

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes

December 5, 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; Kevin Muller; Ron Oxford; Kyle Beattie; Patricia Seery

Senators Absent: Alex Jones, Logan Wood

Invited Guests: None

- I. Agenda Beal/Seery
- II. Minutes: Beal/Seery
- III. Public Requests: Professor Dave King, in his capacity as professor and co-chair of Governance Review Council, read a statement on his concerns that the District was considering not supporting the Puente Program at College of Marin, and had not yet consulted Academic Senate or PRAC. He enumerated concerns over the support Puente provides to Latinx students, a traditionally underrepresented and under supported population in higher education and the college, as well as a process he believes to have violated principles of participatory governance and Title 5. He called upon Senate to affirm its commitment to Puente and shared governance, and formally called upon the district to reimagine its willingness to support the program and the process by which it comes to a final decision.
- IV. Officers' Reports:
 - a. President Coulson: New accreditation standards are imminent; COM should model Program Review after the new standards. VP Emerson called President Coulson to ask what she knows about Puente. There has been consternation. VP Emerson promised to take the matter to the District Executive Council.
 - b. VP King: Webinar next week hosted by Sara Malmquist-West on de-stigmatizing academic probation. Wednesday from 12:30-1:30.
 - c. Committees:
 - i. DEC (Maria Coulson): State has redefined online asynchronous, synchronous, hyflex and hybrid. There has been pushback across the state regarding the definition of these terms. Hybrid no longer is defined as in-person. Faculty want to be able to teach on Zoom.
- V. General updates:
 - a. OER/ZTC, Bookstore -- Senate was given the green light and put out a call for a position. The UPM Exec had an issue with the call being too directed (specific). A task force has been formed to determine the future of the bookstore, with the goal of a recommendation to the District about how to proceed at the end of current agreement, which expires June 2026. The goal is for a solution that promotes equity and innovation and is sustainable. The group will meet monthly in 2025 except June and July. They are advised to create actionable solutions and need two faculty members to serve.
 - b. PGS and Hiring Committees – Finding people to serve is proving challenging. Managers on committees appear to be getting swapped around as well.
 - c. New District Safety Committee does not fall under PGS. Similar to IDEA and Policing Advisory Committee. There is also Union-District safety committee. Union thinks this is their purview because of an old Union committee. This one is a legislated committee under SB 553.
 - d. Officer Duties and Release Time – AS should possibly have an officer or senator in charge of APs. We have 10 units for officers and 15 units for projects. SLOAC and Curriculum fall under projects. We have 6 additional units.
 - e. Board Meetings: Senators discussed need to present highlights of learning communities at upcoming Board meetings, including how to get that on the agenda and the fact that student voices would be best.
- VI. Adjourn: 2:00 PM