

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes

January 23, 2025

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; Ron Oxford; Kyle Beattie; Patricia Seery; Alex Jones

Senators Absent: Kevin Muller

Invited Guests: Cari Torres

- I. **Agenda:** approved (Kreit/Wood) by all Senators present
- II. **Minutes:** edited and approved (Kreit/Wood) by all Senators present at last meeting (Wood abstaining). Senator King requested the word “discontinuing” to “not supporting” be changed in the second line of the description of the public comment last meeting.
- III. **Public Requests:** none.
- IV. **Officers Reports:**
 - a. **President** (Maria Coulson): President Coulson reported that she is behind on reviewing AP's. She attended two **board meetings** over the break, at one of which she read a statement about the contributions of Stormy Miller Sadia and Tonya Hersch to the College. Board members thanked her. The second Board meeting was about capital projects. The number of community members who complained about the pool's temperature and mechanical issues caused President Coulson to reflect upon the nature of the input the Board receives about the College, and the importance of attending meetings, making comments, and reporting to the Board. Further items at the Board meetings included a Consent item to pay a consultant for fostering Native American community relationships, but no new dean job description (which had been promised for January). **ZTC** call went out, but was subsequently canceled by LMC. For now, the OER librarians will be expected to do the work in their regular hours. Sarah Frye and Lauren Servais will come to next Senate meeting to discuss. 3. Has received 3 lengthy emails from general council. One about AP today, another about brown act, another on contract and units. We have 5.5 units to play with.
 - b. **Vice President:**
 - i. **ESCOM:** [ESCOM Connects](#) hopes to support faculty and students in credit classes. [ESCOM](#) as an opportunity for retired adults to join clubs, attend guest lectures, and stay active.
 - ii. **November Rostrum:** *Exploring the Impacts of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education* is available [online](#).
 - iii. **C-ID:** Science faculty needed to join Faculty Discipline Review Groups to review C-ID descriptors. Interested faculty should fill out a short [survey](#).
 - iv. **Conferences & Learning Communities**
 1. **[AI in Education Academic Academy](#):** February 20th-22nd in San Diego. (ASCCC)
 2. **[Noncredit Regionals](#):** March 1st in San Francisco. (ASCCC)
 3. **[Spring Curriculum Regionals](#):** March 14th at Folsom Lake College. (ASCCC)
 4. **[Part-Time Faculty Institute](#):** April 10th-12th in San Diego (ASCCC)
 5. **[Spring Plenary](#):** April 24th-26th in Irvine (ASCCC)
 - v. **Webinars:**

1. **Wednesday, January 29th, 3:00pm:** [ZTC 2025 Allocation Overview](#) (ASCCC)
2. **Tuesday, February 11th, 9:30am-10:30am:** [Enhancing Diverse Faculty Engagement through Effective Communication](#) (ASCCC)
3. **Wednesday, February 12th, 12:00pm-1:30pm:** [Empowering Educators: Navigating AI in the Community College Classroom](#) (ASCCC)

V. Committees: deferred

VI. Invited Guest: AVP Cari Torres. Accreditation standards have changed. The new standards should be COM's program review template.

- a. Senate compensates PR facilitators and the SLOAC coordinators, all within PR. SLOAC doesn't function in the same way as other committees, and does not need to be a subcommittee of the Senate. Senators discussed the idea of discontinuing SLOAC as a committee and instead rearranging Program Review Facilitators in different categories: equity, SLOs, etc. **SLOAC: Logan Wood:** elumen will not be supporting their assessment module anymore. They are moving to Insights which is housed within Canvas. There would be a learning curve, and also several benefits. Moving it would mean having support, but the transition would be a challenge. Another option is to find a new system, but keep eLumen for the curriculum side (scheduling, etc). If we don't switch over we won't be able to get support. The decision must be made this semester; next year is an assessment year. President Coulson will draft a statement on re-imagining SLOAC and the Senate's support moving forward.
- b. The Senate discussed creating a standing Accreditation Committee with representation by classified, faculty, admin. The committee might adopt a tri-chair model, shown to be a best practice at other schools, and report directly to College Council. It would not fall under PRAC. Cari will consult GRC for approval of the concept; if approved, the Senate will draft the charge and composition, which would be by virtue of position rather than random application. Regular updates to College Council and the Board were emphasized as well.

VII. AP AP 7212 TEMPORARY FACULTY: General Council Mia Robertshaw sent this revision because of issues with screening committees desiring to offer PT Pool positions to candidates not selected for FT positions. Concerns: 1. Concept would be beneficial, but Senators had questions about who makes this decision and when. Hiring for the PT Pool needs to be done with faculty from the department. VP of HR will be invited back to Senate for further discussion.

VIII. Adjourn: 2:01 pm.

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