

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2022

12:45-2:00 PM IN AC 303 AND VIA ZOOM

Senators Present: Maria Coulson, Meg Pasquel, Caitlin Rolston, Kevin Muller, Dave King, Cara Kreit, Patricia Seery, Kyle Beattie, Patricia France

Senators Absent: Kristin Perrone, Erick Muñoz

Guests: Tim Wat, Rinetta Early,

- I. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda** —AMENDED and ADOPTED (Coulson/Seery) by all Senators present.
- II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2022** — APPROVED (Kreit/Beattie) by all Senators Present. Coulson abstained.
- III. **Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items** — NONE.
- IV. **Officers Reports**
 - a. **President (Meg Pasquel)** — President Pasquel reported that faculty need to order their books. Commencement will be in person. Everyone should go and encourage everyone else to go.
 - b. **Vice President (Maria Coulson)** — Nothing to report. Vice President Coulson reiterated that she and the entire DEC were upset by the Faculty Technology Survey. President Pasquel informed the Senate that the survey had been pulled for revisions.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Curriculum** — No report
 - b. **PRAC** — Greg Nelson gave a presentation. Police have asked for a new sergeant and officer, but those positions will not be moved forward until the Policing Committee reports on their study. He also asked to fill some positions that were vacated during COVID, such as a night custodial supervisor. Two issues were raised at PRAC regarding Nelson’s presentation. First, COM often rents out facilities. The dive center, pools, fields, and Jonas Center all generate income and are offered to the community for rental use. However, PRAC commented that campus groups that benefit students directly (i.e. Umoja) should have priority access so that our facilities are being used first and foremost for equity. Though students do benefit from the money raised by rentals, that indirect benefit is not enough. PRAC will ask them to put out a schedule for requesting access to our facilities. PRAC will recommend that equity-intended campus groups have priority access. Also, PRAC has noticed that it is common for the CFO to have access to fast cash to do things quickly. It would be a problem for one person to have that kind of power without transparency. PRAC will ask for better accounting for this cash account. Senator Muller commented that in general, the department/area process of making requests for money is too difficult, comes too late in the year/semester, and should be made more transparent. March-April is the busiest time for instructors and department chairs and it would be much better to start the process in January. Senator Kreit said that the Educational Planning Committee had caught this when giving feedback to ICV. Their only objective is about generating revenue. EPC took issue with that fact and will be recommending an update. Senator King added that there appears to be a pattern at the college; decisions tend to be deferred until late in Spring or Summer when people are gone.
 - c. **Academic Standards (Rinetta Early)**— The ASC has finalized AP 5011 (Admission of High School Students). They changed the format so it flows more easily. They had concerns about BP 7250 –

ASC never had to review administrative BPs before. These now include AP 7120 -- Employment and Recruitment, and BP 7160 -- Professional Development. President Pasquel said that this must have been a mistake. Academic Standards should only get APs and BPs in the 4000s and 5000s. Professor Early reported that the only new AP was AP 5040 -- Student Records Directory Information. Those will be on the consent agenda next week.

d. Other Senate Subcommittee and Governance Committee Reports – No Reports

- VI. Invited Guests:** Tim Wat (Department Chair, Business) presented on his proposal of a partnership with Redlands University, where he is currently a sometimes-adjunct instructor in their graduate program. They have a campus in Marin in the old Seminary building in San Anselmo. The proposed program would create a path for business transfer students to complete two years at COM and receive preferred transfer to University of Redlands, with the option of one additional year at the San Anselmo location to get a Master's. Wat explained that the cost of tuition would be about the same as a state school. All undergraduate courses would be taught at COM. Some if not all the courses would be taught by COM faculty serving as adjuncts at Redlands (not employed by COM). Wat said that this would provide students with the experience of a small, affordable, private non-profit university, with small class sizes and individual attention, for which they would never have to leave the COM campus or drive further than the Seminary in San Anselmo. Wat reported that creating this program would begin with two MOUs. The first, which has already been signed by the trustees, outlines an agreement between COM and UOR to work together. The second MOU will cover accreditation and transfer. Jonathan Eldridge and his counterpart at Redlands have worked this out and hope it will go forward ASAP. Senators had many questions to which Professor Wat responded.
- a.** Senator Beattie asked why we would do this when we had previously instituted a similar program with Sonoma State. Professor Wat said he had never heard of anyone actually completing that program, and that it would be good to have options and to work with universities who were interested in partnership. One reason Wat advocates for working with U. of Redlands rather than, say, Dominican, is that UOR has done the work. They have similar partnerships with four other community colleges in Southern California. They have a template and experience. They will be in charge of recruiting the students. Senators also asked what would increase Redlands success over the under-used Sonoma program.
 - b.** Professor Wat said that all of their classes would be offered in a dedicated COM classroom, and that this was something in Jonathan Eldridge's domain.
 - c.** President Pasquel commented that COM already has an extensive high school outreach program. Her concern was that it would be inappropriate for a private university to interfere with that program, and that their activities would need to operate peacefully with current practices and programs.
 - d.** Professor Wat said he did not know how this would affect accreditation with WASC.
 - e.** There were some comments about money, financial aid, and costs to students. VP Coulson asked whether the "cost being the same as a state school" was for all four years or just the final two. The answer was only the final two. President Pasquel also wanted to know whether students would be eligible for federal financial aid at a private university.
 - f.** President Pasquel asked if Wat had plans to discuss this with UPM. Professor Wat said that the program would have no relation to the Union because teachers in the program would work for UOR and not COM. Therefore, any classes taught would not affect or be affected by FTE at COM. The Senate nevertheless recommended that Professor Wat speak with UPM. Senator Beattie also emphasized that Wat should talk to **counseling** to make sure there are no issues in that area.
 - g.** Professor Wat said that in addition to providing students with another transfer option and a local campus, the U of R philosophy is absolutely "sold out to" the notion of business used as a force of good for society, that they are weary of business being confined to concerns about corporate

shareholder interests and the “contemporary iteration of capitalism.” He expressed his desire to find a better way to bring up business leaders and instill in them the ethos that business should be used as a force for good in society – this would involve changing the way we teach accounting, business law, intro to management, etcetera. He has noticed that this is what College of the Redlands is attempting to do. They are rebranding their graduate school as The School of Business and Society. The U. of Redlands business school Dean expressed that they are very serious about making this change.

- h. President Pasquel asked how these partnerships benefit the schools they partner with. Professor Wat said he wasn't sure, other than occasional tertiary teaching opportunities for faculty as adjuncts at U. of Redlands. Mostly, it would provide just an attractive option for students. When President Pasquel followed up by asking what the benefit is for Redlands, Wat said that all private schools are struggling for enrollment.
- i. President Pasquel asked to see both MOUs (one was signed a month ago, the second will go before Board in May) and numbers related to the programs at other community colleges.

VII. **Consent Agenda (Dave/Kyle)** — Approved 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. ~~AP 4015: Distance Ed / AP 5011: Admission and Concurrent Enrollment / AP 1720: Employment Recruitment / AP 7160 Professional development~~

VIII. **Action Items** — None

IX. **Discussion**

- a. **AS Recognition Awards** — AS gives awards every year at this time to recognize people and groups who have made exceptional contributions to the college. Senators mentioned:
 - i. Counseling
 - ii. Facilities
 - iii. Umoja
 - iv. Covid Oversight
 - v. ESLN Registration Group
 - vi. Shook and Nicole
 - vii. Health Center
- b. **Academic Freedom** — deferred
- c. **Processes for new Academic Programs** — deferred

X. **New Business** — none

XI. **Adjournment:** 2:00 pm

XII. **Future business** — Meg will talk to Jonathan and UPM about Redlands. Maria is emailing Redlands to ask about tuition. Public funds to provide space to a private university is a red flag.