

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes
February 9, 2023

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

Topic	Notes
Agenda	Approved (Kreit/Wood) by all Senators present.
Minutes from 2/2	Revised and Approved by all Senators present.
Public Requests	None.
Officers' Reports	
President	
1. The COVID committee has disbanded. President Coulson feels that new attitudes that arose through COVID about not coming to school sick were a good thing, and would like to see these policies and attitudes remain.	
2. President Coulson sent the AS donation letter to Nicole and tested the system. It works! Senators should look for it in their emails and encourage friends to donate.	
Vice President – no report.	
Committee Reports	
Tech – Senator Rolston reported that the committee had met and still needs new faculty and a faculty chair. The survey link is here: https://marin.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7OGFxmTY00E062y . Senator Rolston asked all Senators to take the survey and give feedback.	
SLOAC – Senator Wood reported that they are working on curriculum mapping and more updates will be forthcoming.	
ISER	
Invited Guests, Cari Torres, Meg Pasquel – Reviewing the Standards	
VP Torres and Professor Pasquel passed out a rubric for feedback on drafts of the standards so that reviewers know what to look for and pay attention to. Senators gave feedback, asking for more specific language to describe “strong” evidence.	
COM Bookstore — Invited Guest	
Professor Gregg Grist explained his concerns about the bookstore being unreliable at best for students. He shared the case of a packet of supplies his students need for the beginning of physics and astronomy courses. The issue is ongoing and doesn't seem to be related only to a recent resignation and short-staffing problem at the bookstore. He asked if other faculty had issues and if the Senate wanted to do something about it, including possibly forming an ad hoc committee to explore solutions. He is currently being forced to send his students to another college's bookstore to buy protractors. Senators chimed in that indeed, there are many issues with the bookstore not ordering enough books, high costs, minimal hours, distant location from all campus activity, and confusion over what books to buy. Senators would like to know why the college has a for-profit corporation using college facilities to run a business that does not appear to successfully provide the services needed. Since BOG book grants, COM book grants, and some other financial aid can only be redeemed at the campus bookstore, students with the most need are disproportionately affected by this issue, making it a matter of access and equity. President Coulson has talked to VP Eldridge twice about the bookstore. Issues with Math haven't been as complicated as with Physics and Astronomy, but there are issues with costs. Can the bookstore be student-run? Campus-run? District employees? It should not be for profit. President Coulson will ask faculty for other issues related to the bookstore and asked that Senators seek out more information in their departments.	
APs/BPs	Approved with edits (King/Kreit)
AP 4100 – Graduation Requirements	Roll Call Vote:
BP 4021 – Program Discontinuance	Aye: Beattie, Coulson, Jones, King, Kreit,
AP 4021 – Program Discontinuance	Muller, Rolston, Schmidt, Seery, Wood
BP 4025 – Criteria for AS Degree and Gen Ed	Absent: Perrone, France
AP 4025 – Criteria For AS Degree and Gen Ed	Nay: None

Seery commented that the word “other” seemed outdated (other cultures). But this is Title V language.	
Wrap Up/Future business	HW: collect any complaints or experiences with the bookstore Set up a meeting with Union about UDWC and calls Faculty Evaluations
Adjourn	1:58

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