

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes

March 06, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

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

Senators Absent: Rebecca Beal

Invited Guests: Meg Pasquel, Cari Torres-Benavides, Jon Horinek

- I. **Agenda:** Approved (Seery/Perrone). Item order changed to accommodate invited guests.
- II. **Meg:** Professor Pasquel informed the Senate about the Spencer Vision Grant, an opportunity she was been invited to join, as per new Senate procedures. Jonathan Eldridge has already sent the letter of intent; the invitation was last minute. If awarded, the first stage would entail an interdisciplinary team at different levels working across the country. The grant proposal is to look at ethical and equitable outflow and inflow of AI in higher education and create a framework for use at the district level. COM would be a grade 12-14 partner. This first stage is an exploratory grant, which, if awarded and completed successfully, would then make the grantees eligible to apply for the 3.5 million follow up. At that point it would involve the school, but right now it would only be Meg, who won't be paid anything. There would be a needs assessment. COM would convene local stakeholders which would include high schools.
- III. **Minutes:** Edited and Approved (Wood/Oxford).
- IV. **Public Comments:** None.
- V. **Officer's Reports:**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. The Senate probably cannot change the name of Probation because it is Title 5. See discussion below.
 - ii. The subject of rentals and college activities and courses taking priority has come up again. President Coulson stated that it would be worth reviewing the AP, and will ask if she can pull it.
 - iii. President Coulson advised that she is considering resigning from PRAC. A designee could serve in her place as co-chair, and does not need to be a Senator.
 - iv. AVP Torres, who is the administrator that oversees DE, invited a few people to be a part of the panel to interview candidates for DE Coordinator. After receiving approval and following suggestions made by VP Emerson, she asked Senate to appoint someone (Pres. Coulson), and included Jessica Park from DEC and Stacey Lince the instructional designer. After the interviews were scheduled, the night before the first interview, the team was informed of new instructions from GC Robertshaw, who said that AVP Torres had to do the interviews alone and could not include others.
 - v. Common course numbering continues, with a third convening of faculty to help write templates.
 - b. **VP**
 - i. **Common Course Numbering:** Phase III Convening is coming up.
 - ii. **Conferences & Learning Communities**
 - [Navigating AI Together: A Community College Unconference](#): March 7th at Foothill College (BACCC)
 - [Spring Curriculum Regionals](#): March 14th at Folsom Lake College. (ASCCC)
 - **[Spring Area B Meeting: March 21st \(ASCCC\)](#)**
 - [Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference](#): April 10th-12th in Oakland. Scholarships available.
 - [Part-Time Faculty Institute](#): April 10th-12th in San Diego. (ASCCC)
 - [Spring Plenary](#): April 24th-26th in Irvine. (ASCCC)
 - iii. **Webinars:**
 - Tuesday, March 11th, 11:00am-12:00pm: [Data Literacy 101: Research Platforms For California Community College Course & Faculty Data](#) (ASCCC)
 - Thursday, March 13th, 12:00pm-1:300pm: [Teaching and Learning with AI Bots](#) (ASCCC)

- Friday, March 14th, 10:00am-11:00am: [Empowering Equity: Exploring ASCCC IDEAA Tools for Inclusive Learning Environments](#) (ASCCC)
- Tuesday, March 18th, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Rising Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee Hours](#) (ASCCC)
- Wednesday, March 26th, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Common Course Numbering Support Office Hour](#)

VI. Committees

- SLO coordinators (Logan Wood):** The group met; ESLN and CTE have participated. It will be challenging to have one Program Review template that works for everyone. They are working on it with no major updates.
- OER (Ron Oxford):** A survey went out to faculty asking who is using OER or ZTC not listed on the course schedule. 38 courses were identified. 14 beyond that are not offered this semester. This is deemed excellent progress and indicates that the College is saving students significant amounts of money.
- Curriculum (Gina Cullen):** CC heard four presentations for Career Education. Dental will lower their student units, saving students time and money. ECE wants to reactivate some courses. Fire wants to do CPR class, half unit. MMST wants to change from an Entertainment Certificate to Game Design. This presentation prompted questions, so they will return.
- GRC (Dave King):** Looked at revised Accreditation Steering Proposal. GRC said it looked good. It's 10+1 so at Senate today. Next it goes to College Council. Survey developed on PGS will go out from GRC. Feedback is being sought so they can self-evaluate the PGS system. All qualitative. It is anonymous and confidential.

VII. Noncredit conference (Patricia Seery):

The general tone of the conference was that NC is the future of community colleges. Not every student at CC is here to transfer. The vast majority are here to enrich themselves or get certificates. There was an emphasis on the need to create pathways from NC to C. Bills and money supporting NC are active now at state level. We need expanded support services to grow NC offerings, such as embedded tutors, counselors, transport, food security, childcare. Also discussed:

- a model of 8 week scheduling for NC classes
- internal evaluation of international transcripts
- classes in Spanish, like for example sociology
- centralization of NC programs on campus.
- inequity in pay also came up, which COM has already overcome
- Vision 2030 Roadmap for CCCs. It's all about equity and mobility, meeting students where they are, dual enrollment, CPL to veterans and working adults, working with CBOs for training low income, and multimodal offerings.

VIII. Invited Guest Jon Horinek:

- Probation AP 4250. Regarding a change in terminology in the AP: if there are no citations of Title V, it can be changed. The word "probation" sounds punitive. But is universally understood and is in Ed Code. It is very easy for Horinek to change in Banner, but he cannot do so because it's in Ed Code. It also in the student profile. We could change our actions rather than the terminology. 200-300 ss go on probation every term. We could change the language of the communications sent to them, we could put a hold on their account until they speak with a counselor or attend a workshop. The Senate discussed and agreed, and discussion will continue.

IX. Invited Guest Cari Torres:

The Senate reviewed a revised Accreditation Steering Committee Proposal (ASC). She had made some relatively minor changes. The proposal now lists that the committee will determine composition of ISER group. She re-organized the charge and responsibility. The senate approved and determined that this proposal falls directly under #7 of 10+1. It should go directly to the Board from Senate. From GRC it goes to College Council. *Dave King moved to approve the proposal by acclamation. Muller seconded. Opposition: none. Approved by unanimous acclamation.*

X. Program Review:

COM is not ready for new template in Fall. Logan Wood is lead for SLO coordinators. There are four SLO coordinators and two PR equity facilitators. The group meets biweekly to discuss progress across campus in the PR process. President Coulson proposed taking a break for a year while the new process is developed. Senate could use units to reshape the PR template and put a group together that will be charged by the Academic Senate to make a plan, develop the new template and timing, and report back.

Chairs who've gone through it would be a great resource. Senators wondered what the senior VP's role in PR will be. *Discussion to be continued.*

XI. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **AP/BP 3260** was accidentally sent to College Council. COM does not ask anyone to work on any kind of leave. *Approved (King/Muller) by unanimous Acclimation.*
- b. **7212:** VP Harris is still working on it; *deferred.*

XII. **Adjourned:** 1:56 pm.