

COLLEGE OF MARIN  
Minutes  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
October 17, 2024  
CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

**Senators Present:** Maria Coulson; Rebecca Beal; Kyle Beattie; Gina Cullen; Dave King; Cara Kreit; Ron Oxford; Kristin Perrone; Caitlin Rolston; Patricia Seery; Ian Sethre; Logan Wood.

**Senators Absent:** Kevin Muller, Alex Jones

**Invited Guests:** Jon Horinek

- I. **Agenda:** Approved (Oxford/Sethre)
  - II. **Minutes:** Approved (Kreit/Seery)
  - III. **Public Requests:** Professor Meg Pasquel expressed concern about the proposed contract and certain items within it related to 10+1. She specified concerns over the new evaluation forms and duties that now seems to be mandatory for PT faculty; chairs duties and the language used to describe them (“reimagining”); as well as changes to RWL, OWC, and TLC coordination. She encouraged the Senate to spread the word and perhaps provide a forum for discussion.
  - IV. **Officers’ Reports:**
    - a. **President:** Hearing from a lot of people about contract, but will save that for discussion. There was a Board meeting on Tuesday, which included a 90 minute campus tour led by Paul De Silva, as well as an update on capital projects.
    - b. **VP:**
      - i. **ASCCC Area B Meeting:** Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Short resolutions packet.
      - ii. **ASCCC Hayward Award.** “Honors faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional excellence in teaching and professional activities while showing a deep commitment to their students, profession, and college.” Nominations for Area B due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Conferences & Learning Communities**
- iii. **[AI 4 Learning Network](#):** January through May 2025. Deadline to apply is October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. **[COLEGAS Conference](#):** November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.
- Webinars:**
- v. **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** [Fall Common Course Numbering Support](#) (ASCCC)
  - vi. **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** [Fall Common Course Numbering Support](#) (ASCCC)
  - vii. **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00pm-1:00pm:** Empowering Voices: The Role of ASCCC Caucuses and Liaisons in Academic Governance (save the date)
  - viii. **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm:** [Fall Common Course Numbering Support](#) (ASCCC)
- V. **Invited Guest:** Jon Horinek attended the meeting to discuss two items.
  - a. Academic Renewal: ed code says that the third time taking a course, if failed, cannot be renewed (removed from GPA). If students are petitioning to take your class, it is their third time. They would need to pay extra attention and drop before the W date.

- b. Certificates of Achievement: COM could change 16 units to 8 units for the minimum required for a Certificate of Achievement, but federal ed code says that federal aid needs 16 unit minimum. We could have certificates with fewer units but not call them Certificates of Achievement. These would be Skills Certificates.
- c. Expressed his love and appreciation for Senate, how he enjoys looking into ed code, and coming to talk to us about it.
- d. Moved (King) to approve BP 4100. Roll Call: Ayes — Beal, Beaty, Coulson, Cullen, King, Kreit, Oxford, Perrone, Rolston, Seery, Sethre, Wood.

**VI. Committee Reports:**

- a. **DE** (Maria Coulson): more people NOT teaching DE using Pactorio than believed. College is considering Respondus (a more simple lock-down browser) as an alternative.
- b. **PRAC** (Maria Coulson): off-cycle request from Nursing. New members, getting up to speed, looking at template, program review process.
- c. **Curriculum** (Gina Cullen): substantive changes from Drama from Lisa Morse. Turning 110 (History of Musical Theater) into a more diverse, decolonized direction. New GE pattern will be presented next Thursday.
- d. **College Council** (Dave King): Reported on how parts of the PGS plan are not being followed. GRC is re-imagining the PGS process. Got GRC and PGS as standing items at CC. Representing Academic Senate, updated on Cal-GETC, progress despite misunderstanding and confusion outside faculty, and the re-imagining of program review questions, as well as Senate's anticipation of another follow-up on screening committees. Expressed faculty concern about confidence in PGS.
- e. **PLC** (Cara Kreit): Equity and Mental Health symposium is happening now. 150 people attending, mostly from the county. Going well with some dynamite speakers. Duane Big Eagle did a panel in August, offering a follow up on Oct 30 with a Q and A. He is currently a consultant for the college on native perspectives. It would be great if faculty attended to support. There will be a zoom option and the panel will be during Community Hour.

**VII. Contract:** The Senate discussed the process and product of the proposed UPM contract. The role Senate should take (in terms of providing a forum or other action) was determined to be quite limited, but Senators had questions and a desire to discuss them with representatives of the bargaining team, without jeopardizing relationships between the two bodies or the larger collective-bargaining process. A space will be left on next Thursday's agenda for the possibility of more discussion and potential invited guests. In the meantime, Senators discussed encouraging colleagues to read the contract and forms carefully.

**VIII. Adjourn: 2:00 PM**

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