

## COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

April 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 12:47 PM

LOCATION: AC 303

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

**Senators Absent:** Kyle Beattie, Gina Cullen

- i. **Agenda:** Approved (Wood/Muller)
- ii. **Minutes:** Amended and Approved (King/Wood)
- iii. **Public Requests:** none.
- iv. **Officers Reports:**
  - a. **President:**
    - i. Emailed resolution on OER and OER materials to President Eldridge and the VPs, and has not yet had a response.
    - ii. President Eldridge has invited President Coulson to Cabinet on May 13th, and VP King will accompany her. VP King will request an agenda. Coulson and King expressed their hope that Senate leadership be invited more often to Cabinet.
    - iii. Working closely with Meg Pasquel (designated Co-chair on PRAC). The transition has gone smoothly.
    - iv. Reported that though she is Math chair, she will be unable to attend the final interview/public presentation for an MSN dean candidate next week, due to a scheduling conflict with Academic Senate.
  - b. Vice President:
    - i. **Conferences & Learning Communities**
      1. [ASCCC Noncredit Institute: From the Margins to the Moment: The Noncredit Movement Starts Here](#), April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>, San Jose
      2. [Advancing Open Education Together: An Intersegmental OER Summit](#), May 15<sup>th</sup> at UC Irvine.
      3. [GAAD Accessibility Workshop](#), May 21<sup>st</sup> online
      4. [Faculty Leadership Institute](#), June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach.
      5. [Online Teaching Conference](#), June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in Anaheim.
    - ii. **Webinars**
      1. Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm: [Getting Started with LibreTexts ADAPT Open Homework and Assessment Platform](#)
      2. Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm: [What Does It Mean to Volunteer for ASCCC Statewide Service?](#)
- v. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **PRAC** (Coulson, Perrone, Finlayson): Alina Verona and Stormy Miller presented, but made no requests. Thus far, the only new requests have been for the Library and MESA counselor and tutoring support. Some departments are converting PT to FT units. New co-chair (Meg Pasquel) asked if PRAC had heard about budget assumptions. VP Emerson and VP Puch said PRAC had heard, but it was a meeting no faculty attended. No one on committee has heard them, so they will repeat a 20 minute presentation from Eresa Puch. Pasquel clarified to the administrators that PRAC needed the underlying document and it should be send out immediately, but the information will be disclosed in a presentation instead. President Coulson noted that during her first year on PRAC, they received the actual, detailed budget, and a list of requests and their costs. Currently, PRAC receives a much more general update, which makes it difficult to predict and prioritize.
- vi. **Senate Units Discussion:** The AP and BP reviewer position is coming to an end. Senate will renew the call. Program Review positions are also ending. President Coulson suggests putting out a call for a group to guide PR

as COM transitions to the new template. Curriculum Committee position and Secretary have another year, but Treasurer and Parliamentarian, President, and VP need to be elected this year.

- vii. **Senate Election:** Rebecca Beal, Dave King, Gina Cullen, and Ian Sethre were re-elected. 74 ballots were submitted.
- viii. **Resolutions:** Senators discussed a potential resolution in support of academic success programs. Discussion to be continued.
- ix. **APs and BPs:** Approved by consent (King/Oxford)
  - a. **7160:** Professional Development. Removed reference to nonexistent AP on Sabbaticals.
  - b. **4222:** Remedial Coursework.
  - c. **5031:** Instructional Materials: added definitions of OER, ZTC, Burden Free. Struck redundant information.
  - d. **4250:** Academic Notice (Probation).
- x. **Individual reports:** none.
- xi. **Future business:** Rustic Bakery will provide lunch at last meeting of the semester.
- xii. **Meeting adjourned:** 1:52.

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