

**June 11, 2020**  
ZOOM

**Present:** David Wain Coon, Jonathan Eldridge, Greg Nelson, Isidro Farias, Meg Pasquel, Maria Coulson, Peggy Dodge, Maridel Barr, Kim Foulger, Luanne Mullin, Marian Mermel, Monica Applegate, Hellen Sigaran (student rep); Fernando Sanchez Lopez (student rep); Micöi Benèt

**Absent:** There were no absences.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Superintendent/President Coon.

1. **Agenda** –The agenda was approved by consensus.
2. **Minutes** - The minutes of the May 7, 2020 College Council meeting were approved.
3. **President's Report**

Superintendent/President Coon reported that College of Marin (COM) has joined the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center, along with fifty other colleges. The first meeting will be held on June 15, 2020. The Chancellor's Office has charged California community colleges with having conversations about race and racism. COM is investing \$25,000 towards equity measures, to benefit students and employees.

COVID-19 update:

Superintendent/President Coon reported that the Administration is still working on ways to safely bring students, staff and faculty back onto campus but determined the fall semester will primarily take place online. It is too soon for campuses to re-open and the Marin Community College District (MCCD) aims to keep as many people working remotely as possible and until it is safe to bring people back to the facilities.

An Employee Community Forum is planned for June 17, 2020, for COMMunity Hour.

Capital Projects Update

Isidro Farias, Director of Capital Projects, provided an update, along with a [presentation](#), reporting on all projects. He reported that the Learning Resource Center (LRC) is expects its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be certified on June 16, 2020, so demolition work may proceed. Demolition is expected to last through September.

The selection process of those who may serve on the LRC Lease-Leaseback Contractor Selection Committee is underway and so is outreach for membership on the Landscaping Master Plan Committee.

Don Barksdale Basketball Court

Superintendent/President Coon reported that, even though there will no basketball until next year, COM is [proposing](#) the re-naming of the basketball court to the Don Barksdale Basketball Court. Ryan Byrne, Director of Student Services, Kinesiology and Athletics, and Walter Turner, Social Sciences Instructor, are to be credited for initiating the proposed renaming of the court.

The College Council approved the proposal and it will go before the Board of Trustees, for action, at the June 16, 2020 regular board meeting.

**4. Constituent Reports**

Classified Senate

Classified Senate President Maridel Barr reported that June is Classified Professionals Learning month. Many online events began at the beginning of the month and are scheduled until the end of June. Learning activities range from stress management, to discussing ways to stay healthy while working from home, to meditations, to coping with compassion fatigue, along with various social hours and a book club.

Elections for Classified Senate are taking place now, with three open seats. In July, a new Classified executive board will be selected.

ESCOM

Luanne Mullin, ESCOM's President, reported that Superintendent/President Coon will join ESCOM for the online June meeting. Many questions were submitted by ESCOM members for the upcoming meeting. The Club Notes continue to be published and the ESCOM Journal Comes out at the end of the month. ESCOM is working to create more pop-ups, such as virtual coffee meetings and web speaker series.

Since April, around 600 people, in total, participated each month in the various virtual meetings hosted by ESCOM. Outreach and engagement of the senior community, in Marin, is critical so these meetings have been a success.

Academic Senate (AS)

Academic Senate President Meg Pasquel reported that the AS put forward a resolution in response the Black Lives Matter (BLM). Fostering connection through virtual meetings, beyond getting classes online, has been an important support to faculty working in the remote environment.

Recently, AS elections were held. Meg will remain President and Maria Coulson joins the senate as Vice President. Dave Kind will also join the Academic Senate, in the fall.

*Action:* The Academic Senate intends to proffer the BLM Resolution for the July Board of Trustees meeting.

#### ASCOM

ASCOM President Fernando Sanchez Lopez reported that the new ASCOM members are settling in, with the first training on parliamentary procedures to take place on June 11, 2020. An emergency meeting, for ASCOM public relations and marketing, is planned with Tea Perales and Sadika Sulaiman Hara, to address remote outreach to students. Meanwhile, ASCOM is getting creative with how to foster team bonding remotely.

Fernando introduced newly elected Vice President Bea Cazares, who reported on how the book fest might appear online this year, since students can't meet in person. ASCOM is in the process of creating a thirty-minute video to describe what each student club is about.

ASCOM reports there are still seats open on the Interclub Council, a space where all clubs meet to collaborate with one another to share information.

### **5. Board of Trustees**

The College Council reviewed the Board of Trustees regular meeting agenda, for June 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Superintendent/President Coon reported that the monthly CEO Report on the agenda will include the items regularly reserved for the Study Session. This will include regular diversity and inclusion work. The board self-evaluation and president's evaluation are also due at the end of June.

The Tentative Budget is still a placeholder on the agenda because it is dependent on the unfinalized State budget, due to come out the Monday right before the board meeting. For that reason, the State budget impact on COM is uncertain.

The law requires a tentative budget be put forth regardless of certainty and it is likely some adjustment will be made for the adopted budget. By the end of October, once tax collections are completed July 15, there will be more known data to inform the budget.

Jonathan Eldridge, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Learning and Success, is working with PRAC to create a plan for worst, middle and best-case scenarios relative to the budget. PRAC is going to create recommendations in the event there is a fiscal gap to address.

In response to whether COM anticipates layoffs, Superintendent/President Coon explained that the Marin Community College District is a community basic aid funded district and, therefore, less reliant on State funding than other schools. Nevertheless, no

promises can be made, with so much uncertainty, but the Administration is taking all possible steps to minimize fiscal impacts on faculty and staff.

**6. Meeting Wrap Up**

Meg recommended a show of support for BLM, by posting signs facing College Avenue, as evidence of a noticeable stand on human rights issues.

Peggy reported seeing lots of activity on the closed Kentfield campus recently and recommended COVID-19 safety signs. Even though safety information and health orders are posted on the doors and buildings, throughout both campuses, public access and activity is difficult to monitor and/or enforce.

While some people report problems locating the new mailroom, it is located in AC 256, the side entry to AC 255.

**7. Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020 and will most likely be held via Zoom.

**8. Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.