

**COLLEGE OF MARIN**  
**Academic Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Date:** 10/16/2025  
**Location:** AC 303  
**Call to Order:** 12:45 PM  
**Adjournment:** 2:01 PM

**Senators Present:** Cullen, Beattie, Coulson, Muller, Kreit, Beal, Russell, Finlayson, Perrone, Sethre, Wood, Rolston, Oxford

**Senators Absent:** None

**Invited Guests:** Dr. Dana Emerson, Dr. Jonathan Eldridge, Cari Torres

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**I. Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion:** Muller/Kreit
- **Motion carried**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion:** Muller/Kreit
- **Abstention:** Caitlin Rolston
- **Motion carried**

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**III. Senate Projects**

**Invited Guest:** Cari Torres, Senate Budget Manager

- Calls close on Monday. Positions include one for Information Officer and two for the AP/BP workgroup.
- All current Program Review members reapplied, and one new person expressed interest.
- Units are available to support four members plus a lead. Senators agreed this would be acceptable but decided to wait until the call closes to finalize appointments.

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**IV. Officers' Reports**

**A. President (Coulson)**

- Reported meeting with the College President regarding the Environmental Responsibility AP/BP and Instructional Programs.
- The first week of November has been removed from the Senate meeting calendar.

**B. Acting VP (Cullen)**

- **Data Literacy Webinars**
  - [Data Literacy Workshop Series | ASCCC](#)
  - Session 2: Interpreting Data with an Equity Mindset
    - Date and Time: Friday, October 31, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  - Session 3: Connecting Data to Decisions & Building a Culture of Data-Informed Equity
    - Date and Time: Friday, November 14, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **2025 Curriculum Regionals Meeting: Laney College** October 29 9-3 Registration is complimentary. October 22
- [Fall Curriculum Regional Events | ASCCC](#)
  - **Listening to Lead: Amplifying the Student Story Through Focus Groups**  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025  
**Time:** 3:00 - 4:00 pm (PDT) [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
  - **Bridging the Gap: Helping Students Translate Competencies into Career Success**  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 - 2:00 pm (PST)  
[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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**V. Invited Guests (Dr. Dana Emerson and Dr. Jonathan Eldridge)**

**Dr. Emerson:**

- Discussed the **GE pattern at IVC** and how to broaden COM's instructional footprint there.
- Novato Unified has identified potential scheduling gaps that COM could address by offering courses aligned with the CalGETC transfer pattern.
- Meetings are planned with district representatives on Monday to explore these opportunities.
- Suggested possible offerings in **Communication, English, Math, Art, and Ethnic Studies**, focusing on daytime sections.
- Discussed possible scheduling formats (MW/TR, Friday, or evening courses).
- Noted that new offerings may initially have low enrollment, but emphasized the long-term goal of meeting student needs.

**Dr. Eldridge:**

- Reported that IVC enrollment never reached early projections, but new strategies are emerging.
- **Building 17** (housing for Fire Academy students) is near completion.
- **Building 12** will serve as a student center.
- The **Board will vote soon** on contracting **Pink Owl** to operate the Kentfield café.
- Announced a **\$10 million matching grant from the Jay Pritzker Foundation**. COM will receive the funds upon raising a \$10 million match; \$2 million has already been secured.
- **Bookstore:** Senator Beal inquired about plans for the bookstore. COM will continue with Follett until a new model is developed. Plans include moving the bookstore to the current SAS location and relocating Police Services to the former bookstore space. The “Bookstore and Beyond” group will determine future directions.

**C. Discussion Items**

- **ZTC/OER:**
  - Senator Oxford inquired where a future ZTC or Educational Technology Committee might be housed.
  - Eldridge stated that the Participatory Governance System (PGS) allows for such a committee if proposed.
  - Coulson noted that Senate’s prior OER plan was reassigned to the Library without consultation.
- **Environmental Responsibility AP/BP:**
  - Senators discussed removing the bullet points to streamline the policy language.

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**V. Administrative Procedures and Policies**

- **AP 7350 – Minors and Other Dependents on Campus:**

Discussed at College Council. Topic concerns employees or students bringing children to campus. The Senators were concerned that perhaps specific problems had provoked language in the AP, but wondered if the exact wording was necessary for insurance and liability purposes. Further review planned.
- **AP 4020 – Curriculum:**

Senate reviewed and made preliminary edits. Additional changes are planned next week, particularly related to SLO language.

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**VI. Announcements and Other Reports**

- **AI Discussion:** Cara raised a concern regarding Dr. Emerson’s comment about AI tools that “read papers and give feedback.” Dr. Emerson is leading a high-level AI initiative; Senators requested clarification.

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**VII. Adjournment**

**Time:** 2:01 PM

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