

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

Senators Present: Maria Coulson, Dave King, Caitlin Rolston, Cara Kreit, Kevin Muller, Kristin Perrone, Alex Jones, Luna Finlayson, LyRyan Russell, Logan Wood, Ian Sethre

Senators Absent: Ron Oxford, Gina Cullen, Kyle Beattie, Rebecca Beal

Guests Present: Holley Shafer

I. AGENDA: Edited and approved; Resolution moved to top of agenda (Wood/Perrone).

II. MINUTES: Minutes from February 5, 2026 revised and approved (King/Kreit).

III. PUBLIC REQUESTS: None.

IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: DEFERRED.

VICE PRESIDENT

- **FSPC:** Chair is exploring building and custodial issues.
- **Joint Statement on Academic Freedom:** Reached out to UPM President last Friday and waiting to hear follow up.
- **Conferences & Learning Communities**
 - [Noncredit Regional Meetings](#), February 27th at Laney College. Registration deadline February 23rd.
 - [WebAIM Accessible Documents Training for CCCs](#), March 2nd-May 27th cohort accepting registrations.
 - [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. Scholarships available.
 - [Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education](#), April 12th-14th in Anaheim. Scholarships available.
- **Webinars**
 - Thursday, February 19th, 10:00am-11:00am: [Realize the Pride: Panel Discussion with CCC Faculty Equity Practitioners](#)
 - Tuesday, February 17th, 1:00pm-2:00pm: [Leading Without a Title: Authentic Leadership in Shared Governance](#)
 - Wednesday, February 18th, 4:00pm-5:00pm: [Governor's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget Overview](#)
 - 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](#)
 - Tuesday, February 24th, 12:00pm: [The Next Chapter in AI: Integration and Best Practices](#)
 - 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](#)
 - Friday, February 27th, 12:00pm: [The Next Chapter in AI: Integration and Best Practices](#) ("Deep Dive")

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRAC (Maria Coulson)

- February meetings canceled and then reinstated. The faculty cochair was not consulted. Ongoing organizational and communication concerns noted.
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VI. RESOLUTION — ACADEMIC SENATE 10+1

- A resolution affirming Academic Senate rights, responsibilities, and authority was approved by acclamation (Muller/Russell).
 - Resolution to be read at upcoming Board meeting, scheduled for 3:45 PM, Senators encouraged to attend.
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VII. INVITED GUEST — PLAN 2030 (HOLLEY SHAFER REPRESENTING EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE)

1. Holley Shafer presented an update on Plan 2030, which was approved by the board but has not been published yet in its final form for implementation. There has been a slower start, with some stewards having met with their teams and others yet to do so. The implementation teams ought to all have already convened, but district turnover has caused a few delays.
 2. The EPC is looking to hear from teams and others on campus to make recommendations for year 2, which could be carry-overs from year one or revisions to goals and scope.
 3. The stewards, appointed by President Eldridge, are meant as facilitators, supported by coordination leads, and responsible ultimately to the Board, with EPC acting as a monitor.
 4. EPC needs more faculty, and would especially benefit from a counselor and ESL faculty. Meetings are bimonthly for 2 hours on Monday, from 2-4 pm.
 5. Senators emphasized that one of the tenets of integrated planning is that everyone invest in this plan for 5 years, but that the Senate has not been consulted and no Senators have been contacted or heard about implementation of any area of the Plan. GRC has also not been contacted about the Plan either.
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VIII. PROGRAM REVIEW: Senator Logan Wood explained that the PR coordinators have been seeking feedback on the new template, but due to low morale caused by recent PRAC funding rejections, the group is encountering difficulties. They reached out to President Coulson, and are now considering the fact that PR is a Senate matter, specifically #9 of 10+1. Senators discussed how the AS could have more control, seek feedback from GRIT and PRAC, review the charge, and develop a process that is housed in Senate. Senate has the advantage of reporting directly to the Board, and thus can assure accountability and support for faculty during the process. The discussion moved toward the topic of PRAC, which might benefit from a tri-chair model, with both Senates and a VP or manager from Finance as in other colleges. Senators agreed this would be a substantial change at COM but is worth considering. Senators discussed the possibility of a resolution regarding Program Review, and/or a subcommittee, noting that the Senate is well-positioned to take it on because the units and coordinator positions already exist. Perhaps this will be a topic for next semester.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DEC AND INGRID KELLY'S MEMO AND REQUEST

- Senators discussed Kelly's prior request of a new or consolidated committee to field all College technology issues. VP King has investigated IEC and TPC. Many options exist, but Senators King and Coulson now recommend forming an **Instructional Technology Task Force** which would review the above-mentioned memo as its charge, possibly recommend a new committee, or changes to the charge of DEC, IEC, and TPC.
 - The task force would complete a needs analysis and audit of current committees, then make recommendations.
 - Of note: some multi-college districts have DE at the district level, under PGS rather than Senate.
 - COM could potentially pause DEC, and invite current DEC committee members to constitute the task force along with other relevant constituents. The next step will be to discuss with administrators to determine how this could proceed.
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X. **FUTURE BUSINESS:** AP on Professional Development got on College Council agenda, to be reviewed by Board, without Senate approval. AP will be pulled and reviewed by Senate. Recommended changes may arise regarding per diem rates and receipt requirements for per diem food and travel. College of Marin is unique in its low per diem rate as well as the requirement of presenting receipts for meals.

XI. **ADJOURNED:** 2 PM.