

Academic Senate Minutes  
College of Marin  
Meeting of November 16, 2023  
AC 303 and Zoom  
12:45-2:00 PM

**Senators Present:** Beattie, Coulson, Cullen, Dunn, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Perrone, Rolston, Sethre, Schmidt, Seery, Wood.

**Senators Absent:** None

**Invited Guests:** None

Topic	Description
<b>Agenda</b>	Approved (Perrone/Schmidt) by all Senators present.
<b>Public Requests</b>	None.
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes from November 9 approved (Schmidt/Perrone) by all Senators present.
<b>Officers' Reports</b> <b>President:</b> Shared information about high success rates across CC's of African American students near transfer. <b>Vice President:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ASCCC:</b> <a href="#">Fall Plenary</a>, November 16-18, Costa Mesa</li> <li>• <b>Webinar:</b> <a href="#">AB 928 ADT Intersegmental Implementation Committee Draft Report Update</a>, November 27, 2:00pm-3:00pm</li> <li>• <b>Webinar:</b> <a href="#">AB 1111 Common Course Numbering Draft Report Update</a>, November 27, 2:00pm-3:00pm</li> <li>• <b>Webinar:</b> <a href="#">Data, Open Educational Resources (OER), and Zero-Textbook-Cost (ZTC) Pathways: Using Research to Understand and Advocate</a>, December 1, 10:30am-11:30am</li> <li>• <b>Webinar:</b> <a href="#">Demystifying Competency Based Education (CBE)</a>, December 7, 12:00pm-1:30pm</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer:</b> Emails were sent to alert faculty about the cessation of donations. Faculty can now donate directly to the COM Foundation.	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	None.
<b>Revitalization:</b> Review of Revitalization reports and independent research activities. <b>Engineering:</b> Senate discussed the concern of low enrollment. Pathways need to be strengthened and mapped out. Suggestions include working with MESA, Machines and Mechanics. Bundling courses together could increase job eligibility. COM could also create a short marketable skills certificate.  <b>CIS:</b> CIS has cleaned up their certificates and discussed partnering with Business, Computer Science, and ESL. So far some concrete plans exist with ESL for in-person skills classes. The Senate expressed approval of foundational computer skills classes offered in person for ESL students. There is more to be done. One concern is that only one course is articulated for transfer. It is important that the department fix what they have. Some courses could be housed in other departments, such as Excel, which is mostly taken by Business majors.  VP King will pull the Revitalization AP as Senate's role and next steps are unclear.	
<b>Request from President/Superintendent</b> regarding the conflict and crises in the Middle East. The Senate discussed that they were not comfortable having no response at all, but were also concerned about their lack of expertise, students lack of background knowledge, and the tense emotions relating to the topic. Some faculty expressed that they had focused on defining terms and that they felt like any teach-in event would become highly politicized. On the other hand, instructors would like guidance on how to handle this and other difficult, polarizing topics in the classroom with compassion, empathy, and wisdom. They would also like the College to provide psychological support for students and staff in regards to this topic. Relevant flex sessions are in development for Spring.	
<b>AP/BPs</b>	None
<b>Wrap Up Future Business</b>	AP 4040
<b>Adjourn</b>	2:00 PM

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