

COLLEGE OF MARIN
ACADEMIC SENATE — Minutes
January 29, 2026
Call to Order: 12:45 PM — AC 303

Senators Present: Dave King, Kristin Perrone, Gina Cullen, Maria Coulson, Luna Finlayson, Ian Sethre, Logan Wood, Ron Oxford, Kevin Muller, Rebecca Beal, Kyle Beattie, Caitlin Rolston, LyRyan Russell, Alex Jones

Senators Absent: None

Guests Present: Lauren Servais, Stormy Miller Sabia, Ingrid Kelly

I. Agenda: Edited and approved (Oxford/Wood).

II. Minutes: Revised and approved (Wood/Oxford).

III. Public Requests: None.

IV. Officers' Reports

President

- Announced ribbon cutting scheduled for the following Wednesday; David Wain Coon and family will attend.
- Reported on meeting with Dave King, Meg Pasquel, and HR regarding equivalency. EQ process is moving forward.

Vice President

- Reported concerns regarding the new building related to space and signage, with potential implications for faculty roles under 10+1; there is currently a six-month moratorium on space changes, including moving desks and partitions, which could cause issues for student access to services.
- Cited Title 5, noting the Academic Senate as the official spokesperson for faculty.
- **OERI:** [February newsletter available](#)--ZTF feasibility study, OERI discipline leads wanted
- **Conferences & Learning Communities**
 - [WebAIM Accessible Document Trainings](#), February 2nd-April 29th cohort open for registration.
 - [19th Annual African American Male Student Success Summit](#), March 5th-6th in Long Beach. Accepting scholarship applications for faculty.
 - [Curriculum Regional Meeting \(Area B\)](#), March 14th at Evergreen Valley College. [Survey](#) about topics to cover.
 - [Artificial Intelligence and Academia 2026](#), March 19th-21st in Costa Mesa. Calls for proposal open until 1/30.
 - [Spring Plenary](#), April 9th-11th in Santa Rosa.
- **Webinars**
 - Monday, February 2nd, 1:30pm-2:30pm: [Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Being an Open Educational Resources Initiative \(OERI\) Discipline Lead but Were Afraid to Ask \(AKA OERI Discipline Lead Information Session\)](#)
 - Thursday, February 12th, 12:00pm-1:00pm: [Planting the Seeds of Systemic Change: Incorporating IDEAA in Faculty Evaluations](#)
 - Thursday, February 19th, 10:00am-11:00am: [Realize the Pride: Panel Discussion with CCC Faculty Equity Practitioners](#)
 - Friday, February 20th, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Effective AI Prompting for Educators](#)
 - Monday, February 23rd, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Minimum Qualifications and the Disciplines List Process: Faculty Stewardship of Academic Standards](#)

- *Monday, February 23rd, 3:00pm-4:00pm: [Follow Up Office Hours: Minimum Qualifications and the Disciplines List Process](#)*
 - *Wednesday, February 25th, 12:00pm-1:00pm: [Transparency in Practice: The Brown Act and Recent Legislation](#)*
 - *Wednesday, February 25th, 3:00pm-4:30pm: [The Counselor's Role in a Changing Landscape: Technology, Equity, and Vision 2030](#)*
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V. Distance Education

Invited Guest: Ingrid Kelly, DE Coordinator

- Professor Kelly gave an overview of concerns on the DE Committee regarding current organization of technology governance and committees at COM, and a desire to restructure to increase efficiency and instructor input in educational hardware and software that isn't necessarily DE.
 - DEC frequently receives requests that are not distance education–related.
 - The Senate discussed current committee structures and purviews, as well as potential restructuring, including the possibility of an instructional technology committee; at other colleges, DE committees fall under PGS. Any restructuring would need to be done in consultation with PGS, PRAC, and involve the current Technology Planning Committee.
 - The memo drafted by Kelly and the DE committee indicates a need for more support, staffing, and budget.
 - Noted federal compliance requirements regarding all documents with an April deadline — this deadline should incentivize the District to act soon.
 - VP King will try to schedule a meeting with the Vice President prior to next College Council meeting.
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VI. SEA Plan

Invited Guest: Lauren Servais

- Reported that in the 2022–25 plan, all equity groups were elevated; the latest plan identified specific groups (e.g., Black/African American, LGBTQ).
 - Impact has been difficult to document because COM hasn't been collecting data on all the equity activities.
 - Acknowledged that Learning Communities support students, though impact has not been systematically measured.
 - Reviewed state priorities, including completion of transfer-level math and English within the first year.
 - Senator Cullen commented on the need for collaboration, champions, and clearly identified responsibilities for implementation.
 - Going forward, Stormy Miller Sabia, who has recently returned to COM, will oversee such efforts in her new role as AVP of Counseling and Student Services
 - The Senate thanked Dean Servais for stepping in to complete this work after other resignations.
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VII. Committee Reports

PRAC (Maria Coulson)

- President Coulson reported concerns regarding PRAC processes following a recent meeting.
- Noted that developments occurred without consultation with her (the PRAC Vice President).
- Reported ongoing difficulty obtaining agendas and minutes, and sudden identification of six PRAC criteria not previously reviewed by her.
- Requested a procedural change requiring budget managers to submit draft proposals in advance to allow adequate review time.
- Requested coordination of scheduling with Policing and Public Safety.

- Reported that a potential Accreditation Steering Committee, which had approval by Academic Senate and PRAC was denied by President Eldridge; the decision was not provided in writing.
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VIII. Equivalency

- Reviewed AP 7211, AP 7212, and potential EQ Committee bylaws.
 - HR approved all changes discussed in Senate; status in the administrative queue is unknown.
 - Five Senate faculty will serve on the committee, with three needed for quorum; Senate President will select from the five based on need and availability.
 - Committee will be advisory; procedures remain unchanged.
 - To be continued.
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IX. Individual Reports

None.

X. Future Business

- PRAC Co-Chair items listed for future resolution.
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XI. Announcements

- President Eldridge and Vice President Emerson will attend the next meeting.
 - Senators encouraged to bring forward concerns.
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XII. Adjourned: 2:00 PM

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