

College of Marin Academic Senate Minutes

April 27, 2023

Call to Order: 12:45 pm in AC303 and on Zoom

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

Invited Guests: UPM President Patrick Kelly; COM VP Jonathan Eldridge

1. **Adoption of Agenda** — Adopted (King/Seery) by all Senators present
2. **Approval of Minutes** 4/13 (Seery/Schmidt) — edited and approved by all except Senator Rolston who was abstained; and 4/6 (King/Seery) — approved by all Senators present.
3. **Public Requests** — none.
4. **Invited Guest:** Patrick Kelly, UPM — UPM President Kelly addressed the Senate regarding future collaboration between UPM and the Senate for UDWC calls that will distribute the Senate's non-officer units for special 10+1 projects and other work under Senate purview (for example, the upcoming units for a ZTC grant). President Kelly clarified the UPM Executive Council's support of a non-voting, advisory-capacity Senate presence before, during, and after UDWC interviews for these calls. President Kelly apologized for the tone and content of previous emails sent to President Coulson with copy to VP King, Jonathan Eldridge, and Marco Gonzalez, and for unexpectedly going back on what had been agreed upon by the EC, President Coulson, and VP King. President Kelly alleged "abuse" in the writing of UDWC calls and the work to fulfill them, to the tune of "millions of dollars." He underscored the importance of the optics regarding UDWC calls. He also stated that UPM struggled to fill the faculty UDWC seats and that there had been discussion about potentially even doing away with the UDWC, although this would require renegotiation since it is written into the CBA. President Coulson and Senator Muller expressed that any past working relationships or lack thereof between UPM and Senate should not be used as fodder for accusations against this Senate body. VP King expressed that the optics of President Kelly's emails were also of concern. UPM President Kelly acknowledged and agreed.
5. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **President:** Regarding the search committee for a new president of COM, faculty will fill three seats. President Coulson would like the Senate's input on those appointments. She will need to name five potential people by May 12th, after which three will be selected by the Board. Her preference is to cast a wide net and to choose volunteers with experience on hiring committees, perhaps using a survey to drum up potential interest. Availability during the summer is a requirement. President Coulson will apply. Senator France mentioned that equity and equity-mindedness should also be priorities.
 - b. **Vice President:** no report.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **SLOAC (Logan Wood)** — there is a new Program Review page on the SLOAC website. Senators should read it. President Coulson will put it on the agenda for 5/11.
7. **Office Job Descriptions** — VP King passed out a draft of descriptions for the positions of President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer.
8. **Aps/BPs:**
 - a. AP 4103 Work Experience — tabled
 - b. AP/BP 4070 Auditing; AP/BP 4300 Field Trips — Approved (King/Muller) by roll call vote.
 - i. Ayes: Beattie, Coulson, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Muller, Perrone, Rolston, Schmidt, Seery, Wood; nays: none; abstentions: none.

9. **Invited Guest: Jonathan Eldridge** — VP Eldridge will have a regular spot on the agenda to use as-needed.
- a. Today he notified the Senate that COM received the Culturally Responsive Pedagogy and Practices Grant. UDWC interviewees will hear soon. The Senate will be updated regularly, with Eldridge acting in a role of support and concierge. The grant will be run by the four faculty members awarded the units.
 - b. VP Eldridge also gave an update about a new approach for better, more timely communications regarding facilities. He will meet with VP Nelson about any issues that come up, including HVAC, IT, and cleanliness.
 - c. Senator Wood requested more collaboration and engagement with SLOAC and Senate, and mentioned the new webpage for Program Review. Cari Torres and Holley Schafer are working on that and the website can be changed at any time if there are concerns.
 - d. VP Eldridge gave kudos to a productive year for the Senate and expressed his confidence in the Senate's work.
10. **Review/Wrap-up** — nothing specific.
11. Adjourn — 2:04 pm.

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