

Resolution: 2026.10.1: Restoring Functional Processes and Collegial Consultation in PRAC

WHEREAS, The Planning and Resource Allocation Committee (PRAC) is the central planning and budget committee in College of Marin's Participatory Governance System (PGS), charged with linking program review and strategic planning to resource allocation and serving as the parent committee for seven governance subcommittees, and ACCJC Accreditation Standards 1.4, 4.2, and 4.3 require that such decision-making structures be clearly defined, used consistently, and evaluated for effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, College of Marin's PGS Plan specifies that the Vice President of Student Learning & Success and the Academic Senate President (or designee) shall co-chair PRAC and collaborate on agendas, meetings, budget timelines, and transparent communication of recommendations to all constituency groups; and

WHEREAS, PRAC is not currently functioning effectively due to documented patterns of exclusion of the faculty co-chair from collaborative committee leadership, unilateral changes to committee processes, and lack of transparency in the budgeting process; and

WHEREAS, The administration's response to a memo of concern from the PRAC faculty co-chair to the College of Marin President, Vice President, and Governance Review Council Chair on February 23, 2026 lacked any substantive plan for corrective action; and

WHEREAS, Processes for program review and for institutional planning and budget development are academic and professional matters under Title 5 §53200(c)(9) and (c)(10), placing them within the purview of the Academic Senate, upon whose advice and judgment the governing board is required to rely primarily under Title 5 §53200(d)(1) and Board Policy 3260;

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate recommend that the administration appoint a suitable manager from Fiscal Services or the Vice President of Finance and Operations to serve as PRAC's administrative co-chair, ensuring the committee's budget deliberations benefit from direct fiscal expertise and transparency; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate recommend that any proposed revisions to PRAC's evaluation criteria and presentation guidelines be suspended pending review by and recommendation of the Academic Senate, and evaluation criteria and presentation guidelines from the 2024-2025 year remain in effect during this review period, consistent with the Academic Senate's primary responsibility for processes for institutional planning and budget development under Title 5 §53200(c); and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate recommend that the administrative co-chair adhere to the committee processes, timelines, and responsibilities outlined in the PGS Plan; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate recommend that the administrative co-chair consult collegially with the faculty co-chair on all matters of institutional planning and budget development processes, relying primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate urge the Board of Trustees to direct the Superintendent/President to implement the foregoing recommendations, consistent with the Board's obligations under Title 5 and Board Policy 3260.

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