii. **Technology (Caitlin Rolston)** — Secretary Rolston reported that the committee had completed the faculty survey draft and sent it to PRAC. There was a discussion in the last

meeting related to how agenda items are chosen and brought to the committee. Some committee members were concerned that it was arbitrary and that this was causing problems -- that the committee needed to do deeper research and bring in experts working on particular topics before trying to solve problems. There is a clear charge, but maybe not clear processes. Specifically, the non-credit ESL application business has been contentious. On that topic, before Spring Break there was going to be a Tech-quity meeting to vote on a set of proposals about ESLN registration, to improve the enrollment levels and processes. If it passed, Dave Patterson would present the ideas to PRAC. They are looking forward to wrapping up that matter and focusing on other issues of technology and equity. President Pasquel reiterated that the Technology Committee exists to make recommendations to PRAC, not to be a clearinghouse for technology problems or to solve these problems independently.

iii. **PRAC** — President Pasquel reported that there were two presentations on Friday. Stormy presented and asked for a greater emphasis on mental health care. This is related to the pandemic and to the current cultural zeitgeist. On that topic, the Policing Committee on campus recommended denying any new police hires. The Police Chief sent out a survey to students with a 5% response rate. These students said they weren't afraid of the police, but that response rate doesn't seem like a broad enough picture. In any case, SAS would like more funds to go to mental health professionals rather than police to help students in crisis. Dean Lauren Servais also presented. She requested money and units in various areas: Frank Crosby (Communications/Film) has received a grant to build a new production studio, and they are looking for space for that. Dean Servais requested one unit for a new course in Communications related to anxiety and public speaking, and a new full-time Dance instructor. Modern Languages needs a full-time hire in Spanish. They would also like to advance a full-time hire for ASL, as there's a lot of demand. Finally, Tonya Hersch presented. In view of future retirements, ESL has requested to amalgamate PT units and hire 3 FT credit/non-credit positions. Puente asked for a second cohort. Tonya also presented the proposal for Mi Familia and asked to fund a new Guided Pathways counselor position.

iv. **Tech-quity (Kyle Beattie)** — postponed due to absence; see note in Technology above.

VI. **Invited Guests:** See Academic Standards above.

VII. **Consent Agenda** — Approved (Coulson/Kreit) by all senators present

a. **Governance Committee Appointments** — None

b. **Ongoing Emergency/Brown Act** — The College of Marin Academic Senate finds that conditions still exist which restrict our ability to meet in person (ability to social distance, individual health concerns). The Senate will vote weekly to consent that conditions require meetings to continue via Zoom. Advance approval of the consent agenda through March 31, 2022 APPROVED (Coulson/Muller) by all Senators present.

c. **APs and BPs**

AP 4023 Course Approval

AP&BP 4260 Pre/Co – requisites & Advisories

AP&BP 4400 Comm. Service Courses

AP&BP 5010 Admissions

AP 5015 Residency Determination

AP 5017 Responding to Inquiries of Status Immigration Citizenship National Origin

AP 5050 Student Success Support Program

AP 5040 Student Records Directory Information Policy

AP&BP 5130 Financial Aid

AP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances

BP 4250 Academic Probation, Dismissal, And Readmission
AP 4020 Program Curriculum and Course Development
BP 4106 Nursing Programs
BP 5050 Student Success and Support Program
AP 5055 Enrollment Priorities

VIII. **Action Items** — None

IX. **Discussion**

a. **GGT Grant** — deferred

b. **Plenary Highlights** — President Pasquel reported that she had attended a session about the relationship between union and senate, but it turned into a discussion of academic freedom. The UPM CBA has a statement about this, as does a BP. However, there is no statement about academic freedom from Academic Senate. Other college senates do have this. President Pasquel asked if the Senate would like to pursue this, defining academic freedom. Senators King and Muller suggested that we look at the CBA language, compare it to the BP, and discuss. This will be on next week's agenda. President Pasquel also reported that there will not be a major change to the CCC disciplines list. Finally, she asked if anyone was interested in ASCCC (statewide senate) work. They will have a working group for AB1705. This would be work for next year. Senator Kreit volunteered to consider it.

c. **Elections 2022** — President Pasquel reminded the Senate that an email had gone out and candidate statements are currently being accepted. Two recently vacated positions are not on the ballot. If re-elected, Maria will appoint to those seats. Senators King, Coulson, France, and Pasquel are up for election, but President Pasquel will not be running. In total, there are 7 FT seats open now.

X. **New Business** — Academic Standards — Rinetta has agreed to sit on Academic Standards for another year, so the committee will need a new counselor to be chair after that. Senator Perrone accepted this mission. President Pasquel said she would email Gina Cullen to get her schedule blocked off.

XI. **Adjournment:** 1:48 pm

XII. **Future Business** — process for new programs and disciplines; curriculum institute is in July if anyone is interested (Senator France volunteered); Tim Wat will attend to discuss grant in future (TBD)

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