

## College of Marin Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday October 30, 2025

**Call to Order :** 12:46

**Location:** AC 303

**Present:** Kristin Perrone, Alex Jones, Gina Cullen, Maria Coulson, Luna Finlayson, Ian Sethre, Ron Oxford, Kevin Muller, Logan Wood, Rebecca Beal, Caitlin Rolston

**Absent:** Cara Kreit, LyRyan Russell, Kyle Beattie

**I. Agenda: Approved** (Oxford/ Perrone).

**II. Minutes of October 23**

- **Approved** (Oxford/Perrone)

**III. Public Requests**

- None

**IV. Officers' Reports**

**President:**

- After consulting with Acting VP Cullen and Senator Jones, President Coulson and Senator Jones met with HR on Friday to address ongoing concerns related to Equivalency processes and outside parties' interference.
  - President Coulson outlined a series of formal requests she made to HR calling for investigation, clarification, and stronger institutional support for Senate processes and for her professional standing.
  - She emphasized the need for accountability and transparency from HR in communicating its support for the process and its correct execution, stating she is pausing participation in further Equivalency reviews until meaningful action is taken.
  - Senator Jones added that related communications and disruptions have raised potential procedural issues for the Academic Senate, and that HR needs to respond promptly to prevent further Academic Senate delays.
  - President Coulson asked if HR saw any issues with any equivalency determinations (violating the law and/or procedure) and the answer was no.
- **FART (Federal Access Response Team):**  
Essentially the COVID-19 response coordination group, includes key administrators, all unions, and both senates. GC Robertshaw is preparing an advice memo for faculty to be released soon. President Coulson has been the only faculty member present in both meetings. She notified UPM leadership that she is not comfortable speaking on workload-related issues in that context.
- President Coulson requested a private tour of the new building for the Academic Senate and suggested dedicating a full Senate meeting to the walkthrough.
- No Senate meeting will be held next week due to the statewide Plenary (Cullen and Coulson attending).

**Vice President:**

- Webinars carry over from prior weeks:
  - **Data Literacy Webinars** [Data Literacy Workshop Series | ASCCC](#)
    - 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.
  - **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](#)

**V. Committee Reports**

- **SLO Coordinators (Wood):** Announced the upcoming SLO Symposium (free, online — [Zoom link](#))
- **Bookstore and Beyond (Oxford):**
  - Decision needed by December; current contract extends through June 2026.

- Repro can handle much of the printing for ESL materials.
- They can accept checks but lack a point-of-sale system.
- Discussion included possible use of Square for sales and identifying a pickup location for students if textbook distribution moves online.
- **Curriculum:**
  - Presentation on ADTs and other degrees.
  - Approved Drama course updates.
  - Consent agenda included several Film course changes designed to better align the Film and Communication programs.

#### **VI. SEAP**

- Deferred

#### **VII. Library**

**Invited Guest:** Sarah Frye

- Provided an update on the move and ongoing library services.
- Discussed the future of the coordinator position and outlined concerns related to the new building design — specifically, the lack of security gates and doors.
- Staffing remains below state-recommended levels for the current student FTE ratio.
- Senators raised concerns about open access to the building on weekends and after hours without staff presence or secure entry points, as well as concerns about middle school students entering the space during their lunch break or after school to use facilities such as the café area (Pink Owl).

#### **VIII. 10 + 1**

**Stories from the field -- NA**

#### **IX. AP/BPs**

**AP 4230 – Grading and Record Symbols:**

- The FW grade has been removed.
- There has been a request to consider adding F+ and F- as possible grading distinctions.

#### **X. Individual Reports**

- NA

#### **XI. Future Business NA**

#### **XII. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at: 1:49