

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes
February 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM – [Zoom](#)

Senators Present: Wood, King, Seery, Kristin, Jones, Kreit, Coulson, Rolston, Schmidt, France, Beattie

Senators Absent: Muller

Guest: Tonya Hersch

Topic	Description	Motion/Second and Notes
Agenda	Review/Revise/Approve	Dave/Kristin
Minutes from 2/9	Review/Revise/Approve	Dave/Seery, Abstention: Perrone
Public Requests	Requests to address the Senate are limited to two minutes per speaker and 10 minutes total	None
<p>Officers' Reports</p> <p>President: The president reported that she had been to the Board meeting. She met the new student trustee, who was very enthusiastic, and it was refreshing. Susan Rahman gave a sabbatical report. There was also a Measure B update from the citizens' oversight committee. A member of the board wants a landscape committee at COM. The COM President will most likely request that Facilities take it on. Senators should let President Coulson know if there are any issues with giving Facilities that responsibility. President Coulson also wants to look at whether the Technology Planning Committee and Instructional Tech have too much overlap, and whether OER should be housed as a task force under Academic Senate or PRAC. There is money coming for OER.</p> <p>Vice President: College Council met last week. Members were told that the goal for a new president is to have a contract signed by September of 2023. President Coon's last day will be January 2nd, 2024, so there will hopefully be some overlap. The State Senate sent out update on the budget, and it is looking good for CCs. Academic Senate Plenary is coming as well.</p> <p>Treasurer: There have been two responses to the request for donations.</p> <p>Faculty Account Balance: \$4477.48 Other Supplies: \$440 College Funds for Supplies and Conferences: \$3,792 Dues and Memberships: \$4,400</p>		
Committee Reports	None.	
<p>Invited guest: Tonya Hersch</p> <p>Report on AB 1705: all HS grads planning to pursue certificate or degree shall be placed into transfer English and Math. We cannot offer pre-transfer math or English except ESL. The courses must satisfy degree requirements. We cannot <i>require</i> students to repeat anything they successfully completed in HS. This affects STEM and Math more than anything else. For ESL students, they can apply and enroll as noncredit to take courses that do not count for a degree.</p> <p>AP 4222: The edits are all required changes, using language that is legally required. Dean Hersch wanted the Senate's feedback on whether "area dean" should be the designated position that determines whether support will increase likelihood of passing, which will now be the requirement for taking remedial courses. Los Angeles CC used "curriculum development process." President Coulson and VP King stated that this is a 10+1 issue and it should not depend on any one person. The Senate will take the AP from here and provide the next stage of edits.</p>		

<p>Questions/discussion: Basic Skills has been eliminated and the language has swung back to “remedial.” Senators commented that this approach to basic skills education feels like trickle-down economics: sink or swim. We are taking away the life preserver.</p>	
<p>COM Bookstore — Continued Discussion – Gathering of stories</p> <p>President Coulson reported that she spoke to Greg Nelson as the bookstore is under his purview. He said he’d get rid of it if it was up to him. The Senate appreciates the sentiment from VP Nelson in terms of lowering costs for students. He will come next week to talk to Senate about it. Chabot just canceled their contract with Barnes and Noble. Rumor has it that their president supported this completely.</p> <p>Complaints about the bookstore at COM that were reported by faculty included the following: The bookstore doesn’t order enough copies. There is nothing in Novato at IVC. They added recommended items to textbooks when specifically not asked to. eFollet – there was a problem with correct editions, instructors were not told there was no order. Some received email that book orders weren’t in when they had already ordered. The College does not get a commission from the store since are in the portable. There is no recourse when there is no communication, because the bookstore has no district employees. The mark-up for STEM books is 30% or more. Art materials at the bookstore are far more expensive, and they don’t have supplies. The Art Department has had more luck inviting companies to come to campus. The hours of the bookstore are not helpful for weekend or evening students. The location is very far from the main campus activities. Publishers often offer discounts, but the bookstore marks everything way up.</p> <p>On the plus-side: The bookstore is a way to give students money through gift cards.</p>	
APs/BPs	<p>AP 4222 – Remedial Skills Coursework: The original intent of this AP was to prevent students from taking TOO MUCH. This is totally different. The senate determined that the body in charge of deciding whether remedial coursework would be likely to improve chances of passing should be “The Academic Senate or its designee.”</p> <p>AP 4102 – Career and Technical Programs --- deferred to next week</p>
Wrap Up/Future business	-Faculty Evaluations
Adjourn	2:00 pm

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