

COLLEGE OF MARIN
Minutes
ACADEMIC SENATE
October 31, 2024
CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

Senators Present: Maria Coulson; Rebecca Beal; Gina Cullen; Dave King; Cara Kreit; Ron Oxford; Kristin Perrone; Caitlin Rolston; Patricia Seery; Ian Sethre; Logan Wood; Kevin Muller; Alex Jones

Senators Absent: Kyle Beattie

Invited Guests: Sara Malmquist-West

- I. **Agenda:** Approved (Muller/King)
- II. **Minutes:** Approved (Muller/Perrone)
- III. **Public Requests:** Maria Coulson announced that Senator Alex Jones had a baby, and showed a picture. The Senators expressed their joy and congratulations with the customary *oohs* and *aahs*.
- IV. **Invited Guest: Sara Malmquist-West in capacity as GE committee chair.**
 - a. Title V was updated and there is a new pattern for local degrees. She provided updates on work COM has done (see PPT for more details). Local degrees mean not-for-transfer.
- V. **Officers' Reports:**
 - a. **President:** HR has reached out asking about recruiting for screening committees for Spring: Biology, Physics and Astronomy, Kinesiology, ESL. There will also be new hires in Ethnic Studies/History, and Drama. New hiring instructions make the task of those sitting on screening committees far more burdensome, and President Coulson is not confident that she will be able to continue placing three discipline experts on every faculty hiring committee, or a faculty member on every staff hiring committee.
 - b. **Vice President:**
 - i. **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 15th.

Conferences & Learning Communities

- i. **AI 4 Learning Network:** January through May 2025. Deadline to apply is October 15th.
- ii. **COLEGAS Conference:** November 5th and 6th in Sacramento.

Webinars: Thursday, November 14th, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Fall Common Course Numbering Support](#) (ASCCC)

- VI. **Bookstore:** The Senate discussed further concerns about the AP not having been followed and confidence in this process. Eresa Puch emailed and asked Senate to do a faculty survey before November 8. Follett has agreed to stay only until April. President Coulson consulted President Eldridge, explaining that the AP says there needs a committee, the Senate doesn't represent or communicate directly with all faculty, the student voice is important, and that constituents haven't been consulted. He said COM will negotiate with Follett so we have time to form the committee.
- VII. **Program Review:** SLOAC submitted revised questions for Senate review in response to letter from Senate President that was sent out to all committee that support program review. Senate will review the questions at a later date. There is plenty of time and no urgency to finish this; the current questions can be used in the meantime. Maria will investigate non-instructional program review, as this remains somewhat mysterious.
- VIII. **Plenary Resolutions:** President Coulson will attend the ASCCC Plenary via Zoom, and anyone who wishes to join her is welcome. Several resolutions of note were discussed, mainly those related to the bookstore issue: one encouraging transparency and automatic billing, and another encouraging colleges to fund and print and required lab manuals. Another resolution about using outcomes rather than objectives in COR was discussed, and finally a resolution about moneys for common course numbering to go to people working to make the changes, not purchases of new equipment.
- IX. **Adjourn** 1:57.