

COLLEGE OF MARIN MINUTES
ACADEMIC SENATE MARCH 14, 2024
CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

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

Senators Absent: Dunn, France, Kreit

Invited Guests: Dean Lauren Servais, Arts and Humanities

- I. **Agenda:** Approved (Perrone/Wood).
- II. **Minutes from 3/7:** Approved (Perrone/Wood).
- III. **Public Requests:** Kathleen Smyth visited to comment that her recent experience of Program review was delightful and enlightening. She hoped that others take advantage of the PR facilitators, Yashica and Colleen, as well as the work done by Holly and Logan.
- IV. **Officers Reports:**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. Went to board meeting... see VP report on College Council. New LRC name was on their consent agenda but the meeting ran long so the results aren't known yet. Recapped the Exit Meeting for WASC visit. Much of what was praised has been instituted by the Academic Senate. At Board Meeting, President Coulson gave a shoutout to Cari and Meg and the board gave them a standing ovation.
 - b. **VP:**
 - i. College Council: President Coulson summarized Senate feelings on LRC names. Students agreed. Classified Senate also was concerned about 3 names. President Eldridge gave the board two different versions of a resolution:
 - New building is called the DWC CSS, internally referred to as CSS.
 - OR name it CSS dedicated in honor of DWC.
 - ii. Educational plan/Strategic plan – the College will be working on a new Plan. The nomenclature might change.
 - iii. Emails have been going out about efforts to engage alumni – this is for foundation/fundraising purposes.
 - iv. CTE Regional Consortia – North/Far North: March 27, Sacramento
 - v. Stanford Global Studies Professional Development: [Leadership Program](#) and [Faculty Fellowship](#) applications due April 1
 - vi. [ASCCC 2024 Noncredit Institute](#): May 2-3, Anaheim
 - vii. [ASCCC Plenary](#): Radicalizing Spaces of Possibility: Faculty Leadership in Vision 2023, April 18-20, San Jose
 - viii. [Curriculum Institute](#): Curriculum Unmasked: Revitalize, Revamp and Reignite!, Hybrid, July 10-13,
 - ix. Webinars:
 - [Rising Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee Office Hours](#), Wednesday, March 20, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m
 - [Equity in the Online Course](#), Wednesday, March 20, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m
 - [California Legislative Process 101](#), Wednesday, March 20 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- V. **Invited Guest: Lauren Servais**
 - a. COM has been approached about participating with SRJC/Skyline in a study abroad program — while the specific approach is for a program in Japan in 2027, there is also the

possibility of joining a consortium and further programs. Dean Servais wanted to consult with the Senate about how to respond. Senate approved that she should follow up and get more information, and that the possibility is of interest.

- SRJC belongs to a consortium (Los Rios, San Mateo, Contra Costa). Skyline has a passport office onsite and many study abroad opportunities.
- The known details are: The consortium works with AIFS to coordinate the program; they provide onsite support, housing, and enrichment activities. Student costs run around \$10K. COM would seek funding to help students achieve this. The program is 12 weeks. 1 faculty member from each college goes with the students; at the other colleges there are committees and application processes. FT faculty who teach in the program receive full release for a semester and teach 3 courses in their disciplines. Students take a full load and a cultural class specific to the country.
- The Senate gave Dean Servais the green light to gather more details and ask further questions. She will report back to Senate.

VI. Committee reports:

- a. **PRAC (Kristin Perrone):** Tonya Hersch made requests for 2 FT faculty in ESL (12 additional classes needed to accommodate demand; would save college money); 1 FT English IS is needed. Also asking for a FT Admin Assistant III. Also requested 10k for professional learning re: LGBTQ+, and 90k to start new AAPI learning community, APIDA, and 50k for Umoja for more counseling support and an HBCU tour. KIN requested a FT athletic trainer. Lauren Servais asked for small fund items like cataloging drama/performing arts materials, and 8 units because students have requested Italian. Dean Servais also alerted PRAC that a few communications instructors will retire in the next few years and more hires will be requested then.
- b. **SLOAC (Logan Wood):** SLOAC is redoing their website as well as the Program Review template, which will be brought to Senate.

VII. Treasurers Report: all funds have been transferred to the COM foundation, and all faculty contributions have stopped. Going forward, retirees will be honored with contributions to the emergency fund and a day of COM cupboard.

VIII. Program Review: In 2024-2025 the last group of departments will run through the new program review. It's not perfect but SLOAC wanted to let every department go through it before making further changes. To roll out a new template next year, design will have to start now. PR is a Senate matter. Cari Torres and President Coulson have discussed a timeline. Senate will need to discuss what PR is and what programs are included. SLOAC will need to determine whether the equity facilitators should be an ongoing position, and if there should be different or modified questions in the template. Senators had questions about non-instructional program review, and whether program review requirements are local, state-wide, or accreditation-related.

IX. Adjourned: 2:00 pm.

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