

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
12:45-2:00PM VIA ZOOM

Senators Present: Kevin Muller, Kristin Perrone, Kyle Beattie, Maria Coulson, Dave King, Caitlin Rolston, Sung-Ji Schmidt, Patricia Seery, Alex Jones, Cara Kreit

Senators Absent: None

Guests: Gina Cullen, Cari Torres, Grace Yuan

- I. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda —** AMMENDED and ADOPTED (Muller/Beattie) by all Senators present.
- II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes of September 1, 2022 —** APPROVED (King/Muller) by all Senators present. Abstentions: Patricia Seery.
- III. **Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items —** NONE.
- IV. **Officers Reports**
 - a. **President (Maria Coulson) —**
 - i. PRAC: President Coulson reported that she had been to PRAC. Kristin will report on the meeting.
 - ii. Curriculum/Classified Senate: She also met with the Classified Senate President. The CS is upset about curriculum committee changes, namely the removal of a classified vote from the committee. According to the CS President, this feels like a punishment and is not inclusive, bucking a 13 year tradition. President Coulson re-iterated that this decision has nothing to do with anything personal and is not a punitive action; the curriculum committee is being redesigned via the AP, and to simplify the processes of the committee and consolidate membership, some positions were eliminated or combined (including faculty seats). President Coulson maintained that Curriculum is Title V, a 10+1 issue, and completely under the purview of faculty. It is unclear why staff were put on the Curriculum Committee as voting members 13 years ago. There are no staff on the AS, nor are their faculty on the CS. The CC is a subcommittee of the AS. It is not yet clear why the CS believes that a classified staff should be included in Academic Senate subcommittee voting. The Academic Senate did agree and confirm that classified staff play an important role in Curriculum as resources.
 - iii. President Coulson attended an MOU meeting with Golden Gate Transit on Friday. There were many questions raised, but not many answers.
 - iv. The College Council meets later on 9/15/22 today, and the Board will meet on Tuesday. President Coulson will inform them that the AS is revamping its Bylaws and taking Title V seriously.
 - b. **Vice President (Dave King) —**
 - i. Bylaws: VP King reported that he has made the bylaws changes. He also reviewed bylaws of other academic senates. He looked for references to referenda and couldn't find any; it seems unique to COM. Instead, he did a find mechanism to recall senators. A referendum would merely be

bypassing AS to make a resolution. The AS needs to decide whether we want one, both, or neither of these provisions included in the bylaws, and will discuss this further.

- ii. Contract education: VP King also discovered that “contract education,” that is short-term CTE, should not be for credit. You can develop a short-term certificate, but it should be not-for-credit, which is different from Noncredit. At COM, the main type of not-for-credit education is currently Community Education. The minimum qualifications would be different.

c. Committee Reports

- i. **DEC (Coulson) – deferred**
- ii. **Academic Standards (Early)– deferred**
- iii. **PRAC (Perrone)–** PRAC had its first meeting. They reviewed their charge and heard Dr. Coon speak about their recommendation against hiring a new police sergeant. The hiring committee is underway. PRAC had recommended against hiring, as did the Police Task Force, and they wanted to hear from Dr. Coon about why he put it forward to the board anyway. Dr. Coon agreed to take back some of the feedback and consider it. PRAC was not informed about the hiring committee until it was already happening, and many members were upset. Some had considered resigning over this issue and felt that their time had been wasted. Dr. Coon’s explanation was focused on the Police being understaffed and working six days a week. Meanwhile, the Police Task Force will continue with its work.

V. Invited Guests (Gina Cullen, Cari Torres, Grace Yuan) — New GE Pattern

a. New Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement —

- i. **Grace:** The Chancellor’s Office made a DEI Call to Action, and an audit was done state-wide. As a result, a clear need for a statewide graduation requirement of Ethnic Studies was discovered and various bodies resolved to implement the requirement. In July 2021, the Board of Governors approved revisions to Title V adding this requirement. There will be a Fall 2024 implementation date deadline. There will be revisions for core competencies of CSU area F, and OIGETC Area 7, and we will see the exact wording soon. These will cover course objectives or SLOs that will need to be in the COR in order to qualify. The first step will be for Fall 2022-Spring 2023 local campus activities. Institutions need to devise a strategy and timeline for the process. Once we have a process in place, we can revise and/or create new courses. A survey was distributed asking campus, faculty, and staff to respond regarding needs for development and technical assistance.
- ii. **Gina:** CSU Area F: Ethnic Studies. Courses we have: ETST 110, 112, 121. Some of these were recently approved starting Fall 2021. If a student took these courses before then, they will not fulfill the requirement. The IGETC educational pattern will include Area 7: Ethnic Studies. This is similar to Area F for CSUs. Effective Fall 2021, courses previously approved for CSU area F, will also fulfill IGETC Area 7. In Fall 2024, all courses get ICETC review again, so this is temporary.

1. Requirements we need to consider as we add more courses in Ethnic Studies:
 - a. Local GE requirement
 - b. CSU Area F
 - c. UC GE IGETC Area 7
 - b. AB 928 and AB 1111 – upcoming legislation changes**
 - i. **AB 928** – calls for one GE pattern for CCC, UC, and CSUs. All three systems opposed it, but it passed CA legislature anyway. Implementation will be Fall 2025. All three systems need to work together, and it's difficult to get them to agree. UCs will require oral communications. UCs will require one arts and one humanities class (double the courses). For UC Area 3A, studio arts don't count. Art history will count. Sciences stay the same. Counseling classes won't count. Languages other than English have been eliminated from transfer requirements; they will only be graduation requirement at 4 years. One social and behavioral sciences class requirement was eliminated, but ethnic studies, which would usually be a social science, was added.
 - ii. **AB1111** – calls for CCCs to move to common course numbering system by 2024. There are 21,000k classes in the C-ID system. The CCC system has 500k classes. Classes have different names and fulfill different requirements even within the same district. Not all courses articulate similarly to different universities either. This will be a monumental task.
 - c. In summary:** Community colleges will need to provide professional development to implement these changes. The changes will make an impact on offerings. COM needs to review the proposed changes and identify unintended consequences for students.
 - d. Note: Ethnic studies courses at COM** will not be cross-listed anymore because the requirements are that Ethnic Studies instructors teach these courses (not, for example, a History instructor). At COM, Ethnic Studies 111 and 151 were rejected and have to be reworked to reflect the exact wording requirements across CA college systems.
- VI. **AP4020** — Deactivating Courses. Certain courses in certain departments have not been updated.
- a. **Assessment and deactivation should be added into AP 4020.** The Senate will do this next week. If courses are not updated, they will default to deactivated. Gina is emailing them all separately. Some new chairs were unaware of the requirements. Senator Muller commented that chair meetings spend time on other things without prioritizing COR updates. He thinks chair meetings go off track and this is important. Curriculum is the most important matter for a department, and chairs should enlist their faculty to update CORs.
- VII. **Wrap Up/Future Business** —
- a. **Senate Bylaws**
 - b. **Pool at IVC**
 - c. **DEC**
 - d. **AP4020**
- VIII. **Adjournment: 2:00 pm**

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