

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2022

12:45-2:00 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: None

- I. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda** — APPROVED and ADOPTED (Muller/King) by all Senators present.
- II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes of September 29, 2022** — APPROVED (King/Muller) by all Senators present.
- III. **Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items** — Kofi Opong Mensah – Professor Opong-Mensah apologized for not following procedure last week. He stated his opinion that the presentation by Professor Dunmire did not address issues affecting class cancelations made early for part time faculty members, specifically a course that was canceled four weeks before the deadline because the professor had been put on probation. He stated that as an African American professor he was concerned about discrimination, and advised the senate to use caution in its deliberations.
- IV. **Officers Reports**
 - a. **President (Maria Coulson):**
 - i. VP Dave King and President Maria Coulson will be on the sabbatical committee.
 - ii. Hiring committees search is ongoing. Kudos to Colleen Mihal for offering to serve on one.
 - b. **Vice President (Dave King) —**
 - i. Professional growth opportunities: ASCCC has a Faculty and Leadership Academy, which people should apply to for increased equity. A conference on Academic Freedom is coming up as well. Symposium on Part Time Faculty is also coming soon.
 - ii. ACCJC: There will be new accreditation standards for 2024. ACCJC is soliciting feedback – those working currently on the ISER would be knowledgeable resources for this.
 - iii. CCC Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley has resigned; the interim chancellor is Daisy Gonzalez. A new chancellor will be hired over the next year.
 - iv. Governor Newsom signed AB 1705 into law, tightening regulations of non-transfer class offerings that began with AB705.
 - c. **Treasurer (Patricia Seery) --**
 - i. **Senate Faculty Donations Account Balance:** 3897.48. The Senate currently receives \$115/month from faculty donations. Some people will be retiring and this amount will likely go down, so Treasurer Seery will draft a letter asking for donations.
 - ii. **Dues and Memberships Account Balance:** 1542.27. Treasurer Seery informed the Senate that she never received a membership invoice from ASCCC for the annual dues for the fiscal year 2022/2023; upon further investigation she was informed that the bill had been paid already, with a check signed by Greg Nelson. She will further investigate this confusing alteration in the normal procedure.
 - d. **Committee Reports –**
 - i. **Technology (Caitlin Rolston) –**
 1. Patrick Ekoue-Totou will TPC visit November 9th. Greg Nelson will be coming later in November to gather info for the ISER.

2. Preferred names, if they are not legal names, currently don't show up in Banner or email, which creates an issue of safety and equity if, for example, trans students have their "dead names" revealed to peers without warning. Students can change their name in Canvas and add correct pronouns and should be made aware of that by all faculty members. Non-legal names on email will be looked into, but nothing can be done about Banner because the legal name needs to be used for financial aid and other areas that would be vulnerable to identity theft issues or fraud.
 3. Classified staff want training in Adobe Sign and Microsoft for Flex.
 4. Regarding the Faculty Technology Survey, DEC will create a focus group on terminology. The upcoming technology survey will be divided into a series of shorter focused surveys. The first one will cover desktop equipment and software, coming soon to DEC and PRAC for approval and edits.
 5. The TPC also agreed on a response to the recommendations of the Techquity Ad Hoc Committee – 6 items from their list of 15 were technology-related and things that the TPC will look into. They are small and will either be possible or not. Several of the other recommendations were related to the pandemic and no longer relevant (because they had already been resolved).
- V. **Invited Guests — Reports from Faculty in re: ISER**
- a. Deferred
- VI. **ASC/CPC – Academic Standards Committee and College Petitions Committee - charge(s), definition(s), overlap, Process for APs/BPs.**
- a. The Academic Senate is allotted 10 units for Senate Officers and 15 for projects. Unfortunately, the Senate has spend more than that. It is unclear how this happened, but the contract now currently states that 10 units is the maximum for paid officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary).
 - b. Related to this, the Academic Standards Committee and the CPC are currently run be the same committee members. The ASC is a subcommittee of the AS, but the CPC (College Petitions Committee) does not fall within the 10+1 areas. According to the Senate website, the ASC must give weekly reports to Senate, which has not been happening. At a recent meeting, which Senator Perrone and President Coulson attended because they are now on the ASC, there was no one to chair and an administrator had to chair the meeting. President Coulson asked the Senate what should be done about these two combined committees and the three units currently designated to chair them. Should the Senate disentangle the committees? Should the chair be a Senator and give weekly reports? What are the charge and activities of the ASC, and how do these units get allocated? None of this is clear and all of it will be discussed further. President Coulson will look into what past Senators and Senate Presidents recall about when and why the current arrangement began.
- VII. **AP/BPs – The Senate (King/Beattie) unanimously approved of the following APs and BPs.**
- a. AP 5013; BP 4235; BP 5015; BP 5055; BP 5700; BP 7160; AP 4104
- VIII. **AP 4235 – Credit for Prior Learning – deferred.**
- IX. **Wrap Up/Future Business —**
- X. **Adjournment: 2:00 pm**

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