

College of Marin Academic Senate Minutes

March 30, 2023

Call to Order: 12:55 pm in AC303

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

Invited Guests: none

1. **Adoption of Agenda** — Adopted (Muller/Wood) by all Senators present.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from 3/16/2023 — Amended and Approved (King/Muller) by all Senators present.
3. **Public Requests** — none.
4. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. President Coulson reported about the Area B meeting last Friday. Many people have significant concerns about Zooming for meetings (the Brown Act) and AB1705. Some have identified that eliminating basic skills contradicts ed code. The Chancellor's Office guidance that came out in December did not consult any faculty. (Ed code says that CCs provide remedial education. Could this be fodder for a lawsuit if remedial education is eliminated?) Someone is putting forth a bill to remove student organizations from Brown Act, but didn't include faculty organizations.
 - ii. Jonathan Eldridge sent out a request on behalf of the bookstore asking faculty to adopt by April 15, but this request came too early. Canvas courses are not populated yet.
 - iii. Regarding the Tuesday storm, she wondered if it would be beneficial to have a Zoom option for emergencies, so you could stay home. This could open up other problems though. SRJC has built in fire days in their academic calendar.
 - iv. Senate elections are coming. We will have two meetings (to swear in the new Senate) in the final meeting in May 2023.
 - b. **Vice President** — early next week he will send out the call for nominations. Faculty have two weeks for that, and then voting will take place online. Terms are ending for Senators Kreit, Perrone, Seery, Rolston, Jones, Schmidt, and Muller. There are also 2 open seats for part timers and 2 open seats for full timers. Officers (Secretary and Treasurer) will also be elected in May. Webinars and institutes coming up this spring and summer:
 - i. **ASCCC:** [ASCCC Webinar: The Proliferation of Technology in our Colleges and its Impact on Students of Color](#), April 11th, 12:30pm-2:00pm
 - ii. **ASCCC:** [Spring Plenary: Making Space for Connection and Belonging As We Center Authentic Voices and Lived Experiences in the 10+1](#), hybrid event, April 20th-22nd
 - iii. **ASCCC:** [ASCCC Webinar: Proactive Planning for GE and Articulation Changes](#), April 26th, 12:00pm-1:30pm
 - iv. **ASCCC:** [2023 Faculty Leadership Institute](#), hybrid event, June 14th-17th
 - v. **ASCCC:** [2023 Curriculum Institute: Delivering on the Promise of Higher Education Through California Community Colleges Curriculum](#), hybrid event, July 12th-15th in Riverside/on Zoom
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **DEC** — Maria Coulson — 20ish legacy faculty need to get POCrd — coming soon. They are piloting Pronto chat in Canvas and surveying online students about DE, which they haven't done since COVID.
 - b. **PRAC** — Kristin Perrone — PRAC is hearing dept presentations and heard from Stormy Miller, Carol Hernandez, and Greg Nelson. The President will do his area next week. Academic Senate was mentioned in one of the presentations. Greg Nelson called Maria over Spring Break; he is finding funding for piloting book sets via the foundation and will ask college to match it. They may start with Calculus series in Math. There are some logistical issues -- the library can't handle more at the moment.
 - c. **SLOAC** — Logan Wood — SLOAC is working through program review. New member: Eric (business): As a part-timer, he was not included in program review, and wasn't informed about it. What if instead of a convocation speaker, we had additional time as a department to get info out to people? Senator Kreit: next semester will be David Wain Coon's last convocation so not just now, but maybe in the future.
 - d. **PLC** — The college doesn't know whether they got culturally responsive teaching grant, but district is moving forward with funding it anyway. There is a UDWC call for faculty to create training curriculum, for FT faculty

only due to the length of the call. Senators discussed again the fact that the Senate should have a say on UDWC.

- e. **EEO** – Alex Jones -- decided not to apply to the grant. Decided to use Nikki's EEO funds for classified to help support content and curriculum for a certification. Would be a 50% classified position, reactivating an old position, this will go to PRAC for approval, will put together a group, want classified senate's input on what that person would do.
 - f. **TPC** — Caitlin Rolston — IT is looking at adopting a new system for fiscal and human resources to replace Banner. This will not affect academic matters or registration. TPC heard reports of problems with Wi-Fi and computers and speakers not working in media in AC 303. Two FT and one PT faculty have joined the committee (Irina Roderick - Math, Hector Saez - Economics, and Jamie Terhune – ESL). Caitlin will be leaving the committee and current chair Grace Yuan has requested again that a faculty member step up as chair.
6. **ISER**: Standard II – deferred
 7. **Ongoing Opportunities** – deferred/none
 8. **APs/BPs** approved by roll call vote. Ayes: Coulson, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Muller, Perrone, Rolston, Seery, Wood.
Absent: Beattie, Schmidt. Nays: none.
 - a. ~~AP 6520 Security for District Property~~
 - b. AP 3710 Securing of Copyright: there was a copy/paste error, President Coulson will fix
 - c. BP 3710 Securing of Copyright: see above
 - d. BP 4225 Course Repetition: insuring should be changed to ensuring
 - e. AP 4225 Course Repetition: see above
 9. **Wrap Up/ Future Business** – none.
 10. **Adjourn**: 2 pm.