

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes

November 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

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

Senators Absent: Alex Jones

Invited Guests: Jon Horinek

- I. **Agenda** approved (Muller/King).
- II. **Minutes** amended and approved (King/Muller).
- III. **APs/BPs and Invited Guest:** Jon Horinek attended to resolve questions about the meaning of “term” and “substandard grades.” In the APS, “term” should be understood, not semester. Summer is included. 3 failed attempts, including a W, mean the third attempt cannot be renewed at COM, but it could be excluded if taken elsewhere. W is a substandard grade. **APs 4240 and 4225 approved (King/Muller) by roll call.**
Ayes: Beal, Beattie, Coulson, Cullen, King, Kreit, Muller, Oxford, Perrone, Rolston, Seery, Sethre, Wood.
Nays: none. **Absent:** Jones.

IV. Officers Reports

- a. President: Banner 9 will roll out this summer. There are positive and negative changes; Jon Horinek is working on fixing problems found by the test group. The Board participated enthusiastically in an exemplary, interactive presentation about Umoja Equity Institute from Yashica Crawford and Colleen Mihal. The Board approved UPM’s new contract. Dr Muller gave his sabbatical report, which the Board received with much interest.
- b. VP:
 - 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.
 - ii. **ASCCC Resolutions.** [Adopted Resolutions](#) from Fall Plenary are available.
 - iii. **November Rostrum:** *Exploring the Impacts of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education* is available [online](#).
 - iv. **Conferences & Learning Communities**
 - v. **[AI in Education Academic Academy](#):** February 20th-22nd in San Diego. (ASCCC)
 - vi. **Webinars:**
 - vii. **Wednesday, December 11th, 12:30pm-1:30pm:** [Destigmatizing Academic Probation: Moving from Punitive to Supportive Language & Practices](#) (ASCCC—Sara Malmquist-West)

V. Committees

- a. College Council (Dave King): Mentioned lack of response college-wide about elections, and an email went out subsequently. The Bookstore debacle was also brought up at the meeting. President Eldridge met with Maria Coulson and assured her that there is no rush because Follett has agreed to stay, at the College’s expense, for another year and a half. Planning needs to begin now, regardless. President Eldridge has told Maria Coulson to work with VP Harrison.

- VI. **OER/ZTC.** VP Harrison has told President Coulson that a call is needed for the position (which will probably not be called “coordinator” due to confusion over the term and its meaning in the contract). Ron Oxford wrote a job description after reaching out to colleagues at other schools, signaling that 3 units should cover the position, and grant money should be sought out only after someone has this position. CSEA had concerns because the position was previously assigned to a classified staff person, but no FTE’s are lost and it is clearly a 10+1 curriculum matter. President Coulson explained explicitly to President Eldridge that

the College's hesitance to resolve this matter is of utmost importance for student equity and if an executive order is not forthcoming, the Senate will consider using Senate special project units to pay for the position.

- VII. **AP 4020: Curriculum.** The language about chairs and nonvoting resources was stricken. Language now specifies that the curriculum chair shall be selected by Senate. Language about units and credit hour calculations in new courses is from contract. AP 4020 approved by roll call (Muller/Sethre) as amended.
Ayes: Beal, Beattie, Coulson, Cullen, King, Kreit, Muller, Oxford, Perrone, Rolston, Seery, Sethre, Wood.
Nays: none. **Absent:** Jones.
- VIII. **Plenary Resolutions.** [Adopted Resolutions](#) from Fall Plenary are available.
- a. 10502: Encouraging funding for printing lab manuals. Senates work with colleges to allocate funds when only barrier for ZTC. President Eldridge has said this will not be a problem.
 - b. AB 1705: some changes will go into effect July 1st 2025. Half a dozen resolutions about how this affects STEM. For example, most students will now be placed directly into Calculus 1.
- IX. **Future Business:** Call for flex proposals went out. Part time flex hours are due at the end of the semester. List goes to VP. Faculty are needed for hiring committees, as always. Senate will review AP on Academic Probation in the Spring.
- X. **Adjourn:** 2:00 pm.