

COLLEGE OF MARIN MINUTES
ACADEMIC SENATE MARCH 28, 2024
CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

Senators Present: Coulson, Dunn, France, Jones, Perrone, Rolston, Sethre, Schmidt, Seery, Wood.

Senators Absent: Cullen, King, Beattie

Invited Guests: None

I. **Agenda:** Approved (Wood/Seery).

II. **Minutes from March 14:** Wood/Seery)

III. **Officers Reports:**

- **President**

- i. Common course numbering update: top 6 enrolled courses will be integrated first into new system.

- **VP (in absentia)**

- i. Union and Senate are both having elections this Spring. Senate's will be completed by last full week of April. A list of those up for re-election will be available soon.

IV. **Committee Reports**

- PRAC (Kristin Perrone): a scheduling error caused 4 presentations to be rushed in a 90-minute meeting. President Coulson spoke with the Interim VP about the time put into these presentations and their importance.

V. **PLC (Cara Kreit):** the Faculty PL Coordinator will now coordinate Faculty PL only; a newly hired Classified PL Coordinator will handle the other side. Caring Campus is active for classified staff. Flex proposals will be sought soon; all are encouraged to apply to present and to ask Senator Kreit for specific offerings they'd like to see. The new PL Center will be in the new building. President Eldridge had questions about the plan and wanted more detail since the task force has put in staffing recommendations that include a new Classified Professional Coordinator (Part-Time Position.)

VI. **CIS Discontinuance Committee**

- the Senate reviewed the recommendations by the committee, which include:

- i. Business degree required courses will move to Business.

- ii. Coordinating units moved to Business for help with formerly-CIS courses.

- iii. ESL will get some units for vocational ESL/Spanish computer skills courses, made possible by legislative changes allowing students to take classes in languages other than English without concurrent enrollment in ESL.

- Senator Wood (second: Schmidt) moved that these recommendations be forwarded to the appropriate parties and for the process to be finalized. Approved by roll call.

Ayes: Coulson, Dunn, France, Jones, Perrone, Rolston, Sethre, Schmidt, Seery, Wood.

Absent: Cullen, King, Beattie. **Nays/abstains:** none.

- Senator Jones suggested pulling the AP/BPs on Discontinuance, adding that involving deans from other areas was helpful and that the language and very word “discontinuance” might be changed.

VII. Work Experience

- Senator Jones explained that there have been Title 5 changes and updates to AP/BP 4103. Much of this was anticipated and the changes are already present in the CORs. There will no longer be two Work Experience options (General and Occupational): from now on, the units will be for Work Experience Education. Repeatability and units offered have also been updated. It now takes fewer hours to get a unit. 20 hours a week = 6 units per term. Students can repeat up to 16 semester units total. This change allows WE students to be half time students with 6 units, enabling them to qualify for other benefits and resources. In a roll call vote, the Senate approved a motion (Sethre/Wood) to approve the changes to the AP. **Ayes:** Coulson, Dunn, France, Jones, Perrone, Rolston, Sethre, Schmidt, Seery, Wood. **Absent:** Cullen, King, Beattie. **Nays/abstains:** none.

VIII. Future business:

- Elections are coming.
- Cara had mentioned that there is maybe no need for a treasurer. Senate can look at units for officers.
- Article 8 of the contract is being negotiated.
- Discontinuance and revitalization APs
- Senator Beattie wants us to look at Academic Renewal. Also: Probation — we can change it to be called Restoration as long as the AP indicates that “Restoration” is referred to as Probation in Ed. code.
- Bullying and harassment. Faculty want more guidance on how to deal with the significant post-pandemic uptick in:
 - i. “No contact orders” between students within the same class and implications on teaching methodology
 - ii. Bullying and harassment in the classroom (students targeting students as well as students targeting faculty/staff)
 - iii. Bullying and harassment in the workplace (by colleagues)

IX. Adjourn: 1:47 PM.

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