

COLLEGE OF MARIN  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
Minutes  
February 19, 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, Ron Oxford, Gina Cullen, Kyle Beattie,

**Senators Absent:** Rebecca Beal

**Guests Present:** Stormy Miller, AVP of Counseling and Student Services

I. **AGENDA:** Edited and approved (King/Muller)

II. **MINUTES:** Minutes from February 12, 2026 revised and approved (Muller/King).

III. **PUBLIC REQUESTS:** None.

IV. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT:** VP King and President Coulson went to the Board meeting. Coulson gave an update on Equivalency and read the Senate Resolution on Rights and Responsibilities/10+1.

Coulson and King also met with Classified Senate leadership in a productive and collegial encounter. Classified Senate is experiencing difficulties making committee appointments. Both Senates agreed that strong leadership in shared governance could motivate more service. The two Senate leadership teams agreed to meet again and offer mutual support and encouragement.

**VICE PRESIDENT**

- **DEC Recommendation:** Sent the DEC memo to VP Emerson, CC'ed Ingrid Kelly and Maria Coulson. Senate supports the idea in general, but not all items mentioned are 10+1. VP King requested that admin take leadership and stated that Senate has ideas to contribute.
- **UPM President on Joint Statement on Academic Freedom:** UPM President provided a different context for the statement. According to UPM President, last semester while he was on sabbatical, Oct 3 to be exact, other officers of UPM had requested VP Emerson issue a statement in response to faculty concerns about national political climate. The EC does see the value in issuing such a statement, but did not comment on the statement that was shared. UPM Executive Council will be invited to Academic Senate meeting next week to discuss further.
- **Conferences & Learning Communities**
  - [Noncredit Regional Meetings](#), February 27<sup>th</sup> at Laney College. Registration deadline February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - [WebAIM Accessible Documents Training for CCCs](#), March 2<sup>nd</sup>-May 27<sup>th</sup> cohort accepting registrations.
  - [19th Annual African American Male Student Success Summit](#), March 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach. Accepting scholarship applications for faculty.
  - [Curriculum Regional Meeting \(Area B\)](#), March 14<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen Valley College. [Survey](#) about topics to cover.
  - [Artificial Intelligence and Academia 2026](#), March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Costa Mesa. Calls for proposal open until 1/30.
  - [Spring Plenary](#), April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in Santa Rosa. Scholarships available.
  - [Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education](#), April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Anaheim. Scholarships available.
- **Webinars**
  - Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-11:00am: [Realize the Pride: Panel Discussion with CCC Faculty Equity Practitioners](#)
  - Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:00pm: [Leading Without a Title: Authentic Leadership in Shared Governance](#)
  - Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-5:00pm: [Governor's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget Overview](#)
  - Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-11:00am: [Realize the Pride: Panel Discussion with CCC Faculty Equity Practitioners](#)
  - Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Effective AI Prompting for Educators](#)
  - Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Minimum Qualifications and the Disciplines List Process: Faculty Stewardship of Academic Standards](#)

- Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00pm-4:00pm: [Follow Up Office Hours: Minimum Qualifications and the Disciplines List Process](#)
- Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm: [The Next Chapter in AI: Integration and Best Practices](#)
- Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm-1:00pm: [Transparency in Practice: The Brown Act and Recent Legislation](#)
- Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm-4:30pm: [The Counselor’s Role in a Changing Landscape: Technology, Equity, and Vision 2030](#)
- Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm: [The Next Chapter in AI: Integration and Best Practices](#) (“Deep Dive”)

V. INVITED GUEST: STORMY MILLER, IN NEW ROLE AS AVP OF COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES

- 5 weeks into her new role, AVP Miller expressed gratitude and enthusiasm for collaboration as all constituents navigate college-wide changes and restructures.
- Priorities:
  - participating in CCC Vision-Aligned Academy Cohort II
  - fostering a new form of culture of planning, highly focused on providing evidence and deliverables
- Her role now oversees all of Student Services except Enrollment, including:
  - Tutoring
  - Learning Communities (where reconstituting Puente will be a priority), with exception of MESA, which reports to the Dean of Math and Sciences
  - Student Affairs
  - Counseling
  - RWL/OWC
  - Athletics
  - Health Services
  - SAS
  - EOPS
  - International Students
  - Child Services
  - Student Equity Plan (with GRIT Committee)
- Solicited Senate’s collaboration and contribution to creating a path forward.
- Stated that learning communities are educational programs, and faculty need to be involved in the instructional side of them. AVP Miller and Gina Cullen have determined in ongoing conversations that learning communities are not clubs.
- Expressed desire to participate and prioritize collegial consultation, reaching out and consulting with faculty and staff to get constituents at the College excited about participating in campus initiatives.
- Senators expressed it was good to have AVP back at the College in this new role, that they hoped she had enough support as her role was extensive, and that her presence would be able to increase a feeling of wellbeing and belonging. AVP Miller thanked Senators for being some of that support.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. SLO Coordinators: COM is at 96% reporting.

VII. PRAC AND PROGRAM REVIEW

- A. Senators engaged in an in-depth brainstorming session, continuing from previous week, about the structure of both PRAC and Program Review. While as of yet no definitive actions have been determined, the following themes emerged:
  - a. **Program Review template** should be ready to implement by Fall.
  - b. **Senate purview** should include Program Review, including Library and Counseling, which involve faculty but are currently deemed “non-instructional.”

- c. If this happens **Facilitators** (using Senate units) would still be used to support Department-level review.
- d. Questions remain about **where PR goes when completed**. PR goes to GRIT now, but rotating membership on GRIT means PR becomes less meaningful. Ideally, PR would go to PRAC with funding requests; however, Senators acknowledged concerns about morale, structure, and clarity of authority within PRAC at present, as well as concern that PRAC authority in making recommendations has waned.
- e. PR is was on 6-year cycle, coordinators and chairs desirous of 4-year cycle going forward, but Senators who have facilitated PR as Chairs stated that a more frequent resource request or one-page optional update to the budget manager could be helpful, as needs can fluctuate during the years between full PR processes.

#### B. Senate/PRAC/PGS

- a. Senate has **authority to make recommendations** to PRAC (see Title 5).
- b. **PRAC is part of PGS** at College of Marin. Historical rationale for this structure is unknown to current Senators.
- c. Senators identified a number of organizational and structural challenges that are currently limiting PRAC's effectiveness and clarity of authority.
- d. Long-term, Program Review should reside more clearly within Senate purview. In the short term, there is concern that PRAC is not functioning at the level needed to support a robust and meaningful Program Review process. Thus, simply re-housing PR within Senate will not make PR more effective. Senators continue to discuss other possible models of PRAC, and possible pathways for improvement.
- e. Senators commented that in the past PRAC received a line-by-line itemized budget, which has not been made available of late.
- f. Conversation tabled, to be continued next week.

VII. ADJOURNED: 2:05 PM.