

COLLEGE OF MARIN MINUTES
ACADEMIC SENATE MARCH 7, 2024
CALL TO ORDER: 1:15 PM AC 303

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

Senators Absent: None

Invited Guests: None

Topic	Description	Information Discussion Action
Agenda	King/Jones	
Public Requests	None	
Minutes	Jones/Perrone	
Officers' Reports: Deferred		
Committee Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Curriculum (Gina Cullen): Pickleball course approved; new ADT proposals will be heard; agreed to hear ADT proposal for Biology. Proposing an AT in Social Work which could impact Senate because might require a new discipline. Could partner with addiction and mental health workers in community. Perfect example of admin asking faculty and getting faculty interest.EEO Advisory (Cara Kreit): There is interest in doing a summit or retreat to address issues outlined in the EEO Plan.		
Debrief on WASC site visit and results: COM received a commendation and zero recommendations. Cari Torres received a standing ovation, and she gratefully acknowledged that none of it would be possible without faculty and staff on the ground doing the great work we were commended for and which was displayed in the ISER. The overall tearful reaction in the room after the WASC peer review team exited was one of pride and relief.		
Naming of New LRC Building: As moved by Senator France, seconded by Senator Rolston, the Senate will bring the following consensus to College Council on the naming of the new LRC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">We were just given a commendation from the ACCJC team for our equity-focused progressive work at the College of Marin. Society as a whole, in the 21st century is moving away from the practice of naming buildings after people. Even the Audubon Society announced in November of 2023 that it will be changing the English names of all birds that are named after people and instead looking to pick names that encompass the characteristics of the birds.The Senators have great respect and admiration for DWC as a person, but feel naming a building after him is problematic. We stand by our original recommendation that it be dedicated in his honor and that this dedication be noted on the building.Furthermore, to have three separate names seems superfluous. Building names should be helpful and descriptive so that members of the community both outside and inside the College share common language about this important location on campus.		
AP 7212 Temporary Faculty – Unanimously moved to the Board for approval (King/Jones) by all Senators present.		

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