

COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

April 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM

LOCATION: AC 303

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

- I. **Agenda: Approved** (Muller/King)
- II. **Minutes:** edited and approved (King /Perrone).
- III. **Public Comments:** Tim Wat, Department Chair of Business, addressed the Senate to provide information on the recommendation to deactivate Hospitality courses on today's Senate agenda. He stated that the fault had been entirely his due to personal error, and asked that the Senate not make a decision that would affect the students or program due to his mistake. He explained that he has been updating the missing courses as quickly as possible since realizing his error, and that he believes that though the program has struggled historically, enrollment has increased and the program will be granting two certificates this year.
- IV. **Officers Reports**
 - a. **President:** President Coulson has been invited to meeting on Friday 4/17 with President Eldridge and Trustee Wanden Treanor, for a conversation about the Senate's concerns.
 - b. **VP Report:**
 - i. **Plenary:** Breakouts, updates, and voted on ~40 resolutions. All were adopted in some form except:
 1. 105.01: Protecting the Integrity of Student Course Info
 2. 105.02: Transparency of Estimated Weekly Student Time Commitment in Course Schedules and Registration Systems
 3. 112.02: Disciplines List – Mathematics
 - ii. **Conferences & Learning Communities**
 1. [Reclaiming Joy: Human-First Teaching in the AI Era](#): In-person COM watch-party workshop on Friday, April 17th 8:45am-3:00pm.
 - a. AI as philosophy, not just policy
 - b. Using AI to automate compliance tasks
 - c. Centering wellness and storytelling
 - d. Teaching human values
 2. [CTE Regional Meeting](#), April 18th at Canada College
 3. [ASCCC Noncredit Institute: From the Margins to the Moment: The Noncredit Movement Starts Here](#), April 30th-May 1st, San Jose
 4. [Advancing Open Education Together: An Intersegmental OER Summit](#), May 15th at UC Irvine.
 5. [GAAD Accessibility Workshop](#), May 21st online
 6. [Faculty Leadership Institute](#), June 11th-13th in Long Beach.
 7. [Online Teaching Conference](#), June 23rd-25th in Anaheim.
 - iii. **Webinars**
 1. Friday, April 24th, 12:00pm: [Celebrating Part-Time Faculty Wins](#)
 2. Tuesday, April 28th, 12:00pm: [The Next Chapter in AI: Integration and Best Practices](#)
 - c. **Committees:**
 - i. Program Review will meet next week.
 - ii. **PRAC:** President Eldridge wrote a letter to the League to ask them to come talk to COM. President Coulson was informed the matter would need to go to "Collegiality in Action." Perhaps there will be further updates in the meeting with Eldridge and Trustee Trainor tomorrow.
- V. **Curriculum Committee Update:** as COM is transitioning to CourseDog, all CORs and course information will be pulled from Elumen. Curriculum is coordinating with Grace Yuan to facilitate the transition. Happily, all programs and courses are going to be up to date before the transition, except Hospitality. The CC had unanimously voted to de-activate, since the department hadn't responded at all to multiple attempts. However, given several emails

sent prior to today's public comment, and work done by the department chair to rectify the situation, Tim Wat could be invited to CC to discuss the matter further with that committee. Senator Cullen noted that there are questions about whether Hospitality is headed for Revitalization, and that the numbers provided in emails to her may have represented students interested in the program regionally, while COM has far fewer students. Senators commented that a class of 11 or 14 students online only is not considered robust enrollment. Senator King, seconded by Senator Perrone, moved that the matter be sent back to Curriculum. The motion was approved by consensus, without objections.

VI. Policies for Academic and Classroom Expectations: AP 5520 Student Discipline and Due Process, BP 5500.

Senators discussed faculty concerns about safety in the classroom when, if a student is aggressive in class and asked to leave, priority is supporting the student to return, rather than the safety of faculty and other students in the class. In many cases, the victim of any kind of aggression or harassment is the one to drop or leave the class, since being even the mandatory 6 feet away from an aggressor is not generally comfortable. Senate would like some clarification regarding how these cases are judged and determined, especially when incidents consist of verbal interaction and body language, but not verbal threat of physical harm, and therefore student return to the classroom is encouraged. Police presence is not necessarily a desirable solution.

VII. APs and BPs a) approved and b) pulled for further editing (King/Muller):

a. Approved:

- i. AP 4225 – Repetition
- ii. AP 5300 – Student Equity
- iii. AP 4100 – Graduation Requirement for Degrees and Certificates
- iv. AP 5075 – Credit Courses Adds and Drops
- v. AP 5050 – Student Success and Support Program
- vi. AP 5150 – EOPS
- vii. AP 7216 – Academic Employees Grievance Procedure:
- viii. BP 7210 – Academic Employees
- ix. AP 4020 – Program Curriculum and Course Development
- x. AP 4023 – Course Approval

b. Pulled for further action:

- i. AP 7160 – Professional Development
- ii. AP 4222 – Remedial Coursework
- iii. AP 5031 – Instructional Materials
- iv. AP 4250 – Academic Notice (Probation):

VIII. Adjourned 1:59.

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