

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes

February 13, 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; Kevin Muller; Ron Oxford; Kyle Beattie; Patricia Seery, Alex Jones, Logan Wood

Senators Absent: None

Invited Guests: Carol Hernandez, Beth Patel, Cara Kreit (as coordinator of PLC)

I. Agenda: Reviewed and approved (King/Perrone).

II. Minutes from 6 February 2025: Revised and approved (Sethre/King).

III. Public Requests: None.

IV. Officers' Reports:

a. **President:** Will present updates to the Board, addressing the importance of 10+1.

i. The Senators reviewed 10+1 and discussed the importance of remaining within the scope of their roles and responsibilities.

b. **VP**

i. Attended a meeting regarding new ARG application and process (formerly known as IR&D). Raised questions: Why there is no Senate representation on the ARG committee? Why there is no Senate input on professional development leave? These are academic matters, not just workload or compensation. VP King also raised concerns over administrators holding positions on committees that, according to 10+1, should be under faculty control. VP King noted that while UPM isn't bound by 10+1, the district is.

ii. **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. [A2MEND 18th Annual African American Male Summit](#): March 5th-7th in Los Angeles. Scholarships available.
4. [Navigating AI Together: A Community College Unconference](#): March 7th at Foothill College (BACCC)
5. [Spring Curriculum Regionals](#): March 14th at Folsom Lake College. (ASCCC)
6. [Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference](#): April 10th-12th in Oakland. Scholarships available.
7. [Part-Time Faculty Institute](#): April 10th-12th in San Diego. (ASCCC)
8. [Spring Plenary](#): April 24th-26th in Irvine. (ASCCC)

iii. **Webinars:**

1. Wednesday, February 19th, 6:00pm-7:00pm: [Introduced Bill Overview](#) (ASCCC)
2. Thursday, March 13th, 12:00pm-1:300pm: [Teaching and Learning with AI Bots](#) (ASCCC)

V. Committee Reports

- a. **GRC (Dave King)** Feedback showed faculty concerns that decisions are being ignored, and a survey will be sent. Cari attended to discuss the Accreditation committee proposal.
- b. **OER & ZTC (Ron Oxford)**: Ron proposed a survey to go out to faculty and chairs.
- c. **DE (Maria Coulson)**: The call for DE Coordinator is out; AVP Torres requested Senate input via committee for hiring the new coordinator.

- VI. PLC: Invited Guests Beth Patel, Cara Kreit, and Carol Hernandez:** Presented a draft of a report on the new center in the new building to enhance faculty and staff collaboration and professional learning. A task force, informed by research from Beth's 2019 sabbatical, is completing plans for the center's design, staffing, and governance, including a possible tri-chair model. The center will include office space for training and incorporate existing PL coordinator positions in leadership, as well as existing programs such as FDIP. It will incorporate mentorship and orientation programs. The goal is to create an inclusive, transformative space that benefits both faculty and classified staff and increases a sense of professional community amongst employees on campus. Senators were concerned that rotating administrators in the center might not be the best way to support it, and that an administrator might be of better use if, by virtue of position, the AVP of Instruction were assigned to the PLC. The committee will revise the report.
- VII. Employee Engagement Survey:** Maria Coulson was the only faculty member to attend this meeting. She encouraged Senators and all faculty to attend the next meeting, which will be a repeat of the same information shared.
- VIII. APs/BPs:** Voting deferred due to time constraints.
- a. **AP 4100 (Graduation Requirements):** Gina Cullen had Jon Horinek review the requirements.
 - b. **AP 4250 (Probation):** President Coulson presented the document, noting that sections marked in red refer to probation while those in green indicate a shift from "academic probation" to "academic restoration."
- IX. Individual Reports/Future Business:**
- a. A retired faculty member requested that the gift in their honor be redirected away from the Senate-designated funds supporting COM students. Senate donations in honor of retirees are always given to either the Student Emergency Fund or CoMCupboard.
 - b. HR response to resolution.
- X. Adjourned:** 2:01 pm.

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