

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

November 30, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

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

**Senators Absent:** Seery

**Invited Guests:** none

Topic	Summary/Action (Motion/2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Agenda	Approved by consent (King/Perrone)
Public Requests	None
Minutes	Minutes from November 16 – edited and approved by consent (Perrone/Schmidt). Senator Dunn was absent 11/16

**Officers' Reports**

**President:**

- There are currently 7 screening committees in progress for Spring 2024. The standard composition includes four faculty members, with one member from outside the discipline. There is an urgent need for faculty volunteers to serve on these committees. New faculty members are particularly encouraged to participate.
- Executive Committee of CCC Senate may send a representative to visit COM.
- The recent California state assembly bill AB1096 grants local decision-making authority regarding the language of instruction. The Senators raised a query about whether this decision applies to both credit and non-credit courses.

**Vice President**

- **Webinar:** [Data, Open Educational Resources \(OER\), and Zero-Textbook-Cost \(ZTC\) Pathways: Using Research to Understand and Advocate](#), December 1, 10:30am-11:30am
- **Webinar:** [AB 1111 Common Course Numbering Draft Report Update](#), December 5, 2:00pm-3:00pm <moved from 11/30>
- **Webinar:** [Demystifying Competency Based Education \(CBE\)](#), December 7, 12:00pm-1:30pm
- **Webinar:** [Destigmatizing Academic Probation](#), December 8, 10:00am-11:30am.
- **ASCCC Plenary:** [Final Adopted Resolutions](#)
- COM Academic Senate Constitution amendments passed, so we can update the website.
- Spoke with a faculty member re Gaza/Israel and brought to his attention professional development opportunities for conflict resolution, which Cara Kreit will put into flex and ProLearning.
- The Senate is invited to future President Eldridge's leadership meeting on Wednesday of Flex week in January. It is a 5-hour meeting with ~75 people, including lunch, at IVC.

**Committee Reports**

**PRAC (Kristin Perrone):** COM conducted a materials needs audit, presented by Tony from Fiscal Services. A thoughtful discussion took place regarding the hiring of a new faculty member in the Kinesiology department. After a vote, the committee approved the full-time hire. The decision was made to advertise for three coaching positions but to hire only two, a common practice in sports.

**Curriculum (Gina Cullen):** The CC reported the approval of a new welding certification. An update on CALGETC was provided, stating approval for areas 1, 3, 4, and 5 to remain the same. However, a decision on ethnic studies is pending. An ad hoc GE Committee, consisting of Gina, Sara, Grace, and Sheldon, will convene to make adjustments to general education requirements based on the new Ethnic Studies requirements. Following discussions and agreement with the UPM president, funds secured from the state will go into a call for work on ethnic studies. Minimum quals for ES must be met by participants, who will also sit on the GE Committee.

**ZTC (Maria Coulson):** COM will create a ZTC Anthropology pathway. Recognizing the need for streamlined coordination, the committee believes that a dedicated faculty member should take on the role of coordinating ZTC initiatives. This individual would serve as a central point of contact for various projects, grants, and related matters. Senate has the units and will work on putting out a call.

**SLOAC (Logan Wood)–** SLO reporting email went out to faculty. Senators are encouraged to tell their departments about the importance of reporting all classes in eLumen this semester. Curriculum mapping is another issue that people don't understand and/or are not completing. It should be simple and helpful — the idea is that we assess at the course and program level at the same time.

**Professional Learning (Cara Kreit)** – The flex proposals call is out. PLC recommended that funds for classified staff travel be increased (the cap is currently \$500).

**Review of Senate memos to CIS and Engineering**

- **ENG:** Senate will give some recommendations to Engineering with a timeline for updating plan before approval in spring 2024.
- **CIS:** Senators expressed concerns with some of the recommendations and parts of the report and will continue to discuss at our next meeting. TBD.

<b>Plenary</b>	Report from Fall 2023 Plenary	deferred
<b>AP/BPs</b>	TBD	deferred
<b>Wrap Up</b> <b>Future Business</b>	AP 4040	deferred
<b>Adjourn</b>		2:02 PM

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