

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

October 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

Senators Absent: Beattie // **Senators Present:** Coulson, Dunn, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Perrone, Rolston, Schmidt, Seery, Sethre, Wood // **Invited Guests:** Sarah Frye and Ron Oxford.

- I. **Agenda:** Approved (Wood/Perrone) by all Senators present.
- II. **Public Requests** — none
- III. **Minutes** 10/19 edited and approved by all Senators present (Schmidt/King)

IV. Officers Reports:

- a. **President:** deferred
- b. **Vice President:**
 - i. **ASCCC: Curriculum Area Meeting**, October 27; **Area Meetings** Friday, October 27 virtually or in person at SRJC; **Fall Plenary**, November 16-18, Costa Mesa; **Requests** [volunteer participation](#) in statewide service to various committees, work groups, and task forces both within our system and inter-segmentally.
 - ii. Faculty have complained about emails from VP advising on pedagogy with articles that do not pass the CRAAP test.
 - iii. Governor Newsom vetoed repeatability bill.
 - iv. Sara Malmquist-West gave updated presentation on legislative curriculum changes. Workgroup for aligning course numbers AB 1111. Would align more than course #s, also align titles, descriptions, content, and SLOs.
- c. **Treasurer:** Pretax donations to checking account will be suspended. About \$4500 will be moved to COM foundation to spend down on COM retirees. Senate will close the checking account. Prior donors have to sign off on stopping their donations.

V. Invited Guests: Sarah Frye and Ron Oxford on OER and LTP

- a. Library Textbook Program (LTP) — Librarians are gathering support to phase out the LTP. It has 11 courses, 21 sections, and provides 450 textbooks. It was successful, but over time sustainability of this program has become an issue. OER is becoming more prevalent and offers a more up-to-date, customizable, and free option. Instructors may be resistant to phasing this program out since they'd need to update curriculum again, but at this point it seems necessary due to rising costs, workload for staff, and book retention issues.
- b. XB-12. This is a new data element for CCC schedules. There will soon be a system of codes regarding textbook affordability from the CCC's office, including low cost, no cost, no materials, etc. This info will have to go into the system for all courses.
- c. Tons of new OER has been developed since COM started LTP.
- d. Need to make sure that the bookstore isn't offering students wrong or more expensive versions.
- e. Senate supports phasing LTP out, and President Coulson will invite Library folks back with Greg Nelson to discuss the new program.

VI. Committees

- a. PRAC: Approved PRIE and ECE FT hires. FT soccer hire didn't work out. Approved KIN with some recommendations. They will do Men's/Women's Soccer and Women's Basketball. New hires need to be able to teach because Kathleen Smyth is going to retire.
- b. DEC: President Coulson got an IR&D to pilot a dual-delivery course. It will meet once a week, and the rest of the coursework will be online asynchronous. Meeting format is flexible for students: they can attend once a week in person or on zoom. This is *not* hyflex because it's not simultaneous fully asynch/in person.

VII. Plenary Senate Resolutions: VP King had some questions he may ask at Plenary.

VIII. Superintendent president discussion — deferred.

IX. AP 4020 and AP 4255 Roll Call Vote — **Ayes:** Coulson, Cullen, Dunn, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Perrone, Rolston, Schmidt, Seery, Sethre, Wood; **Nay:** None; **Absent:** Beattie

X. Adjourn: 2:00 PM.

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