

COLLEGE OF MARIN MINUTES

ACADEMIC SENATE

May 1, 2025

12:45 PM – AC 303

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

Senators Absent: Kyle Beattie

Invited Guests: Meg Pasquel on behalf of EPC

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- I. **Agenda:** Approved (King/Perrone)
 - II. **Minutes:** Minutes from 24 April 2025 Approved (Jones/Muller)
 - III. **Public Requests:** None
 - IV. **Officers' Reports**
 - o **President** (Maria Coulson).
 - i. Attended ASCCC Plenary last week. General sessions included Q and A with the Chancellor. President Coulson and Senator Cullen attended sessions on Title 5 changes, AB1705 and STEM programs. One session of note was on regular substantive interaction in DE, for which COM already has solid DE protocols.
 - ii. Noting Mi Familia Coordinators call went out.
 - iii. A meeting of the Senate with Jonathan and other administrators is scheduled for next week, May 9th.
 - o **Vice President** (Dave King): Elections results are in. Voter turnout was up to 25% but down from 33% at the all-time high since we've been digital. [April 2025 Senate Rostrum](#) is out. Upcoming webinars and conferences include:
 - i. Friday, May 9th, 10:00am-11:00am: [Empowering Equity: Exploring ASCCC IDEAA Tools for Inclusive Learning Environments](#) (ASCCC)
 - ii. Wednesday, May 14th, 9:00am-10:00am: [Prioritizing Mental Wellness: The Power of Emotional Regulation for Faculty](#) (ASCCC)
 - iii. Thursday, May 15th, 9:00am-4:30pm: [Accessibility Workshop: Highlighting Global Accessibility Awareness](#) (CCCO)
 - iv. [Curriculum Institute](#): July 9th-12th in Ontario (ASCCC)
 - V. **Committee Reports**
 - o **SLO Coordinators** (Logan Wood): Spoke about the next assessment cycle and discussed looking at course level first and then program level data after that. Some programs award so few degrees that the data is not helpful. Course level outcomes are most relevant to do every other year. Alex Jones asked if there a way to ID students who declare another major, so you can see how declared majors are doing in specific programs and classes, to encourage programs to talk to each other (nursing students taking math, etc.). Senators agreed that this would be useful data.
 - o **GRC** (Dave King): GRC is completing a report with highlights and recommendations for PGS. It should be finished next week, and then GRC will send it to College Council and rest of PGS committees by end of semester. Some committees have deep concerns; others have clear ideas about strengths and issues. Patterns across PGS have also been identified. Also working on GRC self-evaluation as model for other PGS committees to begin next year.
 - o **PLC** (Cara Kreit): The call is out for FLEX proposals, closing end of next week. Jonathan Eldridge will come to PLC to talk about convocation. The Professional Learning Plan is coming. A lot for faculty will be pulled from the EPC plan. On the classified side, classified staff are asking for managers to spell out goals for training of managers.
 - VI. **10 + 1 Standing Item:** Deferred.
 - VII. **Plan 2030: Invited Guests — All faculty from EPC were invited to attend. Meg Pasquel and Senator Wood are on EPC and in attendance.**
 - o PRIE Director Shafer shared a Power Point presentation about the Educational Master Plan (EMP) with the Senate on 4/24. Because Senators had some concerns and questions about the process and

content, faculty from EPC were invited to share their experience and hopefully fill in some of the gaps. All faculty were invited; Meg Pasquel and Senator Logan Wood were at the meeting.

- o The faculty shared concerns about a few specific instances of coming to consensus, and at the next meeting, some agreed-upon content being changed. One example was the inclusion of Artificial Intelligence in the EMP. The question of who has the authority to include or exclude items in the plan was discussed.
- o Senators shared concerns that the Senate has not seen the actual plan and did not get the PP presentation in advance of the Senate meeting.
- o At this time, the Senate does not endorse nor approve the Plan.
- o President Coulson will agendaize the EMP for our next meeting, ask for a copy of the actual EMP, and work with VP King to share concerns about process and content.

VIII. Senate Calls: Review of Senate calls for Fall. Maria worked with Cari to expedite the process and create calls. They have gone to UDWC to check the workload.

- o SLO/Program Review Working Group (4.5 units total): Pausing instructional program review to look backwards and forwards. Senate will take SLO and PR units to create a PR working group (not a subcommittee). Calls are for up to 4 people, 3 at 1 unit each, with one person to be the lead at 1.5 units. The group will meet weekly, talk to Chairs, establish a cycle and calendar, recommend a process, and identify what will be used in PR template and process. Senators commented that leadership experience in PR and SLO analysis would be a good requirement for the awards.

IX. ZTC/OER

Senator Ron Oxford shared the following updates:

- o The \$120k Anthropology project is moving forward. An additional \$300k in funding is available, but a plan for two new pathways must be proposed by tomorrow's grant deadline.
- o A review of existing ZTC courses has begun, with efforts to align them with degree pathways. The Communications pathway is complete and ready to be marketed. Dayna Quick is developing two Geography courses that would create a full pathway. Faculty in the relevant disciplines need to be contacted for pathway approval. ECE is halfway there and has strong OER resources. Business Administration is a possible backup, though more complex.
- o The new pathways don't need to be finished until Fall 2027.
- o More GE options are needed—particularly in Ethnic Studies, Arts, and Humanities.
- o Lauren Servais is writing a call for proposals focused on ECE, Geography, GE, and faculty using the library textbook program.
- o This work aligns with Plan 2030, offering a concrete, measurable way to advance equity and sustainability goals.
- o Senator Oxford recently presented to the State Senate on ZTC. Only two colleges, including COM, currently have board policy on OER/ZTC.
- o A Senate and ASCOM resolution would be beneficial.

X. AP/BPs (deferred)

- o BP 7210 Academic Employees
- o AP/BP 4250 Probation
- o AP/BP 4255 Dismissal and Readmission

XI. Individual Reports, Future Business (deferred)

XII. Adjourned: 1:58

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